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# Town of Farmington

Beechwood ~ Built in 1888



Photos courtesy of the Etzel Family

Annual Town Report  
2015

## Historic Homes of Farmington

The inside front and back covers show a sampling of homes dated in the 1800s. Settlers built single-story houses with center chimneys to insulate against the harsh New England winters, and as families grew, some colonists built larger two-story homes. Many architectural styles can be found in Farmington, including the predominate Cape Cod, Federal, Georgian, and Colonial Revival, as well as Greek Revival, and various Victorian styles.



Photo courtesy of Frank Underkffler



# **FARMINGTON, MAINE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**



**FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING**

**DECEMBER 31, 2015**

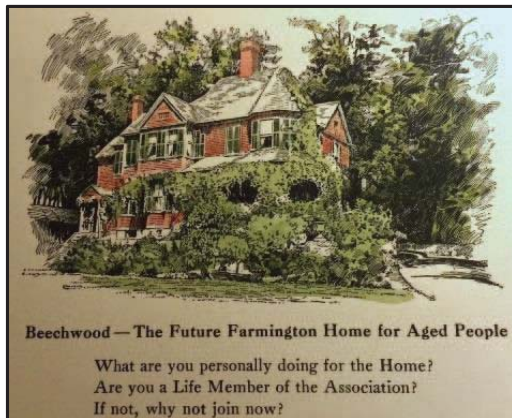


## Beechwood

Belle Gilman, the granddaughter of Nathan and Huldah Backus who were early settlers of Farmington, attended finishing school in Annapolis. In 1865, she married Samuel K. Gilman from Hallowell. They moved to Boston where he became a wholesale druggist, and he later died in 1879. Belle traveled to France to study painting. When she returned to Farmington, she bought land on Anson Street from Franklin Savings Bank and built Beechwood in 1888 for \$7,000.

The property was later deeded to the Farmington Home for the Aged, and in August 1911, a reception was held there for Madame Nordica following her performance. Farmington Home for the Aged issued stock and took in boarders, but by 1927 went to the present Main Street premises now known as the Pierce House. The property was sold in 1943 to Arthur and Grace Rackcliff – prominent local business persons from Industry, who also owned the so-called “Box Shop” manufacturing facility on the Fairbanks Road in Farmington. The Rackcliffs enclosed the woodshed (greenhouse) and built a four-car garage. After the death of Mrs. Rackcliff in 1950, she left a financial bequest as well as Beechwood to the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. Bernard and Elizabeth Etzel bought the property from the Diocese in 1950.

Bing and Elizabeth Etzel were prominent local business persons for many years. They owned a popular ladies fashion store on Broadway and also developed and maintained a number of apartment buildings in the college and downtown area. Bing served six years on the Board of Selectmen and was also an assessor of the Village Corporation.



Photos and information courtesy of Stephen Etzel and Paul Mills

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# DEDICATION

**It is with sincere appreciation that we dedicate the  
2015 Annual Town Report to**

***Dennis C. Pike***



**The citizens of Farmington thank you for dedicating  
both your personal and professional life to the  
betterment of the community.**

Dennis Pike's life's dream was to become a police officer in his hometown of Farmington, Maine.

After graduating from Farmington High School, Dennis joined the U.S. Army Reserves for six years, four of which were active duty at Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he was a martial arts instructor. He returned to Farmington and attended the Farmington State Teachers College for two years. Town Manager, Harold Bean, offered him a job as a Farmington police officer, and he never looked back.

Shortly after he was hired as a police officer, Dennis also became a part-time Franklin County sheriff's deputy. Many nights he was the only deputy or officer on duty from Farmington to Coburn Gore, because for many years Farmington was the only police station in the county with officers on duty 24/7. "If you got into a situation, you knew you were going to have to be the one to resolve it without outside help." He said: "You could say it enhanced one's communication skills significantly."

In another situation, Dennis drove by Cumberland Farms in Farmington late one night, before the store was open 24 hours, and saw burglars inside the dark store. Thinking he couldn't catch them by himself if they ran, he pulled his car up to the store and held the door shut with his bumper until he could find backup to arrest them.

Dennis bought his house on the Fairbanks Road where he and his wife Sheila raised their three children, and later when he became sheriff, hung a sign up in the front yard that said "Sheriff's Annex". Dennis made himself available and listened to anyone who was seeking help with a problem.

Some of Dennis' highlights as Sheriff included: adding three canine units; introducing four-wheel drive sport utility vehicles; the advanced training for deputies in accident reconstruction; working extensively with the Canadian Border Services Agency on increased border patrol after 9/11; and teaching Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) at area schools.

In addition to his officer duties, Dennis served as a Town of Farmington Selectman from 1998 through 2013. He also served on the following Town committees: Y2K; Safety; Ordinance; Transportation Advisory; and Recycling.

Dennis has been a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather observer for the last 50 years. He is a member of the American Legion and the Farmington Elks Club, and has been the parade marshal for Franklin County. Dennis is also a model train enthusiast.

Photos and information courtesy of the Morning Sentinel and Lewiston Sun Journal



## IN MEMORIAM

*The following served with distinction on Town committees or as employees.*



**Elizabeth Cushman**

**04/05/1932 – 01/12/2015**

Elizabeth was born in Milltown, New Brunswick and graduated from St. Croix High School in 1949. She earned her teaching degree at Farmington Teacher's College in 1953 and taught in the local schools. Elizabeth served on the Town's Appeals Board from 1992 through 2003 and on the Budget Committee in 1996. She was a member of the Mt. Blue Area Garden Club, Farmington Monday Club, UMF Western Maine Alumni Chapter, Farmington Historical Society, Arts Institute of Western Maine, Memorial Society of Maine, Mt. Blue Women's Bowling Assoc., and Literacy Volunteers. Elizabeth enjoyed gardening, reading, playing bridge, sight-seeing, and spending time with her family and cat Pumpkin.

**Sylvia M. Hodgkins**

**03/17/1934 – 01/15/2015**

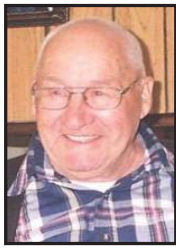
Born in Farmington, Sylvia received her education in the local schools. For 14 years she served as the Town Clerk and Treasurer for the Town of Farmington. Elizabeth was a former member of the Henderson Memorial Baptist Church and the Farmington Genealogy Society.



**Robert E. Bean, II**

**01/24/1916 – 03/15/2015**

Bob was born in Providence, RI and graduated from high school in North Bennington, VT. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the South Pacific. After the war Bob was determined to "be his own man" by operating a number of businesses before focusing on buying and developing real estate. In 1967, he moved his family to Farmington, and helped develop commercial entities along the Route 2 and 4 corridor. Bob generously donated land to UMF and Titcomb Mountain, and frequently contributed to the community with his time, resources and equipment. He served on the Farmington Board of Appeals from 1975 through 1981. Bob was a member of the Rotary, Grange, Shriners, and Masons, and until his death, was the oldest living past Master of his lodge.



**Harold A. Adams**

**08/09/1927 – 04/14/2015**

Born in Industry, Harold received his education in the Farmington schools. He was a 22-year employee of the Town of Farmington, and retired in 1984 in the capacity of superintendent of the Public Works Department. Harold enjoyed riding his ATV, snowmobiling, camping, and helping his sons with their businesses.



**Lesley R. Duckett**

**03/10/1949 – 05/24/2015**

Leslie was born in Lawrence, MA and graduated from Hampden Academy in 1967. She received her degree in accounting at UMO. Lesley worked for the Town of Farmington for seven years, first as a clerk in the Assessor's office and later as the Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager and Town Clerk. Her two great passions were working in her gardens and researching family history, along with knitting, rug hooking, cooking, bird watching, and spontaneous daytrips.



**Glenwood B. Farmer**

**02/08/1928 – 06/13/2015**

Born at home in West Farmington, Glen received his education in the Farmington schools. He worked at Metcalf Lumber, and later following his retirement from Farmington Oil Co., he worked part-time for E.L. Vining & Son. Glen belonged to the West Farmington Fire Department, beginning in his teen years, and continued when it joined the Farmington Fire Department when on March 1, 1977 he was promoted to Deputy Chief before retiring in 1991. He was a past member of the Farmington Odd Fellows, former Selectman for the West Farmington Village Corporation, and served as past deacon of the Henderson Memorial Baptist Church. Glen enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and working in his "shop".



**Frances Hardy**

**10/17/1922 – 10/15/2015**

Fran was born in Belmont and graduated from Crosby High School in Belfast. She earned her teaching degree at Farmington Normal School and went on to receive Bachelor and Master degrees in Education from UMF. Fran loved her years of teaching, starting

with two years in Rangeley, and then 34 years at W. G. Mallett School, and for six years she was on the S.A.D. #9 Board. Fran served for four years as a Selectmen for the Town of Farmington, three of them as the first woman Chairman, and was a member of the Budget, Town Report, and Comprehensive Plan Committees. She was a past President of the UMF Alumni Association, Women's Fellowship, and the Franklin County Retired Teachers. Fran was a member of the Old South Church and the Farmington Historical Society, to name a few, and she received numerous education and community awards. Her greatest joys were her family and friends.

Photos and Sources courtesy of the Daily Bulldog

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### **Sandy River**



## **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

3 Year Term

Joshua Bell, Chairman	(March 2016)
Stephan Bunker, Vice Chairman	(March 2017)
Andrew Buckland, Secretary	(March 2017)
Michael Fogg	(March 2016)
Matthew Smith	(March 2018)
Ryan Morgan (Term ended 2015)	

### **RSU #9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **FARMINGTON MEMBERS**

3 Year Term

Kenneth Charles	(July 2016)
Tami Labul	(July 2017)
Iris Silverstein	(July 2018)
Ryan Morgan (Appointed 09/08/15)	
Nancy Porter (Appointed Interim 12/22/15)	
Claire Andrews (Resigned 08/11/15)	
Yvette Robinson (Resigned 12/08/15)	

## **APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

### **Board of Appeals**

3 Year Term

Galen Dalrymple, Chairman	(June 2016)
Michael Deschenes	(June 2017)
Andrew Marble	(June 2018)
Dennis O'Neil	(June 2017)
Peter Forrest Tracy	(June 2016)
Robert Vallette	(June 2018)
Robert Yorks	(June 2018)
Sally Clark-Utans (Term ended 2015)	

Alternate – 1 Year Term

(2) Seats Vacant

## Board of Assessment Review

3 Year Term

Michael Moffett, Chairman	(June 2018)
Michael Deschenes	(June 2017)
Gloria McGraw	(June 2017)
Dennis O'Neil	(June 2016)
Michael Otley	(June 2016)
Richard Davis, Secretary - Ex-Officio	

## Planning Board

3 Year Term

Clayton King, Jr., Chairman	(June 2018)
William Marceau, Vice Chairman	(June 2017)
Thomas Eastler	(June 2016)
Craig Jordan	(June 2018)
Gloria McGraw	(June 2016)
Lloyd Smith	(June 2018)
Donna Tracy	(June 2017)

Alternate - 1 Year Term

(1) Seat Vacant

Jeffrey Wright	(June 2015)
Matthew Smith (Resigned 3/24/15)	

## Zoning Board

3 Year Term

Joel Chandler, Chairman	(June 2016)
Adrian Harris	(June 2018)
Fred O. Smith	(June 2018)
Michael Otley (Resigned 11/24/15)	(June 2016)

Regular – 3 Year Term

(2) Seats Vacant

Alternate - 1 Year Term

(2) Seats Vacant



**2015 Budget Committee**  
3 Year Term

S. Clyde Ross, Chairman	(June 2016)
Lloyd Smith, Vice Chairman	(June 2017)
Fred O. Smith, Secretary	(June 2018)
Michael Deschenes	(June 2016)
Beth Edwards	(June 2018)
Catherine Rogers	(June 2018)
Ryan Haggan (Appointed 04/14/15)	(June 2016)
Peter F. Tracy (Appointed 04/14/15)	(June 2017)
Betty Jespersen (Resigned 12/22/15)	
Matthew Smith (Resigned 03/24/15)	
Regular – 3 Year Term	Alternate – 1 Year Term
(3) Seats Vacant	(2) Seats Vacant

**Conservation Commission**  
3 Year Term

Peter F. Tracy, Chairman	(June 2016)
Patty Cormier	(June 2016)
William Haslam	(June 2017)
Matthew Smith	(June 2017)
Sally Speich	(June 2018)
Jane Woodman	(June 2016)
Robert Zundel	(June 2018)
Associate – 1 Year Term – Unlimited Vacancy	

**Downtown TIF Advisory Committee**

Joshua Bell	Ron Gelinis
Byron Davis	Kevin Madore
Richard Davis	Mike Mansir
Gary Edwards	Paul Mills
Cindi Ferguson	John Moore
Alison Hagerstrom	Tom Saviello
Drew Hufnagel (Resigned 04/27/15)	Mary Lello (Resigned 06/23/15)

## **Parking Ordinance Committee**

Michael Bell

Terry Bell

Byron Davis

James Kiernan

Richard Davis, Ex-Officio

Paul Mills

John Moore

Jack Peck

Pamela Poisson (Appointed  
09/08/15)

## **Recreation Committee**

3 Year Term

Tom Bissell

(June 2016)

Laurie Churchill

(June 2017)

Frederick Conlogue, III (Appointed 12/08/15)

(June 2018)

Kim Richards

(June 2016)

Catherine Rogers

(June 2018)

Niki Haggan (Term ended 2015)

Sheryl Farnum (Term ended 2015)

Matthew Smith (Resigned 03/24/15)

## **Recycling Committee**

Stephan Bunker

Denis Castonguay

Richard Davis

Cindy Gelinis

Andrew Hufnagel

Dennis Pike

## **Revolving Loan Fund**

Stephan Bunker

Alvin Da Costa

Byron Davis

Richard Davis – Ex-Officio

John Moore

Robert Vallette

Steve Kaiser – Ex-Officio

## Safety Committee

Shane Cote, Chairman  
Terry Bell, Vice Chairman  
Cindy Gelinias, Secretary  
Denis Castonguay  
Richard Davis  
Leanne Dickey  
Jeff Dunham

Michael Fogg  
Matthew Foster  
Timothy A. Hardy  
Steve Millett  
Jack Peck  
S. Clyde Ross  
Ed Vining

## 2015 Annual Town Report Committee

Alvin Da Costa  
Richard Davis  
Cindy Gelinias  
Marjorie Goodwin

Edmund Lewis  
Linda Smith  
Nancy Twitchell

## Farmington Transportation Advisory Committee

Dennis O'Neil  
Michael Otley  
Dennis Pike

Lloyd Smith  
Matthew Smith  
William Geller (Resigned 06/09/15)

### Ad-Hocs

Denis Castonguay

Richard Davis

Jack Peck

## Administration



Front L to R: Daryl Schramm and Linda Grant  
Back L To R: Annie Tibbetts and Mavis Gensel

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Manager Tax Collector Road Commissioner Public Access Officer	<b>Richard P. Davis</b>	778-6538
Treasurer Finance Director Deputy Tax Collector	<b>Diana B. Young</b>	778-6539
Town Clerk Welfare Director Registrar of Voters Assessing Clerk	<b>Leanne E. Dickey</b>	778-6539
Town Secretary	<b>Linda H. Grant</b>	778-6538
Accounts Clerk Deputy Town Clerk Deputy Welfare Director Deputy Treasurer	<b>Daryl T. Schramm</b>	778-6539
Motor Vehicle Agent Sewer Clerk	<b>Mavis A. Gensel</b>	778-6539
Assessor John E. O'Donnell & Assoc., Inc.	<b>John E. O'Donnell, III</b>	778-6530 926-4044
Fire Chief Emergency Management Director	<b>Terry S. Bell, Sr.</b>	778-3235
Police Chief	<b>Jack D. Peck, Jr.</b>	778-6311
Public Works Director	<b>Denis T. Castonguay</b>	778-2191
Director of Parks & Recreation	<b>Matthew Foster</b>	778-3464
Code Enforcement Officer	<b>J. Stevens Kaiser</b>	778-5874
Wastewater Superintendent	<b>Stephen M. Millett</b>	778-4712
Local Plumbing Inspector	<b>Richard A. Marble</b>	778-6968

## MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

Municipal Building Address:  
153 Farmington Falls Road, Farmington, Maine 04938  
Town Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Phone: (207) 778-6538 FAX: (207) 778-5871 TTY: (207) 778-5873  
**Website: [www.farmington-maine.org](http://www.farmington-maine.org)**

Recycling Facility/Transfer Station Hours:  
Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

<b>ALL EMERGENCY CALLS</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
POLICE (ALL OTHER BUSINESS)	778-6311
POLICE (IF NO ANSWER)	778-2680
FIRE (ALL OTHER BUSINESS)	778-3235
TTY-TDD (EMERGENCY CALLS)	9-1-1
FRANKLIN CTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	778-5892
TOWN MANAGER	778-6538
TREASURER/TOWN CLERK	778-6539
ASSESSOR/JOHN E. O'DONNELL & ASSOC., INC.	778-6530
VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	778-6539
TAX/SEWER INQUIRIES	778-6539
CODE ENFORCEMENT	778-5874
RECYCLING FACILITY / TRANSFER STATION	778-3525
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR	778-2191
TOWN GARAGE	778-5875
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY	778-4712
PARKS & RECREATION	778-3464
TDD/TTY TELEPHONE (NON-EMERGENCY)	778-5873
PUBLIC LIBRARY	778-4312
FRANKLIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	778-6031
FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER	778-2638
FARMINGTON WATER COMPANY	778-4777
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	645-4918

NOTE: If you are physically unable to access any of the Town's programs or services, please contact Linda Grant at 778-6538 OR TTY 778-5873 so that accommodations can be made.



## TOWN MANAGER

To the Citizens and Board of Selectmen of Farmington:



It gives me great pleasure to present my annual report for the year 2015. I appreciate this opportunity to highlight some of the significant events of the past year. More detail will be provided in the departmental reports contained within this booklet. I hope you will find these narratives to be both interesting and informative.

Thanks to the attention of the Town's department heads during the past year, improvements were made in all areas of Town responsibility. I truly appreciate the good work of these dedicated professionals.

The Public Works Department made much progress in addressing the backlog of road repairs during 2015. Morrison Hill Road received a final surface overlay to complete that rebuilding project, which was begun in 2014. Route 43 in West Farmington between the four-way intersection and Morrison Hill Road was completely rebuilt, including a new section of sidewalk. About half of the Porter Hill Road was completely rebuilt from the Town Farm Road to the top of the hill beyond the Owen Mann Road. The last few hundred feet of the Bailey Hill Road before the New Sharon line was also rebuilt, resulting in a much improved section of roadway. Additionally, a few small areas received spot repairs, including sections of Christian Drive, Holley Road, and Mosher Hill Road. These projects were completed with local tax funds of \$233,000 plus \$158,000 of state funds provided through the Local Road Assistance Program. I am very grateful for the ability to employ these resources in improving the Town's road network.

Improvements made in the Sewer Department included the painting and sealing of a primary clarifier, the last such project that will be needed for many years. The treatment plant water system was also upgraded and a new roof was put on the control building. The roof replacement project required engineering assistance to fix a complex, long-standing problem. I am very pleased with the result.

Parks and Recreation Director Stephen P. Shible retired in May after more than thirty-five years of employment with the Town of Farmington. Steve's co-workers and family honored (roasted) him at

a retirement party on May 21st. I thank you Steve for your dedicated service and wish you a healthy and happy retirement.

Steve's understudy, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Matthew Foster, was promoted to Director effective June first. He is joined by new Assistant Director Seth Noonkester, who also began his employment on June first. Together, Matt and Seth have hit the ground running, which is appropriate for a Parks and Recreation Department. They have introduced several new programs in the hope of appealing to a broad range of participants. I look forward eagerly to more great ideas from Matt and Seth.

At a Special Town Meeting on June 23rd the voters in attendance approved the purchase of the land and building located at 112 Church Street, for the purpose of constructing a public parking lot. Also approved was the appropriation of \$79,000 from the Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Reserve Account to fund the purchase. The Town closed on the property on November 5th. Over the next several months, the building will undergo asbestos abatement and other preparations for demolition. When completed, the new lot will add approximately 24 to 28 much-needed parking spaces to our busy downtown. I look forward to this exciting project and future improvements which may be recommended by the Downtown TIF Advisory Committee and approved by the Selectmen. The Downtown TIF provides a good tool for funding improvements that will benefit Farmington's economy.

In conclusion, I extend my appreciation to the citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town's department heads and employees for your continuing support and cooperation. It is because of your conscientious work that Farmington remains a strong, vibrant community; one which is the envy of many communities in our great state.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Davis  
Town Manager

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Residents of Farmington:



**Front row:** Stephan Bunker and Michael Fogg.

**Back row:** Matthew Smith, Joshua Bell, and Andrew Buckland.

It has been very busy, and I cannot believe it has already been a year since the last town meeting. We have seen many changes and improvements in the town, since then. I hope you are all doing well and have had a good year.

We, as selectmen, are continually trying to find ways to provide the services needed and wanted in this town. While at the same time trying to keep the budget in check. I am personally thankful for any and all input from you, the residents. One way we have been able to cut cost this past year was to hire John O'Donnell and Associates for tax assessing services. We were able to reduce the assessing budget by almost half, and have been very pleased with their performance so far.

The Public Works crew has been very busy this year and has been able to accomplish many projects. Due to their increased budget and low cost of pavement, they were able to work on more roads than originally anticipated. One project we were hoping to accomplish this year was the storm water drain on Front Street. Due to the US Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife dragging their feet, we were not able to acquire the proper permitting in time. This is a project that we will hopefully be able to accomplish this summer. It is important that we are able to, because it will correct the problems with the storm runoff in the downtown, due to the failing drain we have now. The Wilton Road is on the docket for repaving by the State this year and will vastly improve our busiest road in town. With the coming retirement of our Public Works Director, we, and the Town Manager, have our hands full to find a qualified and capable replacement.

One way we have been able to provide for the future of our town is through our Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF). The TIF Committee has been very active and is always brain storming for ways to improve our town. One major project they were able to provide us with was the Church Street Parking Lot project. This new parking lot will provide much needed parking and will hopefully

increase business in town. The majority of the project will be accomplished this coming year.

The town was awarded the Certified Business Friendly Community Program certification from the State this past year, and it makes Farmington the first town in Franklin County with this certification. It distinguishes our town as one of the few towns or cities across the state that are business friendly. This is something the town strives for and encourages any business to reach out to us with any concerns or questions.

We can look over this past year and see how we started and ended, but we cannot predict the future. As the State continually takes money away from the town through revenue sharing and local school funding, we have hard decisions to make. Do we increase taxes or make cuts to our budget? I ask you, the citizens, this question because it is up to you. There is only so much money out there and eventually it will come to a breaking point. We encourage you to reach out to us and let us know what you think. We also encourage you to reach out to our school board, as well. We welcome your ideas and/or solutions that you might have to offer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Bell  
Chairman



**Left to Right:** Penny Meservier, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director; Farmington Town Manager Richard Davis; Sue Jones, Farmington Downtown Association president; Cindy Gelinias, Farmington Planning Assistant; Selectmen Matthew Smith, Michael Fogg, and Chairman Joshua Bell; Alison Hagerstrom, Greater Franklin Development Corporation Executive Director; Diane Jackson of the state's Department of Economic and Community Development.

## ASSESSING

To the Citizens, Board of Selectmen, and Town Manager:



As the President of John E. O'Donnell & Associates, and on behalf of my associates, I want to thank the Farmington community for such a warm welcome. 2015 is Farmington's first year with contract tax assessing. We are proud to be selected for the Town's assessing work. We are determined to prove our worth and justify Farmington's faith in us.

It takes a while to get to know a town. I decided to personally take on the weekly office presence work. It is not apparent but most of our work is completed outside of the office presence time. The time I spend interacting on office presence days is truly enjoyable. Property owners, Selectmen, Town office staff, and the Town Manager not only talk but also listen. All are friendly, polite, and encouraging. Given the subject is usually taxes, this abundance of civility is impressive. I cannot overstate how much I like this part of working in Farmington.

Our company works for many towns. We know our service model works. We will not only learn Farmington's properties and assessment system, we will use our knowledge and experience to suggest efficiencies. Cost containment is essential.

Transparency is also vital. All of our recommendations will include provisions for open information. This is not just a matter of showing information, it is sharing information. Making assessing information accessible is an inexpensive economic development tool. We have to compile and manage the information anyway.

Economic activities like construction and real estate benefit from easy access to information maintained in the assessing office. The same benefits hold true for work conducted by other municipal departments.

A special thank you to our partner in the assessing office, Leanne Dickey. It did not take long to realize we are on the same page. She shares our vision for Farmington assessing. Leanne's role is instrumental to having successful contract assessing.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. O'Donnell, III  
John E. O'Donnell & Associates, Inc.



## 2015 PROPERTY TAX RATE COMPUTATIONS

### ASSESSMENT

County tax	\$	498,836.25	
Municipal appropriation	\$	5,338,884.00	
TIF financing plan amount	\$	100,000.00	
School appropriation	\$	4,560,152.50	
Overlay	\$	20,926.09	
TOTAL ASSESSMENT			\$ 10,518,798.84

### ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$	369,734.00	
Other revenue	\$	1,294,847.00	
Homestead Reimbursement	\$	144,218.56	
BETE Reimbursement	\$	49,564.02	
TOTAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS			\$ 1,858,363.58

**NET ASSESSMENT FOR COMMITMENT** **\$ 8,660,435.26**

### VALUATIONS

Taxable Personal Property Valuation	\$	24,461,600.00	
Taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$	436,199,850.00	
Total Taxable Valuation			\$ 460,661,450.00

### RATE CALCULATIONS

Net Assessment for Commitment divided by Total Valuation = Tax Rate  
 $\$8,660,435.26 / \$460,661,450 = .01880$

### GROSS ASSESSMENT CALCULATIONS

Total Taxable Valuation	\$	460,661,450.00	
X Tax Rate	\$	0.01880	
Equals Net Assessment for Commitment	\$	8,660,435.26	

## Programs That Could Affect Your Taxes



For the following programs the application must be submitted to the Assessor by April 1, 2016. Applications and brochures are available at the Municipal Office or they can be downloaded from our web site at [www.farmington-maine.org](http://www.farmington-maine.org) on the Assessors' page. For further information on these programs, please contact the Assessor's Office at 778-6530.

**VETERAN'S EXEMPTION** – If you are a veteran aged 62 or older, or an un-remarried spouse of a deceased veteran who would have been 62 by April 1, 2016 and served during a federally recognized war period; or if you are a veteran who receives federal funds for 90-100% disability.

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION** – If you have been receiving the Homestead Exemption in the past, you do not need to reapply unless your home ownership status has changed.

**BLIND EXEMPTION** – If you are legally blind as determined by a properly licensed doctor, you are eligible to receive an exemption. A letter from a doctor stating that an individual is blind is all that is needed to apply for the exemption.

**The above listed exemptions require that your primary residency be Farmington.** If you are a new resident or currently a taxpayer that might qualify for one of the above exemptions, your application for the exemption must be submitted to the Assessor by April 1, 2016. These State programs exempt a fixed amount that is deducted from the taxpayer's residential assessed value before the tax rate is applied.

**LANDOWNERS** – There are three programs for which you might be eligible. The programs are: THE MAINE TREE GROWTH TAX LAW, FARM CLASSIFICATION LAW, and THE OPEN SPACE TAX LAW. As the laws for these programs are quite detailed, please contact the Assessor for more information.

**OWNERSHIP AND ADDRESS UPDATES REQUESTED** – To avoid errors in tax billing, please notify the Assessor's Office in writing when selling or transferring property and any changes to your mailing address.

STATE OF MAINE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX REIMBURSEMENT (BETR) – If you purchased or transferred taxable business property to a Maine location after April 1, 1995, you may be eligible for this program.

STATE OF MAINE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM (BETE) – If you purchased eligible non-retail business equipment first subject to assessment on or after April 1, 2008, you may qualify for this exemption. BETE applications must be filed annually with the tax assessor by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PROPERTY TAX AND RENT REFUND PROGRAM – The Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund “Circuitbreaker” Program has been repealed as part of the enacted state budget for claims beginning on or after August 1, 2015. The “Circuitbreaker” Program has been replaced by a refundable Property Tax Fairness Credit that can be claimed on the Maine Individual Income Tax Form.**

The new credit will be available beginning in January, 2016 on the 2015 Maine Individual Income Tax Form 1040ME. A worksheet will be included with Form 1040ME to calculate the amount of the credit.

Who will be eligible for the new Property Tax Fairness Credit? Homeowners or renters will be eligible who meet all of the following requirements:

- Were Maine residents during any part of the tax year;
- Owned or rented a home in Maine during any part of the tax year and lived in that home during the year;
- Had Maine adjusted gross income of not more than \$40,000; and
- Paid property tax on a home in Maine during the tax year that was more than 10% of Maine adjusted gross income or paid rent to live in a home or apartment in Maine during the tax year that was more than 40% of Maine adjusted gross income.

## FINANCE DIRECTOR

To the Citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager:



Welcome to the Finance Department! The Department collects and disburses all Town funds, including taxes, vehicle registrations, and all fees for services. The Department is responsible for all cash collections and investing the Town's funds to ensure proper cash flow, maximum security and liquidity. The Finance Department processes many internal functions of the Town such as payroll processing and accounts payable.

At the time this report was prepared, we had collected approximately 92% of the 2015 real and personal property taxes. This collection rate is in keeping with the rate we have seen in past years.

Our actual revenues were very close to what was projected for 2015, and we did see a small increase in excise taxes. Most departmental expenditures were within budget and it appears the Town will have a surplus for 2015.

The Town's current Unassigned Fund balance is \$1,603,169. It is important to maintain an adequate fund balance. A good cash flow allows the Town to not only pay its bills on time, but creates a cushion for emergency funds for unforeseen circumstances. It is important to note the fund balance is not 100% cash. It is also made up of receivables and accruals.

The Town of Farmington accepts credit and debit cards at the Town office. There is a 2.5% processing fee (minimum \$1.00) charged by the vendor supplying this service.

Please note you may make real estate tax payments throughout the year. Monthly budgeting of your real estate payments may be helpful to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana B. Young  
Finance Director

# TAX COLLECTOR

## Bankruptcy Notice

For any property listed here as may be the subject of bankruptcy proceedings, please be advised that this notification is for the sole purpose of giving public notice of the outstanding taxes assessed by the Town against such property.

Publication of this notice is not part of the Town's effort to enforce, perfect, or otherwise collect outstanding taxes assessed against property that is the subject of bankruptcy proceedings.

The Town publishes a list of unpaid taxes in the Annual Town Report in accordance with the requirements contained in Section 2801 of Title 30-A, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated.

<b>2015 End of Year Taxes Receivable</b>	
2015	\$ 648,703
2014	\$ 189,336
<u>2013</u>	<u>\$ 72,301</u>
TOTAL	\$ 910,340
Properties Liened	232
Properties Foreclosed	24

## PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

University of Maine at Farmington:

• Ambulance Fee	\$ 5,858.64
• Payment in Lieu of Taxes	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
Total Contributions	\$ 25,858.64

TAXES RECEIVABLE 2015

ABBOTT, PAMELA J. & BARRY, ERIC	611.00	BUTLER, STANLEY & KEANE, THEODORE	2,331.20
ADAMS, ANTHONY W. & PAMELA J.	676.80	BUTLER, STANLEY & KEANE, THEODORE	3,045.60
ADAMS, BARBARA E.	1,313.90	* BUTTERFIELD, JR., ROBERT & MARY L.	748.06
ADAMS, MCKINLEY G.	1,146.80	** BYERS, JR., REID S. & BURCH, PATRICIA	2,000.00
ADAMS, RANDY W. & BONITA F.	507.60	CALLAHAN, JOHN MICHAEL	2,058.60
ALLEN, DIANNE D.	441.80	CAMPBELL, ALBERT R. & SANDRA E.	2,748.56
ALLEN, HAROLD F.	169.20	CAPE LAWSON TRUST	131.60
AMES, EDWARD T.	855.40	CAPE LAWSON TRUST	112.80
** ANDREWS, CLAIRE G. & JAMES A.	3,393.40	CAPE LAWSON TRUST	37.60
ARCARI, JANE G.	432.40	* CARLSON, GRAY, CLOUGH, LADD, ET AL	26.59
ARNOLD, KRISTOPHER M.	282.00	CASSIDY, MARSHALL	206.80
** ARSENAULT, JR., JOSEPH A.	2,227.80	CELON, WILLIAM E. & COWIE, ELLIE R.	376.00
ATWOOD, MICHAEL A. & WENDY L.	1,081.00	* CHAPMAN IRREVOCABLE TRUST	2,901.49
ATWOOD, MICHAEL A. & WENDY L.	413.60	* CHAPMAN LIVING TRUST	3,247.67
AYER, KAREN B.	903.80	* CHAPMAN LIVING TRUST	2,074.33
BACHELDER, JR., BOYD B. & MICHELE H.	4,613.42	* CHAPMAN LIVING TRUST	1,557.33
BACHELDER, JR., BOYD B.	94.00	* CHAPMAN LIVING TRUST	3,304.18
BACHELDER, JR., BOYD B.	958.80	* CHAPMAN, BONNIE J.	782.40
BACHELDER, JR., BOYD B.	376.00	CHASE, SCOTT & ANDREA	2,481.60
* BAILEY, LAURIS M.	75.20	CHICK, JENNIFER	47.00
BARD, CHRIS	131.60	CHRETIEN, JEFFREY S. & TERRY L.	874.20
BARD, CHRIS	56.40	CHRETIEN, MICHAEL S.	855.40
* BARD, CHRISTOPHER J.	1,833.00	CHRISTIAN, ALEXANDRA J.	244.40
BARD, JASON	112.80	CLARK-UTANS, SALLY	3,675.40
BARD, JASON T. & BARKER, AMY B.	770.80	CLARY, MATTHEW	1,494.60
BARRERA, FELIX & DEBORAH E.	366.60	CLICHE, DONALD R.	1,052.80
BARTON, FREDERICK	799.00	* CLOUGH, TAWNIA L.	3,038.84
BARTON, FREDERICK & HOLT, MARTILDA	733.20	* COMEAU, MAURICE R. & ANNE MARIE	701.40
BATES, BRIAN T.	1,344.20	COMPTON, HENRY	432.40
BEAL, BRUCE	404.20	COMPTON, JAMIE	103.40
BEANE, ERIC V.	1,128.00	COTE, RONALD W.	1,673.20
BELL, PAUL RANDOLPH	3,008.00	COUSINEAU LUMBER	451.20
BELLEFEUILLE, CORY J.	310.20	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	319.60
** BEST, CHERYL	2,423.95	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	394.80
BINNS, ROBIN A.	470.00	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	150.40
BLANCHET, RENEE M.	1,438.20	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	244.40
BLODGETT, KENDALL R. & MISTY R.	3,130.20	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	263.20
BOLDUC, AMANDA J.	2,481.60	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	451.20
BOLDUC, AMANDA J.	470.00	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	394.80
* BOSCO REALTY, LLC	2,712.79	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	263.20
** BOURGAULT, SHIRLEY HILL	598.62	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	376.00
BOWMAN, TANYA LABELLE	56.40	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	601.60
BOYKER-SMITH, PAMELA & CHRISTIAN	686.20	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	413.60
BRACKETT, MICHAEL R. & DONNA J.	1,951.76	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	188.00
BRACKETT, PENNY A., PERS. IN POS.	605.36	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	2,331.20
BRACONI, STEPHEN & CARLSON, JOSEPH	8,779.60	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	376.00
BRACONI, STEPHEN & CARLSON, JOSEPH	3,098.42	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	5,226.40
BRADY, STEVEN & BETSY	3,872.80	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	8,140.40
BRADY, STEVEN & BETSY	4,831.60	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	2,331.20
BRADY, STEVEN M. & BETSY H.	1,974.00	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	1,861.20
BRETON, BLAINE L. & RACKLIFF, NIKKI	253.80	COUSINEAU, BRODY M.	526.40
BROWN, LISA M.	1,043.40	COUSINEAU, INC.	752.00
BRYANT, NANCY L., PERS. IN POS.	94.00	COUSINEAU, INC.	376.00
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,438.20	COUSINEAU, INC.	282.00
BRYANT, NANCY R.	188.00	COUSINEAU, INC.	319.60
BRYANT, NANCY, PERS. IN POS.	1,203.20	COUTURE, PETER J. & STEPHANIE J.	2,359.40
* BUCKLAND, ANDREW R. & ANN L.	2,645.88	CO-WALLIS, CHERYL L.	2,603.80
BULLEN, TIMOTHY H.	1,814.20	CROCKETT, CHRIS	1,259.60
BURNHAM, RANDY E.	150.40	CROSSLEY, DAVID J.	526.40
BUTLER, FULTON S. & SIMONEAU, BRENDA	2,857.60	CUMMINGS, JONATHAN, PERS. IN POS.	855.40
BUTLER, STANLEY & KEANE, THEODORE	2,914.00	CUNNINGHAM, KURT D.	1,043.40



	CURRIER, MARILYN L.	1,075.36	FOSS, NEIL C., ET AL	169.20
	D & JM PROPERTIES, LLC	6,655.20	FOURNIER, MARC	263.20
**	DAKU, BENJAMIN R. & BRIDGET M.	2,810.60	FOURNIER, REBECCA ANN	648.60
	DAKU, GINGER	206.80	FRALEY, LARRY MICHAEL	3,186.60
	DAKU, GINGER A., PERS. REP.	441.80	FROST, JUDITH A.	1,494.60
	DAKU, JACOB G. & GINGER A.	37.60	FROST, KATHLEEN	2,058.60
	DAKU, LEVI	545.20	* FROST, SAMANTHA J.	13.79
	DAKU, LEVI	131.60	GAJDUKOW, KATHERINE S.	611.00
	DAKU, THOMAS J. & JANICE E.	1,259.60	* GALOUCH, EARL N. & DONNA M.	1,253.58
	DAKU, THOMAS J. & JANICE E.	18.80	GAY, TED F.	1,109.20
	DALOT, RICHARD & DECKARD, JUDY	498.20	GIANQUINTO, NINA	2,368.80
	DALRYMPLE, DENIS E. & SARAH H.	3,431.00	** GIFFORD, JR., RANDALL & AUDREY M.	3,919.80
**	DANFORTH, LAURIE A.	309.08	GILBERT, BRIDGETTE & DARIN	404.20
**	DAVIS, LAURIS S.	3,280.60	GILBERT, JAMES R.	1,977.76
	DAVIS, STEPHEN J.	376.00	GIUSTRA, MATTHEW R.	1,090.40
	DECKER, MARY R., HEIRS OF	1,579.20	GIVEN, BARRY A.	2,415.80
	DECKER, STEPHEN M. & CATHERINE	2,303.00	GIVEN, BARRY A. & MELINDA M.	2,556.80
	DEMARSH, DONALD J. & LORRAINE A.	2,660.20	GOLDSMITH, DINA M.	84.60
	DENNISON, REBECCA G.	319.60	GOPSILL, THOMAS & CAROLE, TRUSTEES	244.40
	DENNISON, REBECCA G.	3,374.60	GRANT, SHAWN A.	2,970.40
	DENNISON, SUSAN, ET AL, PERS. REP.	56.40	GRANT, SHAWN A.	949.32
	DENNISON, SUSAN, ET AL, PERS. REP.	676.80	GREENMAN, MARY	342.16
	DENNISON, SUSAN, ET AL, PERS. REP.	1,259.60	GRIFFIN, BRIAN N. & SANDRA L.	2,152.60
	DENNISON, SUSAN, ET AL, PERS. REP.	376.00	GRIFFIN, BRIAN N. & SANDRA L.	131.60
	DORR, IRVING G. & JOY B.	1,551.00	GRIFFIN, SANDRA L.	620.40
	DOYLE, KATHERINE & ATKINSON, MELISSA	300.80	GRIMANIS, ANTHONY	1,936.40
*	DOYLE, KIRK E. & JOANNE	577.40	GRIMANIS, ROSE V. & MICHAEL	1,983.40
	DUBAY, SR., DANIEL S.	1,532.20	GRIMANIS, ROSE	2,782.40
	DUCKETT, LESLEY R.	1,306.60	GUND, JOHN P. & GREENWOOD, LISA	1,154.13
	DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	394.80	GUND, JOHN P.	3,722.40
	DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	554.60	GUPTILL, HANNAH	188.00
	DUNHAM, BETTY B., PERS. IN POS.	291.40	GUSTAFSON, DAVID & NAOMI	620.40
	DUNHAM, GERALDINE O., HEIRS OF	761.40	* HALL, KAMILLA L.	372.20
	DUNHAM, TERRY J.	611.00	HALL, WILLIAM L. & RUBY C.	2,077.40
	DUNN, BRIAN D.	855.40	HAND, MARC A., ET AL	582.80
	DUNN, DANIEL	75.20	HARGREAVES, HAROLD F. & PAMELA	75.20
	DUNN, DANIEL	56.40	HARGREAVES, HAROLD F. & PAMELA	2,397.00
	DUNN, DANIEL	75.20	HARNDEN, ROBIN L., ET AL	244.40
	DURHAM, VIDA E. & ERIC W.	2,030.40	HART, ALAN P. & DULONG, HEIDI	2,246.60
	DURHAM, VIDA E. & ERIC W.	75.20	HARTWELL, CHARLES R.	1,357.36
	DYAR, RODNEY P.	658.00	HAYDEN, JOHN	441.80
	EATON, JAMES R. & JUDITH L.	131.55	HEAP, JAMES R.	441.80
	EATON, JAMES R.	949.06	* HEATH, DANIEL S.	407.56
	EATON, ROBERT P. & BRINDA P.	592.20	HENDERSON, ETHEL V.	75.20
	EDWARDS, GARY L. & KYMBERLY G.	4,201.80	HENDERSON, NAOMI R. & CHAD M.	385.54
	EDWARDS, STEPHEN A.	169.20	HENNINGS, PAULINE	2,297.36
*	ENMAN, HAROLD	517.00	HENRY, HAROLD & NAOMI	4,145.40
*	EUBANK, JOHN R.	1,053.87	HISCOCK, BESSIE L.	535.80
*	EUBANK, POPPY JOY & JOHN R.	1,279.85	* HODGKINS, JR., PAUL S.	815.92
	EVERETT, CHRISTOPHER & ALISA A.	259.90	HOISINGTON, BERNICE A.	1,269.00
	EWING, STEPHEN K. & CASSANDRA	244.40	* HOISINGTON, RICHARD T.	595.70
	FARMER, GLENDON S. & CATHERINE B.	2,021.00	HOLBROOK, THOMAS & ANGELA	1,889.40
	FARMER, GLENDON S. & CATHERINE B.	18.80	HOWARD, JULI	629.80
*	FARMINGTON FALLS ROAD REALTY, LLC	48.91	HOWARD, PHEOBE	394.80
	FARNUM, PAUL A., ET AL	883.60	HOWARD, STUART	1,662.37
	FEATHERS, BRUCE F. & PAMELA S.	338.40	HOWARD, WILLIAM K.	2,359.40
	FERRIS, MARLA D.	2,603.80	HOWE, SANDRA J.	1,513.40
	FILAROSKA, JOSEPH M.	329.00	HRES WILTON RD, LLC	16,656.80
	FISHER, DANIEL F.	3,290.00	HUIH, WENDY A.	1,043.40
	FOSS, JAYME E.	282.00	HUIH, WENDY A.	338.40
	FOSS, NEIL C & NORMAN S.	263.20	HUNTER, JAMES N.	1,137.40
	FOSS, NEIL C.	1,814.20	HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A. & JANIS M.	1,024.60

HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A. & JANIS M.	18.80	MARSHALL BEACH CORP.	300.80
** HURLEY, JOHN	376.00	MARSHALL, DAVID F.	1,222.00
HUTCHINS, DANIEL C. & MARLENE	2,603.80	MARTIN, DAVID M.	1,043.40
HUTCHINS, SHIRLEY	1,908.20	* MASELLI, ARLENE M.	311.92
HUTCHINSON, PRISCILLA J.	347.80	MASKE, DOLLIE	84.60
HYDE, MARY A.	1,156.20	* MASON, ROBERT F. & SHIRLEY	165.55
IMLAY JR., KENNETH W.	131.60	* MASSELLI, ARLEEN, M.	3,748.42
INGRAM, DEBRA M.	94.00	MAYER, MIKE F., PERS. REP.	37.60
JACOBS, ORIN M. & KYMBERLY	2,284.20	MAYO, TERRI L.	714.40
JALBERT, CHERI B. & RONALD D.	2,453.40	MCARTHUR, RONALD B. & BETH M.	1,325.40
* JONES, RYAN & AUDREY	168.53	MCCABE, SALLY, G. & BARRY P.	2,002.20
JULIAN, ELIZABETH R., TRUSTEE	94.00	MCDONALD, JEANNINE D.	2,199.60
KEMP, CLAYTON A. & PRISCILLA A.	3,199.76	* MCINNES, BRUCE	1,161.40
KEMP, MARK S. & KATHERINE A.	5,675.57	MEADER, AARON	2,697.80
KENDALL, DAVID D.	1,945.80	METCALF, JR., JOHN L.	674.20
KENNEDY, MADELINE, HEIRS OF	460.60	* METCALF, JR., JOHN L.	620.40
KIDDER, JEFFREY A. & KAREN E.	1,795.40	MITCHELL, JEFFREY S.	3,073.80
KIMBALL, CATHERINE M.	3,224.20	MITCHELL, SHAWN ADAM	1,908.20
KING, CLAYTON P. & JOYCE M.	658.00	MOBILE HOME ASSOC.	18.80
KING, JR., CLAYTON P.	282.00	MOBILE HOME ASSOCIATES II, LLC	14,024.80
KING, JR., CLAYTON P.	394.80	MOBILE HOME ASSOCIATES II, LLC	846.00
KING, JR., CLAYTON P. & JOYCE	4,013.80	MOORE, JR., JOHN W.	319.60
KING, JR., CLAYTON P.	3,609.60	MOORE, BRADFORD L., HEIRS OF	789.60
KING, CLAYTON P. & JOYCE M.	56.40	MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS	1,353.60
* KLINKO, JOSEPH & SYLVIA	790.50	MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS	2,914.00
KNAPP, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	1,616.80	MORRIS, MICHAEL	930.60
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	244.40	* MURPHY, JOSEPH S.	414.72
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	1,353.60	NADEAU, MELANIE	1,588.60
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	319.60	* NADEAU, MELANIE A.	451.20
KOMULAINEN, SANDRA A.	1,428.80	NILE, JUSTIN N. & ANGELA E.	432.40
** KRAUSE, JANELLE M.	1,598.00	NORTHERN MEAL CORP.	432.40
LABRIE, LAWRENCE A.	18.80	NORTHERN MEAL CORP.	827.20
LAFRAMBOISE, BRIAN	319.60	NORTHERN MEAL CORP.	451.20
LAKIN, LINDA & DAVID, PERS. IN POS.	244.40	ODONNELL, BETTINA L. & JAMES W.	2,735.40
LANDRY, SCOTT H. & BRENDA J.	18.80	OLIVER, ERNEST	197.40
LAURITANO, SUZANNE B.	2,039.80	OLIVER, IRENE	65.80
LAVOIE-KERBO, KIMBERLY & MARK D.	1,203.20	OLIVER, NAOMI, ET AL, PERS. IN POS.	272.60
LEEMAN, LAWRENCE N.	1,654.40	OPPENHEIMER, VICTOR	6,824.40
LESPERANCE, BRUCE D. & PENNY	855.40	ORR, JR., RAYMOND B. & DEBORAH	1,739.00
LOMBARD, RAYMOND	94.00	** PARKER, MARYANNE	329.77
LOVE, KEVIN D.	1,851.80	PARLIN, DAVID W. & MAE E.	1,870.60
LOVE, PAMELA J.	695.60	PARLIN, GARY R. & SHARON L.	3,252.40
* LOVEJOY, WILLIAM & MELISSA	2,056.26	PARLIN, HERBERT J. & MARY P.	564.00
* LOVEJOY, WILLIAM W.	1,197.87	PARLIN, JERRY R. & BONNIE J.	1,588.60
LOWELL, LEE & JENNIFER	347.80	PARLIN, MICHAEL A. & DENISE C.	2,068.00
LOWELL, LEE & JENNIFER	300.80	PARLIN, RAYMOND E. & RAELENE J.	1,005.80
LUCAS, DAVID W. & JAMIE L.	194.80	PARLIN, RICKY J. & DONNA L.	4,436.80
LUGER, CHARLES	188.00	PARTRIDGE STREET, LLC	2,086.80
LYDON, VICKY A.	470.00	PAUL, BARBARA L. & LAWRENCE F.	1,240.80
** M.S.B ASSOCIATES, INC.	194.18	PHILLIPS, KURT W.	263.20
MACDONALD, WILLIAM H. & GLENICE B.	1,654.40	PIAWLOCK, ASHLEY L. & ROY, ISRAEL	808.40
MADORE, CYNTHIA M.	2,932.80	PIAWLOCK, TERRY T. & LINDA A.	376.00
* MADORE, CYNTHIA M.	4,170.76	PIAWLOCK, TERRY T. & LINDA A.	3,299.40
MADORE, JODY	611.00	* PINKHAM, ANGELA	101.98
MAHAR, JR., STEPHEN M.	1,099.80	PODGURSKI, EDWARD & LABREE, VICTORIA	1,588.60
MAHAR, JR., STEPHEN M.	545.20	POND, DOUGLAS J.	761.40
MALINE, SARAH R.	2,650.80	POND, GAIL E.	1,400.60
MALLET, SAMANTHA	2,669.60	POND, TERESA L.	1,363.00
MANIATAKOS, ROULA	4,239.40	* POWERS, ANNA	388.14
MANIATAKOS, VASILIOS	1,391.20	PRATT, CURTIS L.	282.00
MARCHETTI, RANDY	319.11	PRATT, MARION, HEIRS OF	949.40
MARQUIS, GREGORY & MULFORD, JOHANNA	263.20	PRATT, RUSSELL L. & NANCY C.	1,532.20

PRESBY, SCOTT, STONEY, STEWARD	291.40	STRUNK, MARTHA A.	3,872.80
PRESTON, KATIE S.	526.40	STUMP, KRISTIN & CHRISTOPHER	278.94
PROBERT, RUSSELL & DEBORAH, TRUSTEES	2,274.80	** SWEETSER, JEFF A. & KAREN D.	244.40
PURINGTON, KATHY	723.80	** SWEETSER, JERRY S.	84.35
RACKLIFF, JR., HERSCHEL J. & SHARON L.	1,720.20	SWETT, ELVA M.	1,927.00
RACKLIFF, ETHELYN	47.00	THE MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	2,622.60
REEVY, DAWN M. & STEPHEN L.	1,974.00	THE MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	206.80
REOPELL, ALBERT P., PERS. IN POS.	639.20	THE MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	958.80
RICHARDS, DANIEL A.	554.60	THE MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	206.80
RICHARDS, JESSE L. & ELLIOT, LAURA M.	1,034.00	THE MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	206.80
RICHARDS, SARAH B.	658.00	THEBEAU, NANCY Y. & BLANCHE, MICHAEL	385.40
** RINGER, CORA C.	889.77	THERIAULT, ELIZABETH, PERS. IN POS.	526.40
ROBBINS, DORIS, HEIRS OF	112.80	** THERIAULT, LYNN M.	301.49
ROBBINS, SANDRA & JASON	75.20	THOMAS, ANITA	774.56
ROLLINS, JASON & JEROMIE	263.20	THORNDIKE, LESLIE J.	714.40
ROUX, ROBERT	84.60	TRACY, ALBERTA, PERS. IN POS.	310.20
ROWE, KENNETH A.	3,130.20	TRACY, BERNAL	244.40
RUSHI, LLC	8,234.40	* TROLL VALLEY, INC.	3,027.20
SANDERSON, GARY L. & ERICA S.	1,861.20	TURNER, CELESTE A.	1,663.80
SANDY RIVER PROPERTIES, LLC	9,456.40	TYLER, CYNTHIA J. & EDWARD	1,767.20
SAWYER, SHIRLEY A.	769.75	TYLER, DARRYL D. & JUDITH C.	2,190.20
SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	4,916.20	* TYLER, DAVID A. & NORMA M.	791.77
SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	996.40	TYLER, EDWARD	752.00
SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	131.60	TYLER, PETER A.	3,346.40
* SCHULER, CRAIG D. & KAREN A.	1,345.25	TYLER, TOBY W.	987.00
SEAMON, AMI	2,162.00	TYLER, TONY S.	658.00
SEAMON, TIMOTHY A.	1,682.60	TYLER, TONY S.	2,838.80
SEARLES, JR., RALPH M.	921.20	UNDERWOOD, ROBERT W. & CHARLOTTE	1,720.20
SEARLES, JR., RALPH M.	582.80	VILES, FRANK	1,866.84
SEARLES, DANIEL	1,842.40	* VILES, MICHAEL L.	159.58
SEARLES, DANIEL & BERRY, LORI	545.20	VINING, KENNETH H.	517.00
** SEARLES, JR., RALPH M.	968.20	VINING, KEVIN L. & JUDITH B.	2,556.80
SEARLES, JR., RALPH M.	282.00	VIOLETTE, KURT R.	1,240.80
SHEA, MARILYN A., PERS. IN POS.	4,455.60	WALL, ANN RAGLE	394.80
SHUFELT, ROBERT	2,763.60	WALSH, BARRY E. & SUSAN A.	112.80
SILVA, DAVID & LUCE, CINDY	197.23	WARREN, JOY M.	436.16
SIMONEAU, RONALD E. & DENISE	357.20	WASHBURN, JANET M.	1,692.00
SIMONEAU, JR., RONALD E. & DENISE R.	376.00	WASHBURN, JANET M.	1,306.60
SMALL, JOAN U.	1,353.60	WASHBURN, JANET M.	1,410.00
SMALL, JOAN U.	507.60	WASHBURN, JANET M.	1,372.40
SMALL, JOAN U.	1,551.00	WEEKS, GEORGE R.	3,026.80
SMITH, ANNE P. & TIETJEN, ELIZABETH	178.60	WEEKS, HELEN A., PERS. REP.	225.60
SMITH, ROBERT L.	112.33	WESTERN ME COMMUNITY LAND TRUST	338.40
SNELL, JR., CHARLES H., PERS. IN POS.	347.80	WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	225.60
SNIDER, ROBERT N. & BANNOCK MTN. TR.	319.60	WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	582.80
SNOW, GARY- ALAN	614.88	WESTGATE, EDWARD T. & DORIS	982.04
STARBIRD, DAVID A. & DIANA B.	554.60	WESTGATE, EDWARD T.	1,663.80
STASIOWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE	282.00	WHIPPLE, CARA D. & GRANT, DAVID	5,038.40
STASIOWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANN	6,166.40	WILLET, MARCUS B.	1,955.20
STEELE, JOAN K.	1,485.20	* WING, JOANNA L.	2,120.47
STEENBURG, PATRICK	846.00	* WOLFSTONE-FRANCIS, PAMELA R.	531.14
* STEVENS, JR., ROBERT B. & CYNTHIA	1,576.82	WORSTER, II, LINWOOD E.	3,280.60
STEVENS, CHRISTINE V., ESTATE OF	658.00	WORTHLEY, MICHAEL	1,616.80
STEVENS, GUY E.	714.40	WYMAN, ALLAN S. & KATHERINE D.	1,925.17
STEVENS, LINCOLN R. & KATHERINE J.	376.00	** WYMAN, MICHAEL SHAWN	86.60
* STITSEL, JOYCE & GREEN, KITTY	79.00	* YOUNG, RUSSELL & ELIZABETH	259.60

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TAXES RECEIVABLE 2014

* ABBOTT, PAMELA J. & BARRY, ERIC	467.27	FROST, JUDITH A.	1,059.23
* ADAMS, ANTHONY W. & PAMELA J.	726.08	FROST, KATHLEEN	771.46
ADAMS, MCKINLEY G.	1,170.48	GAJDUKOW, KATHERINE S.	603.51
* ALLEN, DIANNE D.	243.65	GAY, TED F.	1,143.36
ALLEN, HAROLD F.	231.37	GIVEN, BARRY A.	2,436.19
AMES, EDWARD T.	908.85	GIVEN, BARRY A. & MELINDA M.	2,551.90
ARNOLD, KRISTOPHER M.	345.37	GOLDSMITH, DINA M.	161.35
ATWOOD, MICHAEL A.	409.70	GRANT, SHAWN A.	2,947.24
BARD, CHRIS	180.19	GREENMAN, MARY	410.48
** BARD, CHRISTOPHER J.	367.54	* GRIMANIS, ANTHONY	250.26
BARD, JASON	161.91	GRIMANIS, ROSE V. & MICHAEL	2,009.10
BELLEFEUILLE, CORY J.	359.30	GRIMANIS, ROSE	2,776.71
BINNS, ROBIN A.	517.68	GUND, JOHN P.	3,694.18
BOWMAN, TANYA LABELLE	107.08	HAND, MARC A., ET AL	613.35
BOYKER-SMITH, PAMELA	748.02	HARTWELL, CHARLES R	1,398.66
BRACKETT, PENNY A., PERS. IN POS.	662.69	HAYDEN, JOHN	502.54
BRACONI, STEPHEN & CARLSON, JOSEPH	8,612.37	HEAP, JAMES R.	503.69
BROWN, LISA M.	770.94	HENDERSON, ETHEL V.	139.41
BRYANT, NANCY L., PERS. IN POS.	155.86	* HENRY, HAROLD & NAOMI	1,222.99
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,452.24	HISCOCK, BESSIE L.	584.11
BRYANT, NANCY R.	238.11	HOWARD, JULI	675.49
BRYANT, NANCY, PERS. IN POS.	1,221.95	* HOWARD, WILLIAM K.	517.22
BULLEN, TIMOTHY H.	1,826.90	* HUNTER, JAMES N.	1,192.13
BUTLER, STANLEY & KEANE, THEODORE	2,328.93	HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A.	1,075.73
BUTLER, STANLEY & KEANE, THEODORE	3,026.52	HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A. & JANIS M.	68.70
CALLAHAN, JOHN MICHAEL	2,076.71	HUTCHINS, SHIRLEY	1,939.57
CAPE LAWSON TRUST	183.85	HUTCHINSON, PRISCILLA J.	415.96
CAPE LAWSON TRUST	174.71	* HYDE, MARY A.	195.79
CAPE LAWSON TRUST	92.47	IMLAY, JR., KENNETH W.	183.85
CASSIDY, MARSHALL	264.27	INGRAM, DEBRA M.	139.98
CHASE, SCOTT & ANGELA	2,491.02	JACOBS, ORIN M. & KYMBERLY R.	2,307.00
CHICK, JENNIFER	128.45	KING, JR., CLAYTON P. & JOYCE	3,971.99
CHRETIEN, JEFFREY S. & TERRY L.	928.96	KING, JR., CLAYTON P.	3,566.82
CLICHE, DONALD R.	1,073.85	KITTREDGE, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	210.69
COMPTON, HENRY	483.59	KNAPP, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	1,633.17
COOK, LYDIA V.	510.43	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	1,355.37
CROCKETT, CHRIS	848.17	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	293.51
CROSSLEY, DAVID J.	560.34	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	373.93
CUMMINGS, JONATHAN, PERS. IN POS.	907.59	KOMULAINEN, SANDRA A.	1,446.75
CUNNINGHAM, KURT D.	1,097.10	KRAUSE, JANELLE M.	1,681.37
DAKU, GINGER	251.47	LAFRAMBOISE, BRIAN	378.83
DALOT, RICHARD & DECKARD, JUDY	549.38	LAKIN, LINDA & DAVID, PERS. IN POS.	298.98
DALRYMPLE, DENIS E. & SARAH H.	3,402.33	LAURITANO, SUZANNE B.	2,053.52
DECKER, CHRIS & PAULTON, TINA	63.23	LAVOIE-KERBO, KIMBERLY & MARK	872.31
DECKER, MARY R., HEIRS OF	1,603.93	LOMBARD, RAYMOND	152.77
DECKER, STEPHEN M. & CATHERINE A.	2,325.27	* LOVEJOY, PHYLIS RUTH	70.71
DEMARSH, DONALD J. & LORRAINE A.	2,654.82	LOWELL, LEE & JENNIFER	387.12
DOYLE, KATHERINE & ATKINSON, MELISSA	341.03	LOWELL, LEE & JENNIFER	421.44
DUBAY SR., DANIEL S.	1,571.71	LYDON, VICKY A.	521.96
DUCKETT, LESLEY R.	1,349.32	MACDONALD, WILLIAM H. & GLENICE B.	1,667.32
DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	441.55	MAHAR, JR., STEPHEN M.	1,145.19
DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	606.03	* MAHAR, JR., STEPHEN M.	246.16
DUNHAM, BETTY B., PERS. IN POS.	337.37	MALLET, SAMANTHA	2,658.48
* DUNHAM, GERALDINE O., HEIRS OF	764.53	MAYER, MIKE F., PERS. REP.	90.64
DUNN, BRIAN D.	903.37	MCARTHUR, RONALD B. & BETH M.	1,363.93
DYAR, RODNEY P	702.90	MCDONALD, MICHAEL D. & JEANINNE D.	593.86
EDWARDS, STEPHEN A.	432.41	METCALF, JR., JOHN L., PERS. IN POS.	363.41
FARNUM, PAUL A., ET AL	930.21	METCALF, JR., JOHN L.	483.59
FOSS, JAYME E.	326.40	MOBILE HOME ASSOC.	76.02
FOURNIER, REBECCA ANN	710.90	MOBILE HOME ASSOCIATES II, LLC	892.41
FRALEY, LARRY MICHAEL	3,175.13	MOORE JR., JOHN W.	373.93

MOORE, BRADFORD, HEIRS OF	807.07	SEARLES, JR., RALPH M.	1,008.12
NADEAU, MELANIE	1627.69	SHEA, MARILYN A., PERS. IN POS.	4,385.61
NILE, JUSTIN N. & ANGELA E.	486.66	SHUFELT, ROBERT	2,760.26
** OLIVER, ERNEST	264.27	SNELL, JR., CHARLES H., PERS. IN POS.	408.64
OLIVER, IRENE	125.36	** STARBIRD, DAVID A. & DIANA B.	565.32
** OPPENHEIMER, VICTOR	248.56	STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & ANNE MYERS	331.89
ORR, JR., RAYMOND B. & DEBORAH	1771.5	STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & ANN MYERS	6,057.90
* PAUL, BARBARA L. & LAWRENCE F.	154.96	STEENBURG, PATRICK	979.68
* PIAWLOCK, ASHLEY L. & ROY, ISRAEL	255.88	STEVENS, CHRISTINE V., ESTATE OF	392.20
* PIAWLOCK, TERRY T. & LINDA A.	942.56	STEVENS, GUY E.	769.95
PODGURSKI, EDWARD F. & VICTORIA	1616.15	THERIAULT, ELIZABETH, PERS. IN POS.	424.33
POND, GAIL E.	1435.79	THORNDIKE, LESLIE J.	748.59
PRATT, MARION, HEIRS OF	1313.33	C.D. BANK, LLC	795.54
* PRATT, RUSSELL L. & NANCY C.	1191.31	TRACY, ALBERTA, PERS. IN POS.	366.61
PROBERT, RUSSELL & DEBORAH TRUSTEES	2269.19	TRACY, BERNAL	300.82
RACKLIFF, ETHELYN	107.08	TYLER, DARRYL D. & JUDITH L.	2,210.14
REOPELL, ALBERT P., PERS. IN POS.	677.31	TYLER, EDWARD	794.29
RICHARDS, DANIEL A.	617	TYLER, TOBY W.	1,033.13
RICHARDS, SARAH B.	701.07	TYLER, TONY S	690.10
ROBBINS, SANDRA & JASON	130.85	TYLER, TONY S.	2,827.87
ROLLINS, JASON & JEROMIE	322.18	UNDERWOOD, ROBERT W. & CHARLOTTE	1,735.52
SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	4874.84	* VILES, FRANK	1,442.33
SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	1024.57	VINING, KENNETH H.	490.89
SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	192.42	* VIOLETTE, KURT R.	684.04
SEAMON, AMI	2168.1	WEEKS, HELEN A., PERS. REP.	280.71
SEAMON, TIMOTHY A.	1711.19	WHIPPLE, CARA D. & GRANT, DAVID	2,215.49
SEARLES, JR., RALPH M.	956.37		

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** ADAMS, ANTHONY W. & PAMELA J.	385.58	HARTWELL, CHARLES R.	690.50
ALLEN, HAROLD F.	218.38	HAYDEN, JOHN	465.70
** AMES, EDWARD T.	227.72	HENDERSON, ETHEL V.	135.13
ARNOLD, KRISTOPHER M.	316.28	* HONAS, JEANICE E., ET AL, PERS. REP.	1,019.19
BELLEFEUILLE, CORY J.	334.72	* HOWARD, JULI	519.08
BIRCH HILL ESTATES OWNERS ASSOC.	613.93	HUTCHINSON, PRISCILLA J.	306.25
* BOWMAN, TANYA LABELLE	34.95	IMLAY, JR., KENNETH W.	175.17
BRACKETT, PENNY A., PERS. IN POS.	610.61	INGRAM, DEBRA	135.28
** BRACONI, STEPHEN & CARLSON, JOSEPH	1,922.83	JACOBS, ORIN M. & KYMBERLY R.	2,106.23
BRYANT, NANCY L., PERS. IN POS.	143.59	** KING, JR., CLAYTON P.	1,786.84
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,335.06	KITTREDGE, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	199.94
BRYANT, NANCY, PERS. IN POS.	1,119.17	* KNAPP, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	565.18
BULLEN, TIMOTHY H.	1,669.28	** KRAUSE, JANELLE M.	59.47
* BUTLER, STANLEY S. & KEANE, THEODORE	1,198.45	LAFRAMBOISE, BRIAN	352.84
* BUTLER, STANLEY S. & KEANE, THEODORE	1,856.49	LAKIN, LINDA & DAVID, PERS. IN POS.	279.87
* CALLAHAN, JOHN MICHAEL	985.46	LAURITANO, SUZANNE B.	1,875.37
CAPE LAWSON TRUST	107.03	MACDONALD, WILLIAM H. & GLENICE B.	1,524.54
CAPE LAWSON TRUST	98.72	* MCARTHUR, RONALD B.	81.96
** CHASE, SCOTT & ANDREA	58.79	MOORE, JR., JOHN W.	348.02
CHICK, JENNIFER	226.53	MOORE, BRADFORD L., HEIRS OF	741.90
* CHRETIEN, JEFFREY S. & TERRY L.	504.23	* NADEAU, MELANIE	603.88
COMPTON, HENRY	447.74	** NILE, JUSTIN N. & ANGELA E.	294.79
CROSSLEY, DAVID J.	517.54	OLIVER, IRENE	165.20
CUMMINGS, JONATHAN, PERS. IN POS.	833.31	* ORR, JR., RAYMOND B. & DEBORAH	1,363.26
CUNNINGHAM, KURT D.	1,006.00	** PODGURSKI, EDWARD & LABREE, VICTORIA	244.27
DALOT, RICHARD & DECKARD, JUDY	507.57	* POND, GAIL E.	136.14
* DALRYMPLE, DENIS E. & SARAH H.	1,921.75	* PRATT, MARION, HEIRS OF	704.67
DECKER, MARY R., HEIRS OF	1,365.23	RACKLIFF, ETHELYN	105.37
DECKER, STEPHEN M.	2,122.85	REOPELL, ALBERT P., PERS. IN POS.	623.89



** DUBAY, SR., DANIEL S.	852.38	RICHARDS, DANIEL A.	569.05
DUCKETT, LESLEY R.	1,235.34	RICHARDS, SARAH B.	652.00
DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	409.50	ROBBINS, SANDRA & JASON	126.97
DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	559.08	* SEAMON, AMI	628.07
DUNHAM, BETTY B., PERS. IN POS.	314.78	SEAMON, TIMOTHY A.	1,564.42
** DUNN, BRIAN D.	721.28	SHEA, MARILYN A.	3,996.05
FARNUM, PAUL A., ET AL	854.60	* SHUFELT, ROBERT	424.99
FCI CORPORATION	725.28	** SNELL, JR., CHARLES H., PERS. IN POS.	155.98
FOURNIER, REBECCA ANN	655.16	** STEVENS, GUY E.	708.50
GAY, TED F.	940.08	THORNDIKE, LESLIE J.	688.72
GIVEN, BARRY A.	2,224.07	TRACY, ALBERTA., PERS. IN POS.	347.86
GIVEN, BARRY A. & MELINDA M.	1,976.59	TRACY, BERNAL	281.54
GRANT, SHAWN A.	2,694.56	* TYLER, EDWARD	523.96
* GREENMAN, MARY	167.52	TYLER, TOBY W.	947.83
GRIMANIS, ROSE V. & MICHAEL	1,835.32	UNDERWOOD, ROBERT W. & CHARLOTTE F.	1,586.18
GRIMANIS, ROSE	2,533.35	** VINING, KENNETH H.	100.55
		<b>2013 TOTALS</b>	<b>72,301.28</b>

### McDonald's Remodel



### The New Ice Cream Shoppe



### The New Family Dollar Store



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**REVENUE HISTORY AND PROJECTION**

Revenue Category	2014 Estimate	2014 Actual	2015 Estimate	2015 Actual	2016 Estimate
Vehicle Excise	\$820,000	\$860,100	\$875,000	\$907,391	\$920,000
Watercraft Excise	\$4,500	\$4,926	\$4,778	\$3,872	\$3,800
Victualers, Liquor Licenses	\$600	\$901	\$740	\$742	\$740
Code Fees	\$3,000	\$2,748	\$2,750	\$2,443	\$2,500
State Revenue Sharing	\$333,442	\$363,837	\$369,734	\$418,118	\$393,500
State Welfare Reimbursement	\$11,500	\$8,325	\$10,000	\$11,386	\$10,000
State Tree Growth	\$20,000	\$22,413	\$21,275	\$19,820	\$19,800
State Veterans Exemption	\$6,000	\$6,112	\$6,000	\$5,838	\$5,800
Motor Vehicle Fees (Town)	\$19,000	\$19,307	\$19,300	\$19,891	\$19,300
Vital Statistics (Town)	\$18,000	\$19,348	\$19,000	\$20,231	\$20,137
Hunting, Fishing, R.V., Dogs (Town)	\$2,000	\$469	\$1,657	\$2,369	\$1,810
Interest on Taxes	\$34,000	\$41,270	\$39,500	\$50,868	\$48,736
Tax Lien Fees	\$12,000	\$12,890	\$13,735	\$15,467	\$15,400
Recreation Fees	\$14,000	\$14,864	\$14,500	\$15,248	\$15,200
Rental of Town Property	\$3,000	\$3,359	\$3,200	\$3,071	\$3,000
Timber Sales	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Income	\$2,500	\$627	\$1,450	\$107	\$500
Contributions in Lieu of Taxes	\$5,600	\$5,612	\$5,600	\$25,858	\$15,858
Miscellaneous - Police Dept.	\$18,000	\$31,937	\$18,000	\$16,406	\$16,500
Miscellaneous - All Other Depts.	\$16,500	\$48,798	\$16,000	\$28,703	\$26,400
Unemployment Comp. Dividend	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recycling	\$30,000	\$29,631	\$29,500	\$27,874	\$27,820
Cemetery Fees	\$18,000	\$16,445	\$17,645	\$16,670	\$16,000
Cemetery Trust Fund Earnings	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,406,642</b>	<b>\$1,528,919</b>	<b>\$1,504,364</b>	<b>\$1,627,373</b>	<b>\$1,597,801</b>
LORAP (Local Road Assistance Prog.)	\$173,000	\$158,324	\$158,324	\$161,196	\$158,780
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES*</b>	<b>\$1,579,642</b>	<b>\$1,687,243</b>	<b>\$1,662,688</b>	<b>\$1,788,569</b>	<b>\$1,756,581</b>

\*Does not include taxes raised, pass through funds such as grants or donations given for a specific activity, funds appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance, or monies re-designated out of reserve accounts.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

To the Citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager:



The Budget Committee held its first meeting in early December 2014. It elected the necessary officers, had a brief discussion about its duties, and received the proposed budget for each Town department and some outside agencies. Town Manager, Richard Davis, offered some explanations of the presented budgets and how the increases/decreases might affect the tax rate for the coming year. As usual, there were numerous questions about the reasons for proposed increases.

During the following weeks, meetings were held and the Committee heard from each department head who gave an adequate explanation of needed budget items. Questions were asked by Committee members about some of the reasons for increases in particular budget areas. Cost of materials, insurance increases, and personnel expenses were the primary reasons given. The Selectmen were often in attendance at our meetings so we all heard the same information.

After all the presentations were given, the Committee discussed each requested budget, and made their final recommendations in early February 2015. These were forwarded to the Selectmen and Town Manager for their review and consideration for the Town Warrant.

The Committee would like to thank the presenters for their presentations and the citizens who have supported the budget review process. The outcome was to provide the necessary services that the citizens feel necessary for the Town of Farmington.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Clyde Ross  
Chairman

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager:



The Farmington Police Department wishes to thank the entire community for their support this past year. Thank you State Senator Tom Saviello for recognizing School Resource Officer Bridgette Gilbert with a legislative sentiment at the State House in April. A well-deserved recognition for all the years of hard work and dedication to the students and staff of RSU # 9.

A special thank you to Officer Darin Gilbert who very well may have prevented a terrible tragedy. In the early morning hours of July 17, Officer Gilbert stopped a vehicle on the Fairbanks Road that he recognized as being sought in an Amber Alert out of New Hampshire. As Officer Gilbert was talking with the suspect, who had taken his one year old son from the mother's custody without permission and stealing her car, the Berwick man drove off. This led the Farmington Police Department, Maine State Police and Franklin County Sheriff's Office on a pursuit through the towns of Strong, New Vineyard and back into Farmington.

The suspect was caught when officers deployed a spike mat and deflated the tires on the suspect's vehicle, forcing him to stop. The child was found unhurt in the vehicle and later reunited with his mother. Due to the actions of Officer Darin Gilbert and other emergency personnel the life of the child was saved.

Our officers continued to support several charity events. These included the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, the Special Olympics "Tip a Cop" fund raiser and the "Fueling Dreams" program in collaboration with Irving Oil. Officers also supported the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life", "Operation Santa Claus" "Building Homes for Vets", the Western Maine Homeless Shelter, and the United Way.

In 2015 the Department received several grants. "DriveSober, Maine!" awarded the Department \$20,000 to conduct saturated patrols to apprehend and educate motorists of the consequences of operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol. We also received \$20,000 for directed enforcement to participate in the "Click it or Ticket" campaign.

If you or a loved one has the potential to “wander” due to mental or physical disability and would like emergency personnel to have access to their information, please contact our Department.

The same with our elder check program. If you know of someone or you would like to participate please contact us by phone, email or on our Facebook page.

To the members of the Farmington Fire Rescue, Farmington Public Works, NorthStar Ambulance, Franklin County Sheriff’s Department, Maine State Police, UMF Police, Wilton Police Department, Jay Police Department, and all other agencies that assisted us in the last year, thank you.

Special thanks go to the men and women that serve on the Farmington Police Department for their dedicated and devoted service.

The Farmington Police Department maintains a page on the Town’s website at [www.farmington-maine.org](http://www.farmington-maine.org) and a Facebook page. These contain public service announcements and other helpful information. Please take a minute and check the sites from time to time as the information changes frequently.

Our Department continues to strive to provide the best service and contribute to our mission: “To create a feeling of safety for people within the Town of Farmington”.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us or to stop in at the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack D. Peck, Jr.  
Chief of Police

**Summary of the Most Common Crimes or Police  
Calls/Complaints**

<b>Crime</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Rape	4	9	4
Assault	102	78	68
Burglary	34	16	23
Thefts (combined)	239	156	117
Criminal Mischief	77	37	70
Criminal Trespass	46	55	34
Drug Cases	84	50	69
Domestic Disturb.	66	66	71
Traffic Crashes	380	498	468
Arrests	535	553	541
OUI Arrests	52	50	89
<b>Summons</b>			
Speeding Summons	181	488	500
Traffic Warnings	4,238	5,702	5,436
Parking Tickets	668	994	746
Missing Persons	0	2	20
Harassment Calls	84	136	143
Security Checks	<u>1,956</u>	<u>2,254</u>	<u>1,948</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,746</b>	<b>11,144</b>	<b>10,347</b>
<b>Total Traffic Stops</b>	<b>4,823</b>	<b>6,793</b>	<b>6,998</b>

**Police Revenues**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Parking Tickets	\$ 15,070	\$ 18,355	\$ 11,000
Police Reports	\$ 1,523	\$ 1,457	\$ 1,272
Misc. & Gun Permit	\$ 3,012	\$ 1,762	\$ 1,027
Court Fees & Outside Extras	<u>\$ 9,506</u>	<u>\$ 9,126</u>	<u>\$ 19,560</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 29,111</b>	<b>\$ 30,700</b>	<b>\$ 32,859</b>

## **OFFICER OF THE YEAR**



**Michael Lyman**  
**Congratulations!**

## **EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER**

Winter 2015 –	Officer Justin Blais
Spring 2015 –	Officer Michael Lyman
Summer 2015 –	Officer Darin Gilbert



## Farmington Police Department 2015



**Front Left to Right:** Deputy Chief Shane Cote, Sgt. Edward Hastings, IV, Officer Michael Lyman, Office Manager Bonnie Pomeroy, Police Chief Jack Peck, Jr., Officer Bridgette Gilbert, and Detective Marc Bowering

**Back Left to Right:** Officer Ryan Rosie, Officer Derrick Doucette, Officer Darin Gilbert, Sgt. Michael Adcock, Officer William Tanner, IV, and Officer Justin Blais

**Absent from photo:** Reserve Patrolman Ted Neil, Parking Enforcement Dean Robinson, Animal Control Wayne Atwood, Crossing Guard Robert Hallman, and part-time secretaries Stephen Bunker and Kyle Ellis

# FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager:



I submit my annual report for the Farmington Fire Rescue Department for 2015. The Department responded to calls for assistance 435 times this year. We gave mutual aid assistance for other towns 29 times, and received mutual aid assistance 19 times. The Department had a total of 14,215 man-hours which include 17 training classes.

2014	2015	<b>Calls for Assistance</b>
45	54	Fire related calls
49	69	Rescue, extrication, and emergency medical calls
149	112	Hazardous conditions with no fire
73	107	Service calls
37	42	Good intent, such as calls from concerned citizens
53	50	Alarm malfunction/false alarms
0	0	Severe weather/natural disaster
0	0	Special incident type
406	434	Total Calls

This year we welcome back Jon Alexander to the Department after a few years away. Also, I would like to welcome Gerald Provencher to the Department. Gerry comes to us from Westbrook Fire Department where he was a 25 year career member of their Department. This year two of our members have decided to leave the Department, and I would like to thank Tony Larrabee for his nine years of service, and Jeff Field for his two years of service. "Thank you both".

As I have said in the past, it is very hard to find new personnel to join our Department and to keep our roster at an adequate number. At this time we have 26 members. We have been averaging seven members for our calls which is not adequate staffing for our more serious incidents. This year we did advertise on-line and in the local newspapers, but received very little interest. I will be discussing this with the Selectmen in more detail as we do the budget for 2016.

This year we continue to train with Chesterville Fire Department on a monthly basis. This year Industry and New Sharon Fire Departments have joined our training.

This year the Farmington Police and Fire Department's along with the Chesterville Fire Department received a grant from the Department of Homeland Security for an all-terrain vehicle which will be used for wilderness search and rescues.

In 2015, we partnered with the American Red Cross and conducted smoke alarm and fire safety discussions with residents of the local mobile home parks. As a result, we installed 83 smoke alarms.

**Fire Rescue Department Roster and years of service to the town:**

Jon Alexander 15 yrs.	Stephan Bunker 37 yrs.	Tim D. Hardy 18 yrs.	S. Clyde Ross 44 yrs.
Scott Baxter 10 yrs.	Patty Cormier 7 yrs.	Joseph Hastings 1.7 yrs.	Brandon Sholan 5 yrs.
Teddy Baxter 9 yrs.	Mike Cote 6 yrs.	Jim Kiernan 11 yrs.	Junior Turner 44 yrs.
Michael Bell 26 yrs.	Kyle Ellis 1.8 yrs.	Michael Melville 8 yrs.	Peter Wade 13 yrs.
Terry Bell 38 yrs.	Jon Paul Fortier 11 yrs.	Doug Oliver 52 yrs.	Stanley Wheeler 21 yrs.
Michael Booker 1.8 yrs.	David Fronk 24 yrs.	Jennings Pinkham 9 yrs.	
James Brown 29 yrs.	Tim A. Hardy 37 yrs.	Gerald Provencher 6 mos.	

Thank you all for your years of service.

I would also like to thank all the Department Heads and their employees for their help this past year. This is why Farmington is a nice place to live and work. **“THANK YOU ALL”**.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry S. Bell, Sr.  
Fire Chief

## FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

To the Citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager:



The Farmington Fire Rescue Department has continued its regular training schedule as it has done for many years. All members are taking part in these trainings. Some are learning new skills and others are just refreshing those skills from previous sessions. New mandates, new products and improved methods require us to keep up-dated. Budget constraints have limited the types of equipment that can be replaced or purchased for training.

Training topics that are frequently used are similar to those from past years. Some of the common trainings are Ventilation, Ladders and Uses, Draft and Relay Pumping, Rural Hitch set up, Forcible Entry, the annual mandatory topic day (County departments invited), Vehicle Extrication, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, County Hazardous Materials Training Trailer, Rope Rescue Equipment review, Large Diameter Hose review, Truck Hose Lays and Deployment practices, review of building pre-plans, and inspection of Personal Protective Equipment. We have members participating in the current Fire Fighter I and II classes, as well as the pilot class, Basic Fire Officer. This is only a few of the many trainings that take place in the year. Mutual Aid departments have also been invited to attend our sessions.

“Company” training nights have been very beneficial to the members because there is an opportunity for everyone to have more “hands on” participation and questions and explanations. Demonstrations are a useful tool here too.

The Fire Prevention Programs continue to be offered to the local schools, day care centers, tour groups and organizations that may want a safety presentation. It has been necessary this year to use the Juvenile Fire Safety Program class for several young people. It is the objective of this class to help young people understand the dangers of fire and its hazards.

The Per Diem crews have been very busy conducting the above activities and offering to assist local businesses with needed safety inspections. The Department has continued its dormitory evacuation drills with the University of Maine at Farmington.

In closing, we thank all who have been involved with these situations and appreciate the citizens that support and understand the need for continuing education.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Clyde Ross  
Deputy Fire Chief

Timothy D. Hardy  
Captain

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**Dramatic Sandy River Rescue**



Photo courtesy of the Rangeley Fire Department

**ATV Training**



**Smoke Investigation  
UMF Education Building**





## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

To the Citizens, the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager:



With administration and coordination provided by the Code Enforcement Office, during 2015 there were 10 Planning Board meetings held and one site walk-over. During its meetings, the Planning Board reviewed 24 applications under the following ordinances: Site Review, Subdivision, Shoreland Zoning, Floodplain Management, and Soil Erosion Control/Stormwater Management. The Board usually meets on the second Monday of every month unless a holiday falls on that Monday, in which case the Board meets on the third Monday.

On July 13, 2015, annual elections were held and Clayton King was re-elected as Planning Board Chairman, and William Marceau was re-elected as Vice Chairman. Currently there is a vacancy for one alternate member.

The Board of Appeals conducted three meetings this year. The Board met in March to review an application for a variance request. It met in July for the election of officers and to review an administrative appeal. The Board conducted a meeting in October to review a sign variance request. Andrew Marble joined the Board in March as a regular member and there are currently two vacancies for alternate members.

The Zoning Board conducted their annual administrative meeting in July. There were no applications regarding zoning issues this year. Michael Otley resigned from the Board in November and currently there are two vacancies for regular members, and two vacancies for alternate members.

On November 18, 2015, a letter was received from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry stating that after recent revisions to the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan dated 2014, it has now been deemed as complete and consistent with the Growth Management Act.

During 2015, 26 residential registration forms, 24 business registration forms, five home occupation registration forms, and 18 sign permits were filed with the Code Enforcement Office.



Community Development Block Grant funding was secured and administered by this office to install new sewer and water mains and services at the 82 High Street housing neighborhood which was completed in December.

One septic system was constructed in 2015 under the Small Community Grant Program (SCGP), funded by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Limited funds may be available in 2016 through this program for septic systems posing environmental and/or health threats.

A scheduled 5-Year Cycle visit from Federal Emergency Management Agency representatives in regards to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was held last year in the Code Enforcement Office. The NFIP program provides federally backed flood insurance within communities that participate in the Community Rating System (CRS) and enact and enforce floodplain regulations. This past October the Town was congratulated by the NFIP State Coordinator as being one of three communities in the State of Maine whose class was upgraded. Farmington will be receiving a CRS plaque to celebrate this accomplishment and we and will continue our ongoing efforts to mitigate flood damage and losses.

Please check the Town's website [www.farmington-maine.org](http://www.farmington-maine.org) for Board meeting dates, agendas, ordinances, and applications. These are listed under Code/Planning on the homepage. All meetings are open to the public.

I thank my assistants, Jane Ford and Cindy Gelinis, for their excellent work throughout the year, and extend my appreciation to the members of the above-mentioned Boards for the countless hours they have given the Town through their service. I would also like to thank the citizens of Farmington, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, and Town employees for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Stevens Kaiser,  
Code Enforcement Officer

## TOWN CLERK – WELFARE DIRECTOR

To the Citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager:



It was a fairly quiet election year, but looking ahead to the 2016 elections, I have decided to move voting upstairs at the Community Center for the June Primary and the November Presidential Election. The recent purchase of four portable booths along with the current four in place will allow for 32 voters to be casting their ballots at one time. Voters will also be entering the gymnasium on one side and exiting out the other side to keep the flow of voters moving thereby alleviating the congestion that has been experienced in the downstairs area. I expect this to be a positive move and to make the voting experience for Farmington residents more pleasurable.

In administering Welfare and General Assistance for Farmington, to date I have processed 185 applications and assisted with 121 applications which helped a total of 222 people. The Department of Health and Human Services conducted an audit of Farmington's files in October. The Town, again, was found to be in complete compliance with the statues and guidelines. I came in slightly under budget in 2015 and requested the same amount for 2016 due to the constant changes in the welfare laws. There is always an uncertainty about increased caseload and requests. Due to recent law changes, the Town is now being reimbursed at 70% of funds spent compared to 50% as in years past.

I have also stayed working in the Assessing Department and I continue to help with the daily inquiries and necessary data entering as requested of me by the current Assessor, John O'Donnell, III.

With the ongoing restoration project of the older Town books, the Treasurer and I were able to have two more books repaired this year. There are still approximately 10 more books to go in this valuable project in maintaining the Town records for generations to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne E. Dickey  
Town Clerk

## 2015 ELECTIONS

March 23, 2015	Annual Town Meeting
June 09, 2015	RSU 9
June 23, 2015	Special Town Meeting
July 14, 2015	Traffic Ordinance
July 28, 2015	RSU 9
November 3, 2015	State Referendum

## BALLOT CLERKS

Lynn Caldwell, Mark Caldwell, Shane Cote, and S. Clyde Ross

Dogs	451
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	1,009

Births	279
Marriages	50
Deaths	181

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### Donated Fire Pit and Patio at Titcomb Mountain



Photo courtesy of the Daily Bulldog

## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager:



The Recreation Department has seen many changes in 2015. Most notably, Steve Shible retiring after serving the Town of Farmington for nearly 36 years as Director of Parks and Recreation. I would first like to thank him for hiring me five years ago as Assistant Director, and for sharing the knowledge he gained throughout his career. I will be forever grateful to him and the Town for allowing me to have one of the best jobs you could ever ask for. I would also like to thank him for his hard work, dedication and his friendship.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> we hired Assistant Director, Seth Noonkester. He is a 2015 University of Maine at Farmington graduate, with a Major in Outdoor Recreation Business Administration. Seth is smart, energetic, and full of wonderful ideas. He is a pleasure to sit next to every day, and I am looking forward to the things he and I will accomplish over the coming years.

I would also like to mention a few other staff members who make my job much easier as Director. Charity Sargood, who became Custodian only a few weeks after I started, is one of the hardest workers I have ever met. She is a jack-of-all-trades and does it all with a coffee in hand. Jaycee Jenckes and Sarita Crandall are two local college students who have been with the department since they attended Mt. Blue High School. Whether they are running programs for us, supervising birthday parties, or shoveling snow off of our ice rink, they do it with a smile and a wonderful attitude, which will serve them well in the future. A few others include: Kim Richards who has run our Junior Pro Basketball program for the last 24 years; Fred Conlogue who has run our Indoor Soccer programs and supervised several other programs for more than 15 years now; Milad Bizorgnia who has volunteered numerous hours supervising our Pickleball courts at the Community Center; along with all the other After School Staff, Summer Program Staff and Volunteers that devote their time. I would not be able to run such wonderful programs without their support.

We have had some wonderful feedback from the public about a few new programs this year and changes we have made to others. The One Day Wanderers Club, which is a hiking group for seniors, was

very popular and allowed our group of hikers to experience summits, waterfalls, backwoods huts and gigantic glacial rocks. We also began running Start Smart Athletic programs to involve younger children in becoming active. Our Start Smart Soccer program had 23 three and four year olds, and I am expecting about the same for our Start Smart Basketball program that will begin this coming winter. In 2015, our Instructional Soccer program saw a few changes, such as customized team jerseys, weekly practices, evenly matched games, and a final evening of medals – all at a lower cost to participants.

The Department has also seen quite a few improvements throughout our facilities this year. Philbrick Park has finally had a new little league mound installed for the children in Farmington Falls. The major league and little league baseball fields at Hippach had sod work done on the pitcher's paths and first and third base lines. Our soccer fields were dressed with all new soccer goals and benches this year. The Walton's Mill Pond Park received some much needed landscaping around its entrance, and the Village Improvement Society Park and a few other parks also received some much needed care in their flower beds. Thanks to Sean Cabaniss and Bobbie Hanstein for their hard work.

I am excited for 2016 and am hopeful that we may be able to develop a few new programs and continue to make improvements to our current programs. I truly feel blessed to hold the position as Director, work with the people I work with and serve the people of Farmington. I hope to continue Steve's tradition of excellence and am very grateful to him and the Town of Farmington.

I am very pleased to submit my first annual Town Report as Director of Parks and Recreation to the people of Farmington. If anyone would like more information about the Recreation Department feel free to stop by or check out our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/farmingtonrec](http://www.facebook.com/farmingtonrec).

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew L. Foster  
Director of Parks and Recreation

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager:



As in years past, 2015 was a challenge for the Public Works crew. A very long and cold winter tested our equipment and personnel. The crew performed flawlessly and without hesitation. Most holidays were affected by the weather. At least some, if not all of the crew worked every holiday this past winter.

Snow and storms started in early November and ended finally in mid-April. Thirty storms were treated requiring many outings and treatment in between storms because of wind and very cold temperatures. Our sand/salt use was just above average. However, overtime pay was very high because of holiday and weekend storms. New road treatment options and upgrades in equipment were a tremendous help.

Our summer season was one of the busiest I can remember in my career in public works. Our normal work list was expanded because of extreme weather the past few years. Some water damage from heavy rain in 2014 still needed repair. Many driveway and road culverts have become damaged or corroded and needed replacement. Our gravel roads are seeing much more traffic than past years and need constant maintenance and upgraded drainage. Along with street sweeping, crosswalk painting, and normal road repairs, road construction for paving projects started May 1<sup>st</sup> and are ongoing as I write this report. Some shoulder work and a few field culverts must still be installed.

The citizens of Farmington voted at Town Meeting to add two more full time positions to this Department. This has been a great help in achieving our goals this year. Crews were able to multitask and do many projects at once. Work zones were much safer with better traffic control and manpower.

Our five-year road rehab plan is going well. This summer Morrison Hill Road got surface pavement. Clay Hill or Temple Road from Town Farm Road to the urban compact was totally rebuilt with new curb and sidewalk added. Upper Bailey Hill was totally rebuilt and received base paving. Because of the low price of asphalt 5,100 feet of the Porter Hill Road was also totally reconstructed. Parts of the



Porter Hill Road needed 24 inch cuts and fills because of poor base and poor water drainage. All these projects were done for about \$54,000 under estimate. This was a direct result of low oil and asphalt prices. The extra money was used for emergency repairs to Christian Drive, due to frost and water damage over the past few years, which received about 300 feet of pavement and base. Also, 750 feet of the Weeks Mills Road was shimmed and overlaid. You might remember the water damage that occurred on Weeks Mills Road in 2014. Because of recurring erosion, 750 feet of paving was done on the Mosher Hill Road.

Again the Public Works crew performed well through the summer as they did this past winter. Long hours and hard work helped us achieve and complete a large list of projects. I thank the crew and look forward to another successful year in 2016. Without their work ethic and dedication, none of these projects could have been completed well, and in a timely manner.

Along with our five-year road plan a few grant projects are being planned for 2016. One project already approved will be a new sidewalk beginning at the entrance of Maple Avenue on the Farmington Falls Road, continuing down the hill to connect with the Main Street sidewalk and over to Prescott Street. This will allow a much safer way for pedestrians to walk from Maple Avenue to the University and downtown. The project is now in the engineering stage, and hopefully, will be completed in 2016.

Another grant we are applying for is a Department of Environmental grant for improved erosion control and upgraded water drainage. We hope to obtain this grant to replace the existing box culvert on Front Street that is stressed and inadequate to help flooding issues in this low part of town. If we get the grant, a modern culvert and road improvements can be made with a sidewalk added from Depot Street to Main Street. This will improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow.

The Maine Department of Transportation also granted Farmington four pedestrian Safety flashing beacons. Two have been installed at the very busy crosswalk on Main Street, and two more will be installed next spring to improve safety at the crosswalk by Gifford's Ice Cream on Main Street. These lights were at no cost to the town. The cost to install the lights along with upgrades to the sidewalk and crosswalk, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act,

were paid for by the Town and the work was performed by the Public Works Department.

In closing I want to thank the citizens of Farmington, Town Manager, Richard Davis, and the Board of Selectmen for their continued advice and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Castonguay  
Public Works Director

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**Porter Hill Road Reconstruction**



**Sandy River**



**Cowen Hill Road**



# **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

## **WINTER ROADS OPERATING PROCEDURE**

The Public Works Department (PWD) maintains approximately 120 centerline miles of Town roads during the winter.

**WHEN A STORM BEGINS** - For nights and weekend storms, the PWD relies on the Police Department to call our Director or Foreman when the road conditions deteriorate. Sometimes, however, the Public Works Director may call some plow units out earlier if ice or severe weather is forecast. When the snowstorms begin, all of our units are called. The major roads are Priority One (Major roads are determined by traffic volume and time of day). Priority One roads are plowed and pretreated with salt and calcium chloride when liquid additive is needed. Calcium Chloride is only used with very cold temperatures when salt will not work alone. We only use approximately 600 gallons of calcium chloride per season, or about five gallons per mile of road all season. **(Note – For more information on winter road treatment go to <http://mcspolicycenter.umaine.edu/?q=RoadSalt> for a study conducted by the University of Maine).** This liquid is also treated with a rust inhibitor before we accept delivery. This treatment prevents bonding of snow and ice to the pavement. Priority Two roads are plowed and sanded with sand/salt mix to also help prevent bonding of ice and snow. Priority Three roads are plowed and sanded with straight sand as needed after Priority One and Priority Two roads are safe for travel. Our goal is to keep the roads as safe as possible, and we try to keep the snow or ice from bonding and packing to the pavement.

**AS THE STORM CONTINUES** - Our primary goal is to keep the travel lanes free of snow and ice buildup and ice from bonding to the road. If snow becomes extremely heavy, we have to again prioritize how we plow roads by traffic volume and time of day. If needed, we may have extra plow operators come to help on secondary roads. We continue to plow until the storm subsides, or until the drivers have made their plow routes safe for the night. The crew will normally go home for sleep between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. If needed, a few substitute operators will keep main roads plowed during this time and respond to any emergencies. When the operators have their plow routes in a safe condition at the end of the storm all roads are re-treated with sand, salt, or combination of both. At this time snow banks are pushed back as far as possible to make room for more plowing and make room for water runoff during thaw cycles. This may sometimes happen the day after the storm, depending on how many hours the crew has worked.

**ROAD CLEANUP** - After the storm, cleanup continues with plowing

snowdrifts and widening all roads as needed. It may take several days to completely push all snow off the road shoulders.

**SIDEWALKS** - During the storm, our sidewalk plow starts clearing snow when the Director sees the need to clear sidewalks. Again, this is determined by snow intensity, time of day, and sidewalk traffic. Some sidewalks near the roadways become covered with snow when the plow trucks clean streets. Those sidewalks are cleared as soon as possible after the storm and any others with accumulation. Our priority is to clear the sidewalks near the schools and churches. The downtown area sidewalks that are not the responsibility of the area businesses are cleared as soon as possible. We have over nine miles of sidewalks. Again, depending on the storm intensity more than one day may be needed to accomplish clearing the sidewalks.

**SNOW REMOVAL** - The PWD recognizes that businesses in the downtown area rely on clean streets for parking. So, within 48 hours of a major storm, the snow is removed in the downtown area during the hours between midnight and 7 a.m. Side streets such as Quebec and Middle, and parts of other in-town streets are cleared as soon as possible after the downtown area is cleared of snow; sometimes on the same night or the following night. Other areas, such as public parking lots, are done during the nighttime snow removal hours. The public needs to be aware that there is a parking ban in Farmington and any vehicles parked on the streets or sidewalks during the ban hours may be towed at the owner's expense.

**PARKING BAN** - The Town of Farmington has a Parking Ban in town between November 15th and April 15th. Main Street bans parking between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. On other in-town streets the ban is between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. This includes the public parking areas. These bans are necessary to keep streets clear of vehicles so the streets can be plowed and sanded and the sidewalks cleared in the event of a snow storm. For more specifics, see Section 12-3.9 in Farmington's Traffic Ordinance Publication.

**CATCH BASINS** - Most of us forget about the catch basins in the height of winter. But should we get any rain, those catch basins are needed for drainage and to prevent the streets from icing. So, if you have a catch basin near your property, would you please keep it clear? That would be a tremendous help to the Public Works crew as our Department is responsible for over 600 basins.

## TAXPAYER RESPONSIBILITY

**MAILBOXES** - The PWD gets as close as possible to your mailbox without damaging it. It is your responsibility to keep it clear. The box and the post may be damaged by the plow, but more often it is the weight of the snow being pushed back that damages the box. We suggest a post set back from the road edge 6 feet, with the mailbox suspended on chains from a yardarm at 39" to 42" off the ground, as required by the U.S. Postal Service for rural delivery. If mailbox damage occurs during a storm, please call 778-2191 so we can remind plow operators to be more careful. Mailboxes, however, are located in the Town right-of-way at the owner's risk.

It is unlawful for any person to place or cause to be placed or deposited, by motor vehicle or otherwise, any snow or ice onto any public right-of-way, which includes sidewalks. (Title 29-A M.R.S.A., Section 2396.4)

**HELPFUL HINTS** - If you are clearing the end of the driveway, put the removed snow on the side of your driveway opposite the direction from which the plow is coming. The plow will carry the snow away from your driveway. Otherwise, the snow will again fill your driveway entrance. Keeping a space clear before your driveway or walk minimizes the amount of snow falling into your driveway or walk. If possible, wait until the highway has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway or walk. There is no practical way to plow the highway without depositing snow into your driveway. Please understand the Town of Farmington is required by law to keep roads and sidewalks plowed and sanded.



## WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

To the Citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager:



In 2015 we had a very busy and productive year at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. At the end of May we said good-bye to our Retiring Superintendent and longtime employee of 43 years, Steve Moore. His extensive knowledge of this facility and the collection system will be greatly missed. Everyone on the crew would like to thank him for all that he did while he was employed here and wish him all the best in his retirement.

We completed the work of painting and sealing the Number 1 Primary Clarifier which also completes the job of having all four of our outside tanks sealed to extend their life for another 20 years. In addition to completing that project, a new roof was installed over the Main Control Building as well as our septage receiving building.

In the spring of the year we began the process of finding a new fulltime employee to assist in the operation of the facility. In July we hired Paul Stanzel to fill that position. Paul has been a welcome addition displaying extensive mechanical ability and an eagerness to learn a new profession.

At the end of 2014 I outlined seven items that were in the research and planning stage. During 2015 we completed three of those items and took steps toward completing the remainder. The Facility purchased a trailer mounted generator to move forward with our Emergency Preparedness Plan. We also budgeted to have three of the four Route 2 pump stations upgraded with new transfer switching equipment to accommodate the generator. A new Plant Process Water System was purchased and installed to replace the nearly 30 year old existing system. We continued the upgrading and rebuilding of manholes throughout the collection system as part of our annual maintenance.

This fall the initial steps were taken toward setting up a Geographic Information System (GIS). When completed, we are in hopes of having our entire system incorporated into digital maps which will be beneficial to all Town Departments.



One of the most important projects completed this year was setting up a computerized alarm system which will send out a text message to the cell phone assigned to the Treatment Facility which the Superintendent carries at all times. These are generated from the Facility's six above ground pump stations which are currently monitored by our Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. In addition, we added three influent pumps at the main plant to our SCADA system this year. This improves our response time and allows us to catch faults which happen in the system before they become major problems.

We continue to research the best and most cost effective means of de-watering our bio-solids, we had a screw press demonstrated this summer and plan on having a rotary press demonstration in the spring of 2016.

Our efforts are also continuing in developing a cost and energy efficient means of removing the larger debris from the waste entering the Treatment Facility before the Influent wet well to reduce the wear and tear and costly repairs on those pumps.

Next year looks to be as busy as this one and I hope to continue to improve this Facility and the Collection System. I thank my crew Terry, Joe, and Paul for their never-ending commitment to the process. As always, our number one priority is maintaining a clean, safe and healthy environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Millett  
Superintendent

**SEWER DEPARTMENT**  
**Liened Receivables as of December 31, 2015**

\* Partial Payments Ending 01-31-2016

ACCOUNT	BALANCE	EARLIEST YEAR DUE
Ball, Nicole C.	192.34	2015
Bell, Danielle A.	357.15	2015
Brackett, Penny A.	1,860.52	2012
Butler, Stanley S.	110.58	2015
Chretien, Jeffrey S.	515.11	2014
* Duckett, Lesley R., Heirs of	484.10	2014
Fraley, Larry Michael	205.69	2015
Fraser, Bruce M.	1,983.66	2013
Gay, Ted	217.29	2015
Gianquinto, Nina	519.65	2015
* Grimanis, Rose V.	4,479.68	2014
Gund, John P.	183.97	2015
Hoisington, Bernice A.	235.63	2015
Hutchinson, Priscilla	264.74	2014
Inner City Auto, Inc.	75.65	2015
Jones, Blair	138.32	2015
* Lakin, Linda & David	2,113.15	2013
Lesperance, Bruce & Penny	597.23	2014
Millett, Robin E., Heirs of	735.67	2014
Morgan, Ryan & Iris	876.03	2015
* Morrill, Charles	106.83	2015
* Neubauer, Eric	693.66	2014
NH Home Source, LLC	365.50	2015
Provenzano, James	26.96	2015
Rogers, Catherine	421.93	2014
Seamon, Ami	1,245.10	2013
Shea, Marilyn	1,142.31	2012
Shufelt, Robert	1,017.91	2014
* Smith,II, Fred O.	251.76	2015
Spinney, David	709.38	2014
Straznitskas, Robert	774.03	2013
* Swan, Scott	430.15	2015
Thompson, Angela M.	663.98	2014
Weeks, Helen A.	131.36	2015
West, Benjamin C. & James	375.31	2014

# SAFETY COMMITTEE

To the Citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager:



The Safety Committee met six times this past year to review and update the Town's safety policies, conduct employee accident investigations, discuss training and equipment needs, and to monitor working conditions for compliance and risks.

I am glad to report that we had very few employee accidents to investigate again this year. Employees from all departments in the Town attended numerous safety related trainings throughout the year.

The Police Department applied for and was awarded a safety grant from the Maine Municipal Association for \$2,000 with which they purchased a storage container and tire racks. This container will be kept at the Town Garage and will hold all the spare tires for the cruisers as well as lost and found bicycles. This was awarded as a safety grant to reduce the risk of injury from carrying tires and bicycles upstairs to the storage area in the garage at the police department. The Police Department was also awarded a \$500 training grant from the Maine Municipal Association which was used to offset the cost of training for Chief Peck at the FBI National Academy Conference.

The Fire Department applied for and received the Safety and Health Award for Public Employees (SHAPE) award from the Maine Department of Labor for work-place safety. They are exempt from future inspections for two years and it reduces the cost of Workers Compensation.

Respectfully submitted,

Shane Cote  
Chairman

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager:



2015 was a busy year for the Farmington Conservation Commission (FCC). The theme was implementation (or “git ‘er done”), of several big projects.

The biggest project was the tree planting (250 seedlings on difficult ground) along the Sandy River on lower Whittier Road. This was to replace trees planted for erosion control as part of this gigantic \$452,000 FEMA project. The original trees had a mortality rate of around 90%. Your FCC, with the help of Mt. Blue Campus, Foster Career and Technical Education Center Forestry, UMF, many citizens, and the Public Works and Farmington Fire Departments (FFD) replaced these trees. As of this writing, the mortality rate is less than 10%, thanks to the hard work, dedication, and TLC of everyone involved.

A particular “Thanks” goes to FFD for watering the trees daily over the course of the summer.

The other big project has been the implementation of the \$4,000 (\$8,958 total) grant received from Maine Forest Service Project Canopy for a survey of trees in the Downtown right-of-ways (ROW), to include Hippach Field. We are about half done with the field work. At completion, we will know every tree by species, size, location, and health, within the ROW’s. We can then form a plan to manage these trees, which includes their dollar value to the community. FCC members and Envirothon Team members from Spruce Mountain School have been conducting the field work. All information is stored in the “cloud”, on the U.S. Forestry Service “I-Tree” website.

Farmington is again a Tree City, USA, for the 38<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Rural Farmington is tied with suburban Westbrook and urban Kennebunkport for the longest running Maine Tree City!

In 2015, there were 513 hours donated by FCC volunteers for varying projects, and 130 hours of equipment use was donated. Included were pickups, hand tools, big trucks, and power equipment. Total value of these donated hours, both human and machine, was \$19,731!

Help! The FCC is a small but dedicated corps. We need your help!  
We're looking for individuals, Scouts, students, churches, and any  
group or organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Forrest Tracy  
Chairman

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**Tree Planting along the Sandy River and Whittier Road**



Photos courtesy of the Daily Bulldog



## **IMPORTANT NOTICES**

### **PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND MEETINGS**

As a citizen you are the key element of efficient and effective local government. The Town of Farmington's many boards, committees, and commissions welcome residents and taxpayers to serve on them and to attend meetings to express their questions, concerns, ideas, and opinions. Meetings are held in the Municipal Building located at 153 Farmington Falls Road. Vacancies are listed in the "Elected Officials" section of the Town Report. For membership questions, agenda details, and information regarding various other meetings, please contact the Town Secretary at 778-6538 or visit our website at [www.farmington-maine.org](http://www.farmington-maine.org)

### **VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

**The Town of Farmington registers vehicles owned by Farmington residents only.**

Before a vehicle can be excised and registered, the following information/documents must be presented:

**Dealer Sales:** Dealer Sales Tax form, Application for Title, window sticker, and proof of insurance.

**Non-Dealer Sales:** Title, Bill of Sale, mileage, and proof of insurance.

**Re-Registrations:** Previous registration, current mileage, and proof of insurance. Renewal registrations can also be done online at [www.sosonline.org](http://www.sosonline.org)



## TRANSFER STATION PERMITS

Transfer Station Permits may be obtained at no cost at the Municipal Office located at 153 Farmington Falls Road. Please bring your registration and license plate number in with you.

## BURN PERMITS

Burn Permits may be obtained at no cost online at [www.maineburnpermit.com](http://www.maineburnpermit.com), or Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Fire Rescue Office, which is located on the main floor of the Municipal Office Building. Permits will be issued subject to safe weather conditions as set forth by the Maine Forest Service.

## TOWN ORDINANCE AND STATE LAW COMPLIANCE

The Town of Farmington requires persons to contact the Code Enforcement Office to ensure compliance with Town ordinances and State laws administered locally if planning to do one or more of the following activities:

- Undertake **any** new development, construction, sign installation, building project, or earth moving activities,
- Start any new business (including home occupations),
- Relocate any existing business within Farmington, or
- Expand the footprint of any existing business.

One or more ordinances and/or laws may apply and the appropriate applications will be provided as necessary. If you have any questions please call (207) 778-5874.

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*Proven Expertise and Integrity*

February 18, 2016

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Farmington, Maine  
Farmington, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Farmington and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Farmington as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2015 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	Statement D
Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budgetary Basis – Budget and Actual – General Fund	Schedule 1
Schedule of Departmental Operations – General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

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## STATEMENT C

## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2015

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,645,813	\$ 381,988	\$ 4,027,801
Investments	571,324	601,651	1,172,975
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	725,644	-	725,644
Liens	289,015	-	289,015
Notes	-	205,570	205,570
Other	-	-	-
Prepaid expenses	4,581	-	4,581
Tax acquired property	2,331	-	2,331
Due from other funds	57,953	1,130,360	1,188,313
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 5,296,661</b>	<b>\$ 2,319,569</b>	<b>\$ 7,616,230</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 147,547	\$ -	\$ 147,547
Payroll related payables	15,980	-	15,980
Accrued expenses	27,285	-	27,285
Due to other governments	-	-	-
Due to other funds	2,571,766	57,953	2,629,719
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,762,578</b>	<b>57,953</b>	<b>2,820,531</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Prepaid taxes	791	-	791
Advance payment of LRAP funding	80,598	-	80,598
Deferred tax revenues	789,895	-	789,895
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>871,284</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>871,284</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	6,912	-	6,912
Restricted	52,718	1,625,897	1,678,615
Committed	-	239,062	239,062
Assigned	-	401,385	401,385
Unassigned	1,603,169	(4,728)	1,598,441
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,662,799</b>	<b>2,261,616</b>	<b>3,924,415</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 5,296,661</b>	<b>\$ 2,319,569</b>	<b>\$ 7,616,230</b>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

## STATEMENT D

## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 8,699,255	\$ -	\$ 8,699,255
Excise taxes	913,125	-	913,125
Intergovernmental	791,411	494,149	1,285,560
Charges for services	125,681	-	125,681
Miscellaneous revenues	96,917	63,354	160,271
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>10,626,389</b>	<b>557,503</b>	<b>11,183,892</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	776,611	-	776,611
Public safety	1,900,474	-	1,900,474
Health and welfare	22,559	-	22,559
Recreation and culture	318,769	-	318,769
Education	4,507,435	-	4,507,435
Public works	1,548,400	-	1,548,400
County tax	498,836	-	498,836
Community services	164,203	-	164,203
Unclassified	189,668	314,891	504,559
Debt service:			
Principal	128,817	-	128,817
Interest	26,380	-	26,380
Capital outlay	-	448,271	448,271
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>10,082,152</b>	<b>763,162</b>	<b>10,845,314</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>544,237</b>	<b>(205,659)</b>	<b>338,578</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in	15,000	588,763	603,763
Transfers (out)	(488,306)	(115,457)	(603,763)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(473,306)</b>	<b>473,306</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>70,931</b>	<b>267,647</b>	<b>338,578</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1</b>	<b>1,591,868</b>	<b>1,993,969</b>	<b>3,585,837</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$ 1,662,799</b>	<b>\$ 2,261,616</b>	<b>\$ 3,924,415</b>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 1,591,868	\$ 1,591,868	\$ 1,591,868	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	8,666,035	8,666,035	8,699,255	33,220
Excise taxes	879,778	879,778	913,125	33,347
Intergovernmental	761,009	761,009	791,411	30,402
Charges for services	126,292	126,292	125,681	(611)
Miscellaneous revenues	70,685	70,685	96,917	26,232
Transfers from other funds	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>12,110,667</u>	<u>12,110,667</u>	<u>12,233,257</u>	<u>122,590</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	810,247	797,447	776,611	20,836
Public safety	2,051,683	2,009,377	1,900,474	108,903
Health and welfare	25,000	25,000	22,559	2,441
Recreation and culture	338,429	334,729	318,769	15,960
Education	4,560,153	4,560,153	4,507,435	52,718
Public works	2,002,045	1,593,545	1,548,400	45,145
County tax	498,836	498,836	498,836	-
Community services	162,310	162,310	164,203	(1,893)
Unclassified	223,926	223,926	189,668	34,258
Debt service:				
Principal	128,817	128,817	128,817	-
Interest	26,353	26,353	26,380	(27)
Transfers to other funds	21,000	488,306	488,306	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>10,848,799</u>	<u>10,848,799</u>	<u>10,570,458</u>	<u>278,341</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 1,261,868</u>	<u>\$ 1,261,868</u>	<u>\$ 1,662,799</u>	<u>\$ 400,931</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 330,000</u>	<u>\$ 330,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 330,000</u>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General government:					
Administration	\$ 241,946	\$ -	\$ 241,946	\$ 228,184	\$ 13,762
Assessor	79,500	(10,000)	69,500	79,955	(10,455)
Clerk Treasurer	242,884	-	242,884	233,736	9,148
Municipal building	87,951	(2,000)	85,951	80,854	5,097
CEO	151,166	-	151,166	149,341	1,825
Committees	6,800	(800)	6,000	4,541	1,459
	<u>810,247</u>	<u>(12,800)</u>	<u>797,447</u>	<u>776,611</u>	<u>20,836</u>
Public safety:					
Police department	1,245,337	(6,000)	1,239,337	1,150,554	88,783
Fire department	401,513	(36,306)	365,207	328,133	37,074
Hydrants	276,378	-	276,378	276,380	(2)
Street lights	72,000	-	72,000	84,748	(12,748)
Traffic lights	6,000	-	6,000	9,787	(3,787)
Ambulance	50,455	-	50,455	50,872	(417)
	<u>2,051,683</u>	<u>(42,306)</u>	<u>2,009,377</u>	<u>1,900,474</u>	<u>108,903</u>
Health and welfare:					
General assistance	25,000	-	25,000	22,559	2,441
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>22,559</u>	<u>2,441</u>
Recreation and culture:					
Parks and recreation	152,740	(3,700)	149,040	146,028	3,012
Community center	112,211	-	112,211	103,958	8,253
Cemeteries	73,478	-	73,478	68,783	4,695
	<u>338,429</u>	<u>(3,700)</u>	<u>334,729</u>	<u>318,769</u>	<u>15,960</u>



SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Education	4,560,153	-	4,560,153	4,507,435	52,718
Public works:					
Highway department	1,238,583	(108,500)	1,130,083	1,098,005	32,078
Recycling department	72,138	-	72,138	66,962	5,176
Local roads	158,324	-	158,324	150,433	7,891
Drainage project	300,000	(300,000)	-	-	-
Capital outlay	233,000	-	233,000	233,000	-
	2,002,045	(408,500)	1,593,545	1,548,400	45,145
County tax	498,836	-	498,836	498,836	-
Debt service:					
Principal	128,817	-	128,817	128,817	-
Interest	26,353	-	26,353	26,380	(27)
	155,170	-	155,170	155,197	(27)
Community services:					
Animal shelter	14,744	-	14,744	14,744	-
Public library	146,666	-	146,666	146,666	-
Snow clubs	-	-	-	1,893	(1,893)
Gay cemetery	900	-	900	900	-
	162,310	-	162,310	164,203	(1,893)

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified:					
Insurances	68,000	-	68,000	70,883	(2,883)
Contingency	20,000	-	20,000	-	20,000
Tan interest	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000
TIF	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-
Dangerous buildings Overlay	10,000 20,926	- -	10,000 20,926	- 18,785	10,000 2,141
	<u>223,926</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,926</u>	<u>189,668</u>	<u>34,258</u>
Transfers to other funds:					
Drainage project	-	300,000	300,000	300,000	-
Legal reserve	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
ADA	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Public works	5,000	108,500	113,500	113,500	-
Conservation committee	-	800	800	800	-
Revaluation	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Municipal building	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
Police department	-	6,000	6,000	6,000	-
Fire department	-	36,306	36,306	36,306	-
Parks and recreation	-	3,700	3,700	3,700	-
	<u>21,000</u>	<u>467,306</u>	<u>488,306</u>	<u>488,306</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 10,848,799	\$ -	\$ 10,848,799	\$ 10,570,458	\$ 278,341

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 133,194	\$ 248,794	\$ 381,988
Investments	-	601,651	601,651
Notes receivable	205,570	-	205,570
Due from other funds	1,103,640	26,720	1,130,360
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,442,404</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 877,165</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,319,569</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	25,384	32,569	57,953
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>25,384</u>	<u>32,569</u>	<u>57,953</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted	781,301	844,596	1,625,897
Committed	239,062	-	239,062
Assigned	401,385	-	401,385
Unassigned	(4,728)	-	(4,728)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>1,417,020</u>	<u>844,596</u>	<u>2,261,616</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,442,404</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 877,165</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,319,569</u></u>

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SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
 FUND BALANCES – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/ (losses)	\$ 8,359	\$ (24,331)	\$ (15,972)
Interest income	-	6,517	6,517
Intergovernmental	494,149	-	494,149
Other income	70,609	2,200	72,809
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>573,117</b>	<b>(15,614)</b>	<b>557,503</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Capital outlay	448,271	-	448,271
Other	304,042	10,849	314,891
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>752,313</b>	<b>10,849</b>	<b>763,162</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(179,196)</b>	<b>(26,463)</b>	<b>(205,659)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in	588,763	-	588,763
Transfers (out)	(100,457)	(15,000)	(115,457)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>488,306</b>	<b>(15,000)</b>	<b>473,306</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>309,110</b>	<b>(41,463)</b>	<b>267,647</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1</b>	<b>1,107,910</b>	<b>886,059</b>	<b>1,993,969</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$ 1,417,020</b>	<b>\$ 844,596</b>	<b>\$ 2,261,616</b>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

*The following is a draft warrant, subject to change until such time as it is legally posted.*

**2016 WARRANT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**TO:** S. Clyde Ross, a Resident of the Town of Farmington in the County of Franklin and State of Maine.

**GREETING:** In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Farmington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Community Center at 127 Middle Street in said Town on Monday, the TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH, 2016, at 8:45 o'clock in the morning to act upon Articles 1 and 2. The polls will open at 9:00 o'clock in the morning and close at 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon Article Second.

And also notify and warn the said Inhabitants to meet at the Community Center at 127 Middle Street in said Town on Monday, the TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to hear the results of the secret ballot on Articles 1 and 2 and to act on Articles 3 through 43, all the Articles being set out below, to wit:

**FIRST** - To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**SECOND** - To choose by ballot, according to the provisions of Title 30-A, M.R.S. Section 2528 as amended, two Selectmen, each for a term of three years, and three School Directors, two each for a term of three years and one for a term of one year.

**THIRD** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate such anticipated revenues as vehicle excise taxes, state revenue sharing, supplemental taxes, license fees, and such other miscellaneous revenues to be received in the calendar year 2016, to reduce the taxes committed, in the amount of \$1,756,581.

**FOURTH** - To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with 30-A M.R.S. section 5721-A.7, to increase the property tax levy limit of \$3,664,450 established for Farmington by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following Articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

**STATEMENT OF FACT:** The budget that is presented below meets the 2016 property tax limit. Because, however, the Town Meeting process is active, interactive, and unpredictable, the Selectmen cannot know with certainty whether the municipal budget

being proposed will be increased or decreased by the Town Meeting. Therefore, it is advisable to include this Article if there is any chance that the Town Meeting will raise and appropriate sums in excess of the property tax levy limit. It is also possible that unanticipated reductions in non-property tax revenues will result in a tax commitment that exceeds the limit. In such cases, State law requires voter action to authorize an increase in the limit. A vote on this Article requires a written ballot.

**FIFTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$689,081	\$725,621
Selectmen Recommended	689,081	725,621
Budget Committee Recommended	689,081	725,621
Town Meeting Approved	689,081	

STATEMENT OF FACT:

	Appropriated <u>2015</u>	Requested <u>2016</u>	Selectmen and Budget Committee <u>Recommended</u>
1. Administration	\$241,946	\$240,052	\$240,052
2. Assessor	79,500	97,784	97,784
3. Treasurer / Clerk	242,884	253,665	253,665
4. Committees & Events	6,800	6,800	6,800
5. Municipal Building	87,951	97,320	97,320
6. Tax Anticipation Note	5,000	5,000	5,000
7. General Assistance	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL	\$689,081	\$725,621	\$725,621

The Administration Budget includes personnel costs for the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Town Secretary and one half of the Planning Assistant, related office supply and equipment costs, and expenses for professional services such as the Town Report printing, annual audit, public notice advertising, and routine legal services. There are no pay increases included for 2016. The Town pays 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for employees in this Department.

The Assessor's Department consists of a part-time contracted Assessor provided by John E. O'Donnell & Associates and a 20-hour per week in-house assistant position. This budget includes one-time costs to produce digital photos for 1,100 properties and for 875 sketches. Also included is \$10,000 for the Revaluation Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$73,596.74.

The Treasurer/Clerk Budget includes an increase in the cost of elections, including the November General Election.



Committees and Events includes Memorial Day Flags (\$2,700), Planning Board (\$800), Conservation Commission (\$800), and Special Projects (\$2,500) which is a discretionary account for the Selectmen through which they may authorize expenditures for special projects, promotions, or events deemed appropriate.

The Municipal Buildings budget includes funds to maintain and operate the Town Office and various outbuildings and structures not covered by other departments. Included is funding to repave the town office front parking lot and install energy-efficient heat pumps.

The Tax Anticipation Note provides funds for the Town to operate until taxes are due. The expense in this appropriation is offset by interest earned on investments.

The General Assistance program provides for the basic needs of persons who apply and qualify financially. The 2015 appropriation was \$25,000. Expenditures totaled \$22,693.85 for the year, and are likely to increase in 2016 due to increasing demand. Seventy percent of this expenditure is now reimbursed by the state, and accrues to the General Fund.

**SIXTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CODE ENFORCEMENT** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$151,166	\$150,561
Selectmen Recommended	151,166	150,561
Budget Committee Recommended	151,166	150,561
Town Meeting Approved	151,166	

STATEMENT OF FACT: This budget request covers the operational expenses for two and one half employees who oversee the Code Administration, Community Development (grant writing and implementation), and Planning functions. There are no pay increases included for 2016. The Town pays 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for employees in this Department.

**SEVENTH** - Shall The Town of Farmington vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application under the Housing Assistance (HA) Program for the “82 High Street Phase 3” Project in the amount of \$500,000, and to submit same to the Department 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, to assume such responsibilities, and to exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The above grant will be used in conjunction with funds from other sources totaling \$1,040,000, including bank financing, for the installation of three new buildings, each containing four rental units to replace the existing substandard rental units in three older buildings that will be sequentially demolished as the new units are completed.

**EIGHTH** - Shall the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan, current version adopted March 23, 2015, be amended to incorporate minor modifications, both those required and those recommended by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, & Forestry (DACF), when it deemed these revisions sufficient for their determination that the Plan was complete and consistent under State requirements for same on 11-18-15.

NOTE: Copies of the Plan and the 11-18-15 DACF letter are available in advance at the Municipal Building and will be available at the Community Center during the Town Meeting.

STATEMENT OF FACT: DACF required that additional Agriculture and Forestry data be added to Section 8, and the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (IFW) recommended improving the data in Section 9 (Critical Natural Resources). The required Goals, Policies, and Strategies that were inadvertently omitted in Section 3 (Housing) have been added. Section 13 was created to compile within a table format the Policies and Strategies already within individual Sections, with Responsibilities and Timeframes for same added.

**NINTH** - Shall the Ordinance entitled, Town of Farmington Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, current version adopted January 1, 2013, (Chapter 11, Land Use, Article 1 of the Town's Code of Ordinances), be amended to incorporate recommended revisions in the current State model Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

NOTE: Copies of the Ordinance and Map (Chapter 11, Article 1), with deletions ~~struck through~~ and additions **underlined in bold**, are available in advance at the Municipal Building and will be available at the Community Center during the Town Meeting.

STATEMENT OF FACT: Since inception of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance in 1975, the Town does periodic updates to maintain consistency with State Shoreland Zoning guidelines and recommendations. In this update, the proposed changes primarily provide more specificity in the standards for Non-Conforming Expansion, Hazard Trees, Storm-Damaged Trees, & Dead Tree Removal, Exemptions to Clearing and Vegetation Removal Requirements, and Revegetation Requirements. The only State recommended update not being adopted is the limit of one Recreational Vehicle per private campsite. The current limit of five Recreational Vehicles per private campsite is being retained.

**TENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **POLICE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,245,337	\$1,214,550
Selectmen Recommended	1,245,337	1,214,550
Budget Committee Recommended	1,245,337	1,214,550
Town Meeting Approved	1,245,337	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Police Department budget includes 1% pay increases and half of a 6.25% increase in health insurance costs for union members. Management employees receive no pay increases for 2016. The Town pays 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for management employees in this Department. Also included are expenses related to building operation and maintenance.

**ELEVENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$401,513	\$434,492
Selectmen Recommended	401,513	401,513
Budget Committee Recommended	401,513	434,492
Town Meeting Approved	401,513	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Fire Department's request includes no pay increases for 2016. The Town pays 80% of the employee portion of the health insurance premium for the Chief, who is the only full-time member. Also included is a \$27,927 appropriation to the Fire Equipment Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$88,124.89. The Department's request includes, for the first time, wages and benefits for four full-time firefighters for the remaining 39 weeks of 2016. The Selectmen's recommendation does not include funding for the four full-time firefighters. They wish to delay the hiring of full-time personnel for a year in order to explore other methods of addressing the Department's manpower shortage. The Budget Committee, on the other hand, does recommend funding the four full-time positions.

**TWELFTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **OTHER PROTECTIONS** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$472,833	\$497,152
Selectmen Recommended	472,833	497,152
Budget Committee Recommended	472,833	497,152
Town Meeting Approved	472,833	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
1. Street Lights	\$ 72,000	\$ 87,500
2. Fire Hydrants	276,378	276,378
3. Insurances	68,000	72,000
4. Ambulance	50,455	51,274
5. Traffic Light Maintenance	<u>6,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$472,833	\$497,152

The Street Light budget reflects a 5% increase in the delivery portion of the cost, plus a possible additional rate increase. The cost of Fire Hydrants is governed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission, and is based on a percentage of the Water Company's total operating expenses. The Insurance category is based on anticipated premium costs in 2016. Included are employee cash handling bonds, blanket property and automobile coverages, public officials' liability, and unemployment insurance. The Ambulance subsidy is established by contractual agreement with NorthStar Ambulance. The Traffic Light Maintenance budget is based on 2015 actual expenditures and 2016 projected costs.

**THIRTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PARKS AND RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER DEPARTMENTS** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$264,951	\$272,146
Selectmen Recommended	264,951	272,146
Budget Committee Recommended	264,951	272,146
Town Meeting Approved	264,951	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2016</u>
Parks and Recreation	\$152,740	\$155,640	\$155,640
Community Center	<u>112,211</u>	<u>116,506</u>	<u>116,506</u>
TOTAL	\$264,951	\$272,146	\$272,146

The Parks and Recreation Budget includes operating expenses for all recreational activities, including personnel costs for thirteen part-time seasonal positions and stipends for seven program directors and coaches. Also included is 80% of the employee portion and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for the Director. The Community Center budget includes personnel costs for one full-time Assistant Director and one part-time custodian. There are no pay increases included for 2016.

**FOURTEENTH** - To see if the Town will vote to establish Bjorn Park as a municipal “safe zone” pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. § 3253 and so mark the same with adequate signage

STATEMENT OF FACT: This Article seeks to establish Bjorn Park as a “safe zone” pursuant to Title 30-A, Section 3253, which provides that “[a] municipality may designate an area of the municipality that is frequented by minors as a safe zone under Title 17-A, Section 1101, subsection 23. A safe zone designated pursuant to this section must be conspicuously marked by the municipality with an informational sign using wording provided by the Commissioner of Public Safety.” Title 17-A, Section 1101 allows for athletic fields, parks, playgrounds, or recreational facilities to be designated as safe zones. If a person is found trafficking, furnishing, or cultivating drugs within a safe zone, he or she may be found guilty of an aggravated offense and subjected to increased penalties.

**FIFTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,238,583	\$1,249,537
Selectmen Recommended	1,238,583	1,249,537
Budget Committee Recommended	1,238,583	1,249,537
Town Meeting Approved	1,238,583	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Public Works Department budget covers the operational expenses required for maintaining and improving the Town’s 120 miles of roads. Additional funding for road capital improvements is received from the State (see Article 20). This budget covers the personnel costs for ten full-time employees. There are no pay increases, but half of a 6.25% increase in health insurance costs is included for union members.

**SIXTEENTH** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Unassigned Fund Balance a sum not to exceed \$60,000 in order to complete the replacement of the failing drainage pipe running from Front Street beneath Prescott Field in a southwesterly direction to the Sandy River.

STATEMENT OF FACT: This Article seeks an appropriation from the Unassigned Fund Balance to be used, in addition to \$300,000 that was approved in 2015, to complete the drainage pipe replacement project. The project has been on hold pending federal review and permitting. Preliminary studies, soil testing, and engineering have used approximately \$42,000 of the \$300,000 appropriation. The additional \$60,000 should be adequate to complete the project. The Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) currently stands at approximately \$1,603,169. The auditors recommend carrying a UFB level that is adequate to cover two month’s expenditures, which is approximately \$2,549,889.

Approval of this Article could lower the UFB to \$1,543,169, which is \$1,006,720 below the Auditor’s recommended minimum level.

**SEVENTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **RECYCLING DEPARTMENT** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$72,138	\$68,838
Selectmen Recommended	72,138	68,838
Budget Committee Recommended	72,138	68,838
Town Meeting Approved	72,138	

STATEMENT OF FACT: This budget covers all operating expenses for the transfer station, including personnel costs for two part-time employees.

**EIGHTEENTH** - Shall the Town of Farmington Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance, current version adopted August 1, 1992 and revised on April 9, 2002, be amended to remove Sandy River Recycling Association (SRRA) as the processor and marketer of recyclable materials as stated in §7-5.4b. of the Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Sandy River Recycling Association (SRRA) has been dissolved and its assets have been sold. The Town currently contracts with a licensed commercial hauler for handling recyclable materials.

Note: Copies of the amended Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance are available in advance at the Municipal Building and at the Community Center during the Town Meeting.

**NINETEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CEMETERIES** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$73,478	\$77,511
Selectmen Recommended	73,478	77,511
Budget Committee Recommended	73,478	77,511
Town Meeting Approved	73,478	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The 2016 request represents the amount needed to maintain the cemeteries in the current year. There are no pay raises for cemetery personnel. The amount requested will be offset by cemetery fees estimated at \$16,000 and trust fund earnings estimated at \$15,000.



**TWENTIETH** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate State of Maine Local Road Assistance Program (LORAP) funds in the amount of \$158,780 for the year 2016, and to authorize the expenditure of said funds for road improvements.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$158,324	\$158,780
Selectmen Recommended	158,324	158,780
Budget Committee Recommended	158,324	158,780
Town Meeting Approved	158,324	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The figure shown in this Article is the amount the Town is projected to receive from the Maine Department of Transportation for 2016 funding. This allocation is used for capital improvements to Town roads.

**TWENTY-FIRST** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR ROADS** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$233,000	\$233,000
Selectmen Recommended	233,000	233,000
Budget Committee Recommended	233,000	233,000
Town Meeting Approved	233,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount requested represents the amount that is needed, over and above the \$158,780 appropriation in the preceding Article, to fully fund the fourth year of a five-year Capital Improvement Program for road rehabilitation. Roads to be repaired in 2016 are the westerly end of Porter Hill Road, upper Middle Street to Industry Road, and Mohawk, Seminole and Shawnee Drives in the Voter Hill Estates. Also included is final surfacing of the section of Porter Hill Road that was rebuilt in 2015. Planned for repair in 2017 is Titcomb Hill Road. Additional projects will be reviewed and prioritized for 2018 and beyond.

**TWENTY-SECOND** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PUBLIC WORKS RESERVE** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$5,000	\$5,000
Selectmen Recommended	5,000	5,000
Budget Committee Recommended	5,000	5,000
Town Meeting Approved	5,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Public Works Reserve Account was established several years ago for use in planning and building the Town Garage, which was constructed in 2002. The current balance in the account is \$46,960.90. The amount requested for

2016 will be added to the balance. A portion of the funds from this reserve account will be used to insulate the garage in the summer of 2016.

**TWENTY-THIRD** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **DEBT SERVICE** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$155,170	\$151,323
Selectmen Recommended	155,170	151,323
Budget Committee Recommended	155,170	151,323
Town Meeting Approved	155,170	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2016</u>
Municipal Garage Debt	\$57,880	\$57,265	\$57,265
Fire Truck Debt	49,335	47,073	47,073
Police Building Debt	<u>47,955</u>	<u>46,985</u>	<u>46,985</u>
TOTAL	\$155,170	\$151,323	\$151,323

The amount indicated in this Article represents the debt service (principal and interest) for bonds for the municipal garage, the 2007 fire truck, and the new police station renovations. The garage debt will be retired in 2022, the fire truck debt in 2016, and the police building debt in 2027.

**TWENTY-FOURTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **LEGAL RESERVE ACCOUNT** for the purpose of funding costs associated with actual or potential litigation for the year 2015.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$15,000	\$15,000
Selectmen Recommended	15,000	15,000
Budget Committee Recommended	15,000	15,000
Town Meeting Approved	15,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The various administrative accounts contain funding to cover routine legal costs related to tax liens, personnel issues, contracts, general liability, zoning, etc. Those amounts are not adequate to cover ongoing litigation and unforeseen legal expenses. The Legal Reserve Account provides for such expenditures. The account balance as of December 31, 2015 was \$12,697.68. The amount shown is requested in order to achieve a target balance of approximately \$28,000 for legal expenses this year.

**TWENTY-FIFTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) RESERVE ACCOUNT** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,000	\$1,500
Selectmen Recommended	1,000	1,500
Budget Committee Recommended	1,000	500
Town Meeting Approved	1,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The ADA Reserve Account is used to improve accessibility to public facilities for people with disabilities. It currently has a balance of \$9,849.58. While the Selectmen recommend raising and appropriating \$1,500, the Budget Committee recommends \$500. It is that Committee's feeling that the current account balance is adequate for any foreseeable expenses.

**TWENTY-SIXTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FARMINGTON LIBRARY** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$146,666	\$149,500
Selectmen Recommended	138,666	149,500
Budget Committee Recommended	143,771	149,500
Town Meeting Approved	146,666	

STATEMENT OF FACT: STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount requested represents a portion of personnel costs for the library staff.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **GAY CEMETERY** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$900	\$1,000
Selectmen Recommended	900	1,000
Budget Committee Recommended	900	1,000
Town Meeting Approved	900	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Gay Cemetery, named after the Gay family, is located on the South Strong Road. It is a 100-plot cemetery (including 16 veteran graves) maintained by the Gay Cemetery Association.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER** for the year 2016.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	\$14,744	\$15,520
Selectmen Recommended	14,744	15,520
Budget Committee Recommended	14,744	15,520
Town Meeting Approved	14,744	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The State of Maine mandates that all municipalities designate a shelter that will accept stray animals. Farmington contracts with the Franklin County Animal Shelter for this service. The shelter assesses all participating communities at \$2.00 per capita.

**TWENTY-NINTH** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate 100% of the refund of snowmobile registrations received annually from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the **SHIRETOWN RIDERS, NORTHERN LITES, AND NEW SHARON SNOW RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUBS**, to be distributed to the clubs on the basis of mileage of trails each maintains in Farmington.

STATEMENT OF FACT: Based on the trail mileages, the distribution of funds is as follows: Shiretown Riders - 58%, Northern Lites - 21%, and New Sharon Snow Riders - 21%.

**THIRTIETH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to take from the Unassigned Fund Balance sufficient funds to cover any account overdrafts resulting from unforeseen or emergency circumstances, provided that no single overdraft shall exceed \$20,000.

**THIRTY-FIRST**- To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Unassigned Fund Balance those funds deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen to reduce the amount of property taxes to be collected to fund the Year 2016 budget in an effort to stabilize the tax rate in a manner consistent with prudent fiscal management.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) as reported by the auditors as of the end of the 2015 budget year is approximately \$1,603,169. The auditors recommend carrying a minimum UFB level that is adequate to cover two months' expenditures, which is approximately \$2,549,889. Approval of this Article would allow the Selectmen to utilize whatever amount of UFB, if any, that they deem to be advisable in order to reduce the property tax commitment while maintaining adequate reserves.

**THIRTY-SECOND** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept the Pedestrian Easement Use, Improvement, Repair, and Maintenance Deed and

Agreement pertaining to Reny's Way, so-called.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Town has acquired the Murphy Estate property at the northeast corner of Church and Cony Streets for the purpose of establishing a public parking lot. If accepted by the Town, the Deed and Agreement, a copy of which is available for inspection at the Town Office, would establish or confirm the status of the alleyway between Reny's Department Store and the Homestead Restaurant as a pedestrian walkway for the public's use in accessing that new public parking lot.

**THIRTY-THIRD** - To see if the Town will vote to amend an existing municipal tax increment financing district known as the "Farmington Downtown Omnibus Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program" established in 2014 (the "2014 District and Development Program") by adopting the "First Amendment to the Farmington Downtown Omnibus Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program" (the "Amended District and Development Program") as on file in the Town Office and made available at the public hearing held by the Town on March 28, 2016 on said Amended District and Development Program, pursuant to the following findings, terms, and provisions:

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmington (the "Town") established the 2014 District and Development Program pursuant to Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, and has the ability to amend the aforescribed district and development program pursuant to that authority; and

WHEREAS, there is a continued demonstrated need for commercial and business development in the Town of Farmington; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to encourage the expansion and improvement of commercial facilities within the 2014 District in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 206 of Title 30-A by amending the 2014 District and Development Program to include additional property in the 2014 District as part of and as set forth in the Amended District and Development Program to encourage the expansion and improvement of commercial facilities and economic growth and well-being of the Town;

WHEREAS, the Town has held a public hearing on the question of amending the 2014 District as set forth in the Amended District and Development Program in accordance with the requirements of 30-A M.R.S. § 5226, there having been at least ten (10) days prior notice of the public hearing published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be sought and obtained from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, approving the Amended District and Development Program known as the First Amendment to the Farmington Downtown Omnibus Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY VOTED BY THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON:

Section 1. The Town adopts the aforescribed recitals and further finds and determines that the amendment of the boundaries of the 2014 District as set forth in the Amended District and Development Program will generate economic benefits for the Town and its residents, including employment opportunities, broadened and improved tax base and economic stimulus, and therefore constitutes a good and valid public purpose. The Town has considered all evidence, if any, presented to it at the required public hearing with regard to any adverse economic effect on or detriment to any existing business and has found and determined that such adverse economic effect on or detriment to any existing business, if any, is outweighed by the contribution expected to be made through the Amended District and the Development Program.

Section 2. Pursuant to Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, the Town hereby amends the boundaries of the 2014 District identified in the "First Amendment to the Farmington Downtown Omnibus Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program", which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Section 3. The Board of Selectmen or its duly authorized representative is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to submit the First Amendment to the Farmington Downtown Omnibus Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program to the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development for review and approval, without any requirement of further action by the Town, Board of Selectmen, Town Meeting, or any other party.

Section 4. The foregoing adoption of the First Amendment to the Farmington Downtown Omnibus Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program shall automatically become final and shall take full force and effect upon receipt by the Town of approval of adoption of the First Amendment to the Farmington Downtown Omnibus Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program by the Department of Economic and Community Development, without any requirement of further action by the Town, Board of Selectmen, Town Meeting, or any other party.

Section 5. The Board of Selectmen or its duly authorized representative is authorized and directed to enter into any credit enhancement agreement(s) in the name of and on behalf of the Town in the Amended District and Development Program, such agreements to be in such form and to contain such terms and provisions, not inconsistent with the Development Program, as the said Board of Selectmen or its duly authorized representative may approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by execution of said credit enhancement agreement(s).

Section 6. The Board of Selectmen or its duly authorized representative is hereby authorized and empowered, at its discretion, to make such technical revisions from time to time to the First Amendment to the Farmington Downtown Omnibus Municipal Tax



Increment Financing District and Development Program as reasonably necessary or convenient in order to facilitate the process for review and approval of said document by the Department of Economic and Community Development, so long as such revisions are not inconsistent with this Article or the basic structure and intent of that document and this Article.

Section 7. This Article shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**THIRTY-FOURTH** - To see what amount, if any, of the Year 2016 Bee Line Cable Contract Franchise Fee and equipment and facilities fund the Town will vote to appropriate for the **CABLE FRANCHISE FEE RESERVE FUND** for the benefit of Bee Line Cable subscribers, to be expended or allocated at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Amount Requested	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Selectmen Recommended	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Budget Committee Recommended	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Town Meeting Approved	Full Franchise Fee	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Cable Television Franchise granted to Bee Line, Inc. by the Town of Farmington requires Bee Line to pay the Town 5% of its gross annual revenues as compensation for the rights and privileges granted by the Agreement. In 2015, that amount was \$46,313.83. This payment is used to support the operations of the Public, Educational, and Governmental channel, Mount Blue TV (Channel 11). The Franchise Agreement also allows for a \$5,000 annual payment for Mount Blue TV's equipment and facilities. The full franchise fee for 2016 is expected to be an amount similar to that received in 2015.

**THIRTY-FIFTH** - To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes due and payable on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 and, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 505(4), charge interest on overdue taxes at the rate of 7.00% per annum after November 1, 2016.

**THIRTY-SIXTH** - To see if the Town will vote to pay interest on tax refunds at the rate of 7.00% per annum after Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

**THIRTY-SEVENTH** - To see if the Town will vote to accept prepayment of taxes to the Tax Collector prior to the date of commitment and to pay no interest thereon.

**THIRTY-EIGHTH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a Foreclosed Property Policy and further authorize the Board, on behalf of the

Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes and/or sewer charges thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute the appropriate deed for such property, or to waive or delay disposition of foreclosed property as may be deemed appropriate on a case by case basis.

**THIRTY-NINTH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by bid or auction or on such terms and conditions as deemed in the best interest of the Town, such equipment, vehicles or furniture as are no longer necessary for Town operations.

**FORTIETH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to replace and/or purchase additional services or equipment for the Town at such times as the Board of Selectmen deems necessary or in the best interest of the Town, but only at such times as sufficient funds are available in reserve accounts to pay for such equipment or services.

**FORTY-FIRST** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by Town Meeting, money from the State, federal or other governmental units or private sources which become available during the year, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, any and all unconditional gifts of any type of property.

State funds include the following categories: Maine Emergency Management Agency funds, General Assistance Reimbursements, Municipal Revenue Sharing, Urban/Rural Initiative Program funds for road improvements, State Aid to Education, Snowmobile Registration Reimbursements, Tree Growth Program Reimbursements, Education Tax Relief Block Grant, Veterans' Exemption Reimbursement, Maine State Housing Authority, Public Library State Aid per Capita and Library Stipend, Property Tax Relief Funds, Homestead Act Funds, State grants and other State funds.

Federal funds include the following categories: Community Development Block Grant funds, Federal Emergency Management Agency funds, Housing and Urban Development funds, Economic Development Administration funds, USDA Rural Development funds, federal grants and other federal funds.

**FORTY-SECOND** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budget amount in each category of the 2015 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2017 until the Town Meeting in March, 2017.

**FORTY-THIRD** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute multi-year contracts, including but not limited to, contracts or agreements in the following areas: auditing, tax assessing, solid waste disposal, equipment purchasing, leasing and maintenance, and collective bargaining agreements.


The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Community Center on March 28, 2016 at the time of the meeting to add new names to the voting list or make changes to the voting list.

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk intends to begin the process of casting absentee ballots at 2:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Town Meeting day.

Given under our hands at Farmington, Maine this twenty-third day of February, A.D. 2016.

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joshua H. Bell, Chairman

  
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Michael J. Fogg

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Stephan M. Bunker

  
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Matthew W. Smith

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew R. Buckland

**ORIGINAL:**

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**OFFICER'S RETURN**

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Farmington of the time and place of the Town Meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at the **FARMINGTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING** at \_\_\_\_\_; at **RON'S MARKET** at \_\_\_\_\_; and at the **FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER** at \_\_\_\_\_, all being conspicuous public places within the Town of Farmington on March \_\_\_\_, 2016, which is at least 7 days prior to the day of said meeting.

Dated at Farmington, Maine this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
S. Clyde Ross  
Resident of Farmington  
True copy:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Leanne E. Pinkham  
Town Clerk

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January, 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we reconvene for the second session of the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the House of Representatives, I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to represent the citizens of District #113 in Augusta. Despite some obstacles the Legislature faced in 2015, I have returned to the State House feeling confident in my ability to contribute to the passage of meaningful legislation.

Over the next four months, I will continue my work on the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. This committee is responsible for bills relating to air and water quality, natural resource protection, mining, and general environmental policy. In the first session, our committee reviewed and gave recommendations on more than fifty bills.

The Legislature will be in session until mid-April; please call me anytime at **287-1440** or email me at **Andy.Buckland@legislature.maine.gov** to keep me updated on any concerns you might have. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request. Another way to stay up to date on state news is to visit the Legislature's website, <http://www.maine.gov/legis>.

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Representative in District #113. My time in Augusta has been challenging, but very rewarding, and it has been my honor to serve in a way that has hopefully contributed to bettering the lives of the citizens of our community.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy K. Buckland".

Andy Buckland  
State Representative

District 113 Farmington and New Sharon

Printed on recycled paper



*127th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 17*

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am so grateful and thankful that you've selected me to represent you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you've put your trust in me, and I will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as for the great state of Maine. Please let me provide you with a recap of the first session of the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature as well as my hopes for the second session, which will begin in January 2016.

The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so it is our responsibility and my solemn promise to work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. To this end, my fellow legislators and I accomplished a great deal during the first session of the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

We passed a biennial budget that ensured that more Maine families received a tax cut than did in the "largest tax cut in Maine history" in 2011. That same budget stopped taxes on military pensions, so those who have given all that a person can give can feel welcomed and at home in our state. We restructured portions of our welfare system, increasing funding for nursing homes, and put far more funding towards eliminating waitlists for services for brain-injured and intellectually disabled Mainers.

I'm really looking forward to watching how the significant changes we've already made will better the everyday lives of Mainers. I wanted to serve in Augusta because I believe that, while I'm here, I can have an impact on the direction of our district and state. Because of this belief, passing vital legislation (and, sometimes, stopping bad legislation) is so gratifying.

As you know, more changes are necessary. Next year, during the second session of the legislature, we need to make progress towards addressing the cost of energy in this state. There are a number of bills that have been proposed that would change the way our state's energy system works, and I look forward to putting my own energy into legislation that would lower your energy costs. I also believe that working to provide support to areas hard-hit by recent mill closings should be a focus of the 2016 session.

You have my humble and sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 and [drtom16@hotmail.com](mailto:drtom16@hotmail.com) if you have comments or questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I continue to be enthusiastically ready to help you.

Sincerely,



Senator Tom Saviello

## Historic Homes of Farmington

Many Farmington homes have charming designs and decorative elements that have arisen out of necessity – such as interior wainscoting and window shutters to make homes more comfortable in severe weather. The railroad opened Farmington up to new markets and architectural designs, and following the Civil War a demand for new housing also brought a variety of building styles.



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