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Town of Farmington

Through the Seasons

Chester Greenwood Day



Photo courtesy of the FCCC

Maine Fiddlehead Festival



Photo courtesy of the Morning Sentinel

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Winter Activities

Farmington offers numerous winter recreational opportunities.



Photos courtesy of the Daily Bulldog and Titcomb Mountain

Farmington Through The Seasons

Since its incorporation in 1794, Farmington has grown into a diverse community that offers four-season recreation, cultural and educational opportunities, and a vibrant downtown. Farmington celebrates the seasons all year with events offering fun, food, and activities for people of all ages.

Farmington kicks off winter the first Saturday in December with Chester Greenwood Day featuring a parade, gingerbread house and chili contests, the annual Polar Bear dip, and many other events to be held throughout the day. Titcomb Mountain prepares to open its alpine and cross-country trails, and when the snowfall starts adding up, local snowmobile clubs start grooming theirs. The Hippach Field ice rink opens for skaters, once the temperature is below freezing, and you will see people catching fish on Clearwater Lake when the ice is thick enough.

In anticipation of spring, the annual Children's Festival is both fun and educational. The Fire and Ice Festival brings families into town for many events held throughout the downtown. Local sap houses provide demonstrations and tasty treats on Maine Maple Sunday. April and May bring open water fishing, Arbor Day celebrations, and the advent of the baseball season.

Farmington has several parks and over 10 miles of trails, along with the "Walk Around Farmington" kiosk signs that provide a self-guided history tour. There are fun activities in all seasons.



Photos courtesy of Scott Landry

FARMINGTON, MAINE

ANNUAL REPORT



FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2017

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

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

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS	9-1-1
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	446-0739

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.

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DEDICATION

**It is with sincere appreciation that we dedicate the
2017 Annual Town Report to**

**The Volunteers on the
Town of Farmington's Boards and Committees**



Ever since Farmington's incorporation in 1794, citizens have chosen to serve on boards and committees by working with a common purpose – to make their town a better place to live, work, learn, and play. Volunteers have sacrificed personal time to spend numerous after-business hours on various projects that require adherence to Town ordinances and policies, and listening to every citizen's concerns.

The Town's Boards include Appeals, Assessment Review, Planning, RSU #9, and Zoning. The Town's Committees include Budget, Conservation Commission, Downtown TIF Advisory, Parking Ordinance, Recreation, Recycling, Revolving Loan Fund, Town Report, and Transportation Advisory. There have been approximately 179 members serving on multiple boards and committees over the past 20 years, and there are always opportunities for citizens to fill available vacancies.

"Politics should be a part-time profession of every citizen"
Dwight D. Eisenhower

It does not matter how great or how small,
you have made a difference to Farmington.

Thank you!

IN MEMORIAM

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

Anthony La Bella

05/04/1951 – 12/20/2016



Anthony was born in Bayonne, New Jersey and graduated from Marist High School, Rutgers University, and Gonzaga Law School. He moved to Farmington in 2005 and served on the Board of Appeals for two years and the Budget Committee for three years.

Raymond B. Orr, Sr.

01/13/1929 – 01/17/2017



Ray was born in Jay and graduated from Wilton Academy. He served in the U.S. Air Force and attended UMO for three years. Ray became a town constable in Farmington in 1958, serving as patrolman until 1967 when he was appointed Farmington's first Chief of Police until his retirement in 1979. He served as a selectmen for nine years, five of which as the board's chairman, and for five years on the Space Utilization Municipal Building Committee. Ray raised Herefords and was a leader of the Franklin County 4-H Beef Club for over 25 years, and was a life member of the Wilton Masonic Lodge 156 A.F. & A.M.

Alexander D. Witt

06/19/1992 – 03/03/2017



Alex was born in Farmington and graduated from Mt. Blue High School in 2010, and attended Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont. Alex worked for the Farmington Parks and Recreation Department during the summers from 2009-2012. He valued time with his family and friends on ski slopes, at the bowling alley, on the baseball field, golf courses, and concerts.

Erlane Williams Dyke**03/22/1936 – 03/08/2017**

Erlane was born in Kingfield and grew up in Portland. She graduated from Deering High School and attended business school. Erlane volunteered as a Town of Farmington ballot clerk for many years, along with the Cooperative Extension, W. G. Mallett School, and the Franklin Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Earl L. Luce, Sr.**11/27/1925 – 06/19/2017**

Earl was born in Farmington. After high school, he took over the family farm on the Holley Road. Earl also worked for the Town of Farmington Highway Department until he retired. He enjoyed family gatherings, playing cards, working in the woods, fishing, and hunting.

Kenneth Durrell, Jr.**12/26/1927 – 10/26/2017**

“Spider” was born in Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School in 1948. He went to work in the woods until he was drafted in 1950 and served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War. Spider worked as a car salesman and logger until he retired in the 1990s. He volunteered at the Franklin Memorial Hospital, was a member of the American Legion Post #28, Elks, and Masons Maine Lodge #20. Spider was a volunteer with the Farmington Fire Rescue and West Farmington Fire Departments for 22 years.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 Year Term

Joshua Bell, Chairman	(March 2019)
Stephan Bunker, Vice Chairman	(March 2020)
Michael Fogg	(March 2019)
Scott Landry	(March 2020)
Matthew Smith	(March 2018)
Andrew Buckland (Term ended)	

RSU #9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FARMINGTON MEMBERS

3 Year Term

Douglas Dunlap	(July 2019)
Scott Erb	(July 2019)
Tami Labul	(July 2020)
Ryan Morgan	(July 2020)
Iris Silverstein	(July 2018)

APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Board of Appeals

3 Year Term

Galen Dalrymple, Chairman	(June 2019)
Michael Deschenes	(June 2020)
Andrew Marble	(June 2018)
Dennis O'Neil	(June 2020)
Peter Forrest Tracy	(June 2019)
Robert Vallette	(June 2018)
Robert Yorks	(June 2018)

Alternate – 1 Year Term
(1) Seat Vacant

Wayne Kinney (Appointed 07/25/17)	(June 2018)
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Board of Assessment Review
3 Year Term

Michael Moffett, Chairman	(June 2018)
Michael Deschenes	(June 2020)
Gloria McGraw	(June 2020)
Dennis O'Neil	(June 2019)
Michael Otley	(June 2019)
Richard Davis, Secretary - Ex-Officio	

Planning Board
3 Year Term

Clayton King, Jr., Chairman	(June 2018)
Thomas Eastler, Vice Chairman	(June 2019)
Craig Jordan	(June 2018)
Gloria McGraw	(June 2019)
Lloyd Smith	(June 2018)
Donna Tracy	(June 2020)
Jeffrey Wright	(June 2020)

Alternate - 1 Year Term

William Marceau	(June 2018)
Michael Otley	(June 2018)

Zoning Board
3 Year Term

Joel Chandler, Chairman	(June 2019)
Adrian Harris	(June 2018)
Fred O. Smith	(June 2018)

Regular – 3 Year Term
(2) Seats Vacant

Alternate - 1 Year Term
(2) Seats Vacant

2017 Budget Committee
3 Year Term

S. Clyde Ross, Chairman	(June 2019)
Lloyd Smith, Vice Chairman	(June 2020)
Fred O. Smith, Secretary	(June 2018)
Beth Edwards	(June 2018)
Judith Murphy	(June 2020)
Catherine Rogers	(June 2018)
Peter F. Tracy	(June 2020)
Michael Deschenes (Resigned 01/10/17)	
Regular – 3 Year Term	Alternate – 1 Year Term
(2) Seats Vacant	(2) Seats Vacant

Conservation Commission
3 Year Term

William Haslam, Chairman	(June 2019)
Peter F. Tracy (Resigned as Chairman 05/15/17)	(June 2020)
Patty Cormier	(June 2019)
Byron Davis	(June 2020)
Sally Speich	(June 2018)
Jane Woodman	(June 2019)
Robert Zundel	(June 2018)
Associate – 1 Year Term – Unlimited Vacancy	
Matthew Smith	(June 2018)
Eric Whitney (Appointed 11/28/17)	(June 2018)

Downtown TIF Advisory Committee

Byron Davis, Chairman	Ron Gelinas
Joshua Bell	Kevin Madore
Richard Davis	Mike Mansir
Gary Edwards	Paul Mills
Cindi Ferguson	John Moore
Alison Hagerstrom (Resigned 08/31/17)	

Parking Ordinance Committee

Michael Bell	Paul Mills
Terry Bell	John Moore
Byron Davis	Jack Peck
Philip Hutchins (Appointed 06/27/17)	Pamela Poisson
James Kiernan (Resigned 05/23/17)	
Richard Davis, Ex-Officio	

Recreation Committee

3 Year Term

Tom Bissell	(June 2019)
Frederick Conlogue, III	(June 2018)
Kim Richards	(June 2019)
Catherine Rogers	(June 2018)
Laurie Churchill (Term ended)	
(1) Seat Vacant	

Recycling Committee

Stephan Bunker	Andrew Hufnagel
Richard Davis	Philip Hutchins
Cindy Gelinas	Dennis Pike

Revolving Loan Fund

Stephan Bunker	John Moore
Alvin Da Costa	Robert Vallette
Byron Davis	
Richard Davis – Ex-Officio	Steve Kaiser – Ex-Officio

Safety Committee

Matthew Foster, Chairman
Shane Cote, Vice Chairman
Cindy Gelinas, Secretary
Jonathan Alexander
Scott Baxter
Terry Bell
Richard Davis
Board of Selectmen

Leanne Dickey
Timothy A. Hardy
Philip Hutchins
Steve Millett
Jack Peck
S. Clyde Ross
Ed Vining

Town Report Committee

Alvin Da Costa
Richard Davis
Cindy Gelinas
Marjorie Goodwin

Edmund Lewis
Linda Smith
Nancy Twitchell

Farmington Transportation Advisory Committee

Dennis O'Neil
Michael Otley

Dennis Pike
Lloyd Smith

Matthew Smith
Ex-Officio

Richard Davis Philip Hutchins (Appointed 06/27/17) Jack Peck

Administration



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

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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

TOWN MANAGER

To the Citizens and Board of Selectmen of Farmington:



It gives me great pleasure to present my annual report for the year 2017. I will take 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 reports to be both interesting and informative.

The past year was a particularly busy one for the Public Works Department. Projects include the reconstruction and paving of 1.86 miles of Titcomb Hill Road from Main St. through Anson Street. This was a full depth (minimum six inch) grind with the addition of two inches of base pavement. Along with this project was the reclamation of approximately 1,055 linear feet of North Street from Anson Street to Orchard Street, with two inches of binder pavement and one inch of surface mix. The lower part of North Street from Orchard Street to Perham Street was resurfaced with one inch of pavement. Approximately 734 feet of High Street, from Broadway to Anson Street, also underwent grinding and repaving with base and surface mix and the installation of 560 linear feet of new bituminous curbing. Work on Prescott Street covered 1,369 linear feet and included grinding the surface in place, fine grading and adding two inches of base pavement and the installation of 680 linear feet of bituminous curbing. Upper Middle Street received one inch of surface pavement from Mount Blue Middle School to Route 43.

In addition to the road reconstruction and paving projects noted above, a new sidewalk was built from Maple Avenue north to Main Street, extending behind the fence and through Hippach Field, then crossing Prescott Street to connect with the existing sidewalk on Abbott Hill. That project was funded with 80% state administered federal funds and a 20% local match. The total cost to the Town was approximately \$45,640. New granite curbing and wooden guardrails were installed at the Hippach Field parking lot in conjunction with the new sidewalk construction.

At this writing, parking and pedestrian improvements are being constructed in West Farmington. This project is funded through the Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Reserve Account. It is anticipated that the improvements will help make West Farmington,

which is in the Downtown TIF District, a more viable business location by adding parking and providing safer pedestrian access.

On September 26th, the Governor and other officials welcomed Woodlands Senior Living of Farmington in a dedication ceremony at Woodlands' 175 Knowlton Corner Road location. The construction of this high quality 36 bed memory care center was made possible in part through a ten-year TIF that was approved by the voters at a Special Town Meeting on July 26, 2016. Construction is currently underway on an expansion of the facility consisting of 48 non-memory care residential care units. The expansion will be ready for occupancy in the fall of 2018 and will be fully taxable.

The Town's Planning staff, with the help of an excellent summer intern, Mario Gerardi, spent considerable time over the summer and fall working on a draft Ordinance to regulate adult marijuana uses. While the fate of legalized adult use marijuana remains unknown at this time, the Town is in a good position to act when (and if) the Legislature enacts a bill permitting these voter-approved uses.

Looking ahead to the coming year, the Town plans to complete the reconstruction of the remaining portion of the Titcomb Hill Road to its intersection with the Mosher Hill Road. Other roads projected for future improvements are Perham Street, High Street (a 2-year project), and Front Street. To preserve these roads, a program of pavement maintenance and preservation will be developed. It is vitally important that we protect these investments in the Town's infrastructure.

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 municipalities in our great state.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Davis
Town Manager

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Residents of Farmington:



Front row: Joshua Bell and Stephan Bunker. **Back row:** Matthew Smith, Scott Landry, and Michael Fogg.

It has been an honor to be able to have served you again this past year and now share with you a few things that have happened. I would say it has been a successful year and the town continues to move forward. Our town is truly a wonderful place to be able to live.

Our board continues to work well together and the Selectmen seem to be able to bring a wide variety of life experiences and thoughts to our discussions and debates. I am proud of our board and feel we have a good working relationship. Even if we do not always agree, we all respect each other's opinions.

I was glad to see the Rotary Club's Festival of Trees was held at the Community Center this past year. This beautiful building has been underutilized in the past and with this big town event I hope it encourages more use of a wonderful building the Town has. Our Recreation Director is doing a good job of showcasing what our Recreational Department and Community Center have to offer.

The Public Works Department continues to pick away at fixing our roads and has had a successful year. If you have not had an opportunity to drive up Anson Street to Titcomb Hill Road, you should. They did a really nice job. It is important that we continue funding the road projects and invest in our infrastructure.

Another project the Town was able to accomplish was the increased parking in West Farmington. Through the hard work of the Downtown TIF Advisory Committee we have been able to add much needed parking, decorative lighting, and sidewalks. This will allow us to have four crosswalks for pedestrians to cross safely and it will hopefully increase visibility that it is a four way intersection. One nice thing is that the American flag and pole will be moved into the Village Improvement Society Park and will no longer be hit and bent every year by snow. With this parking, hopefully it will increase economic growth for a much-needed part of town. With a little investment, the West Farmington village could truly be another gem to our town.

The town has seen more business growth this past year with the addition of the Woodlands Memory Care facility. It is great to see business invest in our little town, and they are in the process of another expansion. I encourage our town to continue to be business friendly and if any other businesses have any questions or concerns, to please reach out to the Town at any time. Our doors are always open.

The town will be facing a few big decisions in the year to come with retail marijuana and the Walton's Mill Dam. I encourage you to reach out to the Board, Town Manager and Planning Board with concerns, thoughts, or opinions. I also encourage you to get involved. We have many boards and committees that have vacancies, and we need you to make this town thrive.

I hope this town report finds you all well and look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua H. Bell
Chairman

Origin USA Manufacturing



New Parking and Sidewalks



Woodlands Memory Care Center



Festival of Trees



Photos courtesy of the Daily Bulldog and Lewiston Sun Journal

ASSESSING

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



2017 has been smooth and steady in the assessing office. Farmington's online assessing information at www.jeodonnell.com has had over 11,500 page views since September 2016. It has never been easier to view the information the Town maintains about your property. You can also download and/or print tax maps from the website.

- Farmington's assessment ratio is between 100% and 105%. This means, on average, assessed values are slightly higher than fair market values.
- In 2017, a homestead exemption in Farmington provided a tax bill reduction of \$418.74.
- Farmington has established a new Tax Increment Financing District for phase one of the Woodlands Senior Living Facility. The facility opened in September 2017. Phase two is already under construction!

We have set a number of goals for 2018 and beyond.

- Comprehensive review of structures on land owned by others.
- Outreach to businesses to increase their awareness of tax reimbursement and tax exemption programs for taxable personal property coupled with an effort to improve business property reporting.
- Assistance to owners of property in current use classifications to ensure compliance with the requirements of these programs.

We maintain regular office hours on Thursdays in the Town office. We are also available by phone and email the other days of the week.

Respectfully submitted,

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

2017 PROPERTY TAX RATE COMPUTATIONS

ASSESSMENT

County tax	\$ 537,673.50	
Municipal appropriation	\$ 5,891,882.00	
TIF financing plan amount	\$ 165,956.76	
School appropriation	\$ 4,573,465.84	
Overlay	\$ 28,038.89	
TOTAL ASSESSMENT		\$ 11,197,016.99

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 415,000.00	
Other revenue	\$ 1,397,880.00	
Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 289,710.25	
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 94,216.32	
TOTAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS		\$ 2,196,806.57

NET ASSESSMENT FOR COMMITMENT \$ 9,000,210.42

VALUATIONS

Taxable Personal Property Valuation	\$ 22,649,615.00	
Taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$ 428,715,000.00	
Total Taxable Valuation		\$ 451,364,615.00

RATE CALCULATIONS

Net Assessment for Commitment divided by Total Valuation = Tax Rate
 $\$9,000,210.42 / \$451,364,615 = .01994$

GROSS ASSESSMENT CALCULATIONS

Total Taxable Valuation	\$ 451,364,615.00
X Tax Rate	\$ 0.01994
Equals Net Assessment for Commitment	\$ 9,000,210.42

PROGRAMS THAT COULD AFFECT YOUR TAXES



For the following programs the application must be submitted to the Assessor by April 1, 2018. Applications and brochures are available at the Municipal Office or they can be downloaded from our website at 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, 2018 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, 2018. 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 1st.

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, 2017. 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, 2018 on the 2017 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.

REVENUE HISTORY AND PROJECTION

	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
Revenue Category	Estimate	Actual	Estimate	Actual	Estimate
Vehicle Excise	\$920,000	\$927,802	\$930,000	\$1,010,070	\$965,000
Watercraft Excise	\$3,800	\$4,485	\$4,000	\$4,773	\$4,650
Victualers, Liquor Licenses	\$740	\$1,138	\$1,100	\$1,074	\$1,000
Code Fees	\$2,500	\$1,872	\$2,000	\$2,124	\$2,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$393,500	\$398,192	\$415,000	\$443,747	\$450,000
State Welfare Reimbursement	\$10,000	\$13,478	\$13,000	\$18,277	\$15,000
State Tree Growth	\$19,800	\$22,981	\$21,000	\$22,266	\$22,000
State Veterans Exemption	\$5,800	\$6,614	\$6,000	\$6,964	\$6,600
Motor Vehicle Fees (Town)	\$19,300	\$19,596	\$19,500	\$19,712	\$19,500
Vital Statistics (Town)	\$20,137	\$19,656	\$19,500	\$18,889	\$18,850
Hunting, Fishing, R.V., Dogs (Town)	\$1,810	\$4,511	\$2,500	\$2,229	\$2,200
Interest on Taxes	\$48,736	\$60,654	\$55,000	\$56,443	\$55,000
Tax Lien Fees	\$15,400	\$16,613	\$16,500	\$15,467	\$15,450
Recreation Fees	\$15,200	\$28,930	\$25,000	\$29,483	\$28,600
Rental of Town Property	\$3,000	\$4,259	\$3,500	\$5,606	\$5,000
Timber Sales	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Income	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contributions in Lieu of Taxes	\$15,858	\$15,833	\$15,800	\$15,922	\$15,800
Miscellaneous - Police Dept.	\$16,500	\$16,213	\$16,200	\$19,857	\$19,500
Miscellaneous - All Other Depts.	\$26,400	\$30,344	\$30,000	\$46,524	\$34,200
Unemployment Comp. Dividend	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recycling	\$27,820	\$26,607	\$26,500	\$28,787	\$28,750
Cemetery Fees	\$16,000	\$18,930	\$17,000	\$16,810	\$16,500
Cemetery Trust Fund Earnings	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
SUBTOTAL	\$1,597,801	\$1,653,708	\$1,654,100	\$1,800,024	\$1,740,600
LORAP (Local Road Assistance Prog.)	\$158,780	\$160,924	\$158,780	\$163,820	\$158,780
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES*	\$1,756,581	\$1,814,632	\$1,812,880	\$1,963,844	\$1,899,380

*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 2016 and 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 all of us were hearing the same information.

After all the presentations were given the committee discussed each requested budget and made their final recommendations in early February 2017. These were forwarded to the selectmen and manager for their review and consideration for the Town Warrant.

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

Respectfully submitted,

S. Clyde Ross
Chairman

FINANCE DIRECTOR

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



I am excited to report about 2017. We witnessed more citizens exercising their right to vote this year and I hope this trend continues. I encourage you all to get more involved with the decision making process. This is your town after all.

Real Estate taxes and Personal Property taxes for 2017 are 94.68% collected with the remaining 2016 taxes in lien status and 2015 and earlier taxes in foreclosure. The administrative staff did good work this year improving the accuracy of mailing addresses, tracking owners down and helping to get our taxable property inventory updated. It is still a work-in-progress as people come and go in our community, but I am pleased with the progress we've made in 2017.

Please remember that if you sell a mobile home this year, or have in the past, the bill of sale needs to be brought in to the Assessor's office. The ownership for the tax bill will not be changed until this happens, and it will continue to be taxed to the previous owner. Once filed, liens are reported to credit agencies and can affect you if we do not have accurate information. Accurate addresses will decrease the Town's postage expenses significantly.

The Town exceeded its revenue projections by modest amounts in most areas. The department budgets stayed within approved amounts for the most part, leaving a small surplus to revert to the General Fund. I commend and applaud the Department Heads' diligence in managing their budgets. I work with them daily, and it is my pleasure to do so.

The Town's current Unassigned Fund Balance is \$ 1,964,321. It is important to maintain an adequate fund balance. Please take into consideration that the appropriated budget is dependent on taxpayer's paying their part. When unpaid, the General Fund balance is used with the approval of the citizens, which in turn lowers the Town's "Emergency Funds". Therefore, it is very important that the Town maintain a few months of operating expenses. Also, take notice that the General Fund balance is comprised of receivables and accruals and not just cash.

The Town also accepts payment for Real Estate and Personal Property taxes throughout the year. Most banks now have a “bill pay” option for their clients to use. Much like any installment structure, you can use this option to help you meet your tax bills throughout the year with a recurring monthly payment.

Lastly, remember the Town does accept credit and debit cards. There is a 2.5% processing fee (minimum of \$1.00) charged by the vendor supplying this service.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for being committed to your town’s success. Please continue to take pride in your community. It is a wonderful place to work, play, and to get an education.

I look forward to working with you all in 2018 and wish you all good health, peace and prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

LucyAnn Cook
Finance Director

Walton’s Mill Pond Park



Photos courtesy of Shane Cote

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.

2017 End of Year Taxes Receivable	
2017	\$ 656,370.34
2016	\$ 122,597.41
<u>2015</u>	<u>\$ 50,716.47</u>
TOTAL	\$ 829,684.22
Properties Liened	111
Properties Foreclosed	38

PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

University of Maine at Farmington Ambulance Fee	\$ 5,922.00
University of Maine at Farmington Contribution*	\$ 10,000.00

*Additionally, UMF provides many in-kind contributions. A few examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Paving projects on town streets and sidewalks adjacent to campus
- Mount Blue TV (provide free facilities and utilities)
- Handle snow removal and sanding of town sidewalks adjacent to campus
- Provide lawn, parking and plowing service for Farmington Public Library
- Share Prescott Fields at no charge with the community – includes bathroom facilities and maintaining playing surfaces
- UMF/Town of Farmington/RSU #9 combine for a compost program where UMF transports all materials to the compost facility and absorbs all costs associated with the program



TOWN OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC AUCTION

Wednesday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m.
Community Center, 127 Middle Street

A DOZEN TAX-ACQUIRED PROPERTIES ON THE AUCTION BLOCK

Terms: Being sold is all of the Town's right, title, and interest, if any, in and to the premises being auctioned (said right, title, and interest, if any, hereinafter the "Properties"). The Properties are being sold subject to any current 2018 real estate taxes on the premises, which the Buyer agrees to pay. The Properties will be offered for sale by public auction, on an "as is" basis, without warranties of any kind, subject to any encumbrances, land use laws, persons in possession, and conditions an inspection of the premises or survey might reveal. The Properties will be conveyed by Quitclaim Deeds to the successful bidders. The deposit to bid shall be \$1,000. There will be a ten percent (10%) buyer's premium added to the high bid price to equal the total purchase price. The successful bidder must thereupon sign a purchase and sale contract with the Town of Farmington, calling for a closing within thirty (30) days thereafter, at which time the balance of the purchase price will be due, in cash, certified check, or certified funds, payable to the Town of Farmington. If the purchaser fails to perform the purchase and sale contract, the Property subject to that contract shall be sold to the next highest bidder. All other terms and conditions of the sale will be available from the auctioneer, Harris Real Estate, 148 Wilton Road, Farmington, ME 04938, telephone number (207)779-9000.

TAXES RECEIVABLE 2017

ABBOTT, PAMELA J. & BARRY, ERIC	438.68	CHAPMAN IRREVOCABLE TRUST	332.32
ADAMS, BARBARA E.	1,395.80	CHAPMAN IRREVOCABLE TRUST	2,565.84
ADAMS, GARY K., HEIRS OF	496.37	CHAPMAN IRREVOCABLE TRUST	2,700.22
ADAMS, MCKINLEY G.	1,016.94	CHAPMAN LIVING TRUST	3,791.21
ADAMS, RANDY W. & BONITA F.	538.38	CHAPMAN LIVING TRUST	107.04
** ADAMS-MCFARLANE FUNERAL	43.91	CHAPMAN LIVING TRUST	3,351.16
** ALBERT, DEBBIE HOGAN	977.06	CHASE, SCOTT & ANDREA	2,632.08
** ALBERT, DEBBIE HOGAN	358.92	CHICK, JENNIFER	259.22
** ALLEN, DIANNE D.	259.22	CHRETIEEN, JEFFREY S. & TERRY L.	717.84
ALLEN, JOHN O.	372.88	CHRETIEEN, MICHAEL S.	697.90
AMES, EDWARD T.	697.90	CHRISTIAN, ALEXANDRA J.	259.22
** AMMENDOLIA, JR., ANTHONY	276.23	CLARK, ROY H.	338.98
ARSENAULT, JR., JOSEPH A.	2,153.52	CLARY, MATTHEW	1,375.86
ATWOOD, MICHAEL A. & WENDY L.	937.18	CLOUGH, TAWNYA L.	3,310.04
ATWOOD, MICHAEL A.	438.68	COLLINS, MARK V.	837.48
AYER, KAREN B.	757.72	** COOK, DOROTHY E.	221.15
BARD, CHRISTOPHER J.	623.78	COOK, JR., LEE RICHARD.	299.10
BARKER, MATTHEW & MCLAUGHLIN, HILLARY	1,296.10	CORMIER, ANDRE J.	1,874.36
BARTON, FREDERICK	638.08	COUSINEAU LUMBER	478.56
BARTON, FREDERICK & HOLT, MARTILDA	777.66	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	338.98
BATES, III, BERNARD D.	358.92	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	159.52
BEAL, BRUCE	219.34	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	259.22
BEAUMONT, SCOTT E. & BANKS, JAMES	3,128.78	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	279.16
** BEEDY, JEFFREY PRATT	638.08	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	478.56
** BEEDY, JEFFREY PRATT	4,167.46	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	418.74
BEISAW, ROBERT E.	2,512.44	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	279.16
BELL, JENNIFER & JORDAN, LUKE	1,375.86	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	398.80
BELL, PAUL R. & BETTE L.	3,190.40	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	638.08
BERNARD BATES ENTERPRISES, LLC	4,187.40	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	438.68
BESAW, BEVERLY A.	2,153.52	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	199.40
BINNS, ROBIN A.	498.50	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	2,472.56
BLAIS, RENE E.	79.76	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	398.80
BLAIS, RENE E.	338.98	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	5,543.32
BLAIS, RENE E.	259.22	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	8,634.02
BLAIS, RENE E.	259.22	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	2,472.56
BLAIS, RENE E. & KEMPTON, SETH J.	179.46	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	1,974.06
BLODGETT, KENDALL R. & MISTY R.	3,090.70	COUSINEAU, BRODY M. & KRISTEN B.	558.32
BOURGAULT, SHIRLEY HILL	694.90	COUSINEAU, BRODY M. & KRISTEN B.	179.46
BOWMAN, TANYA LABELLE	59.82	COUSINEAU, INC.	797.60
BOYKER, COREY	79.76	COUSINEAU, INC.	398.80
BOYKER-SMITH, PAMELA & CHRISTIAN	1,056.82	COUSINEAU, INC.	299.10
BPOE ORDER OF ELKS	2,592.20	COUSINEAU, INC.	338.98
* BRACKETT, MICHAEL R. & DONNA J.	2,073.76	COUSINEAU, JOSEPH B.	2,851.42
BRACKETT, PENNY A., PERS. IN POS.	432.70	COUTURE, PETER J. & STEPHANIE J.	2,293.10
BRADY, STEVEN & BETSY	7,198.34	CROCKETT, CHRIS	1,335.98
BREMNER, KEVIN D.	358.92	CROSSLEY, DAVID J.	558.32
BRETON, BLAINE L. & NIKKI L.	59.82	CURRIER, LAURA	1,974.06
BROWN, LISA M.	897.30	CURRIER, LAURA A.	1,016.94
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,316.04	D & JM PROPERTIES, LLC	7,058.76
BRYANT, NANCY R.	99.70	* DAKU, BENJAMIN R. & BRIDGET M.	2,771.66
BRYANT, NANCY R.	199.40	DAKU, GINGER	219.34
BRYANT, NANCY, PERS. IN POS.	1,276.16	DAKU, JACOB G. & GINGER A.	39.88
* BUCKLAND, ANDREW R. & ANN L.	2,097.81	DAKU, THOMAS J. & JANICE E.	19.94
BULLEN, TIMOTHY H.	1,714.84	DAKU, THOMAS J. & JANICE E.	139.58
BUTLER, FULTON & SIMONEAU, BRENDA	3,130.58	DALRYMPLE, DENIS E. & SARAH H.	1,691.00
** BUTTERFIELD, JR., ROBERT & MARY L.	512.11	DAS-WATTLEY, SHARMILA	2,825.87
CALLAHAN, JOHN MICHAEL	1,974.06	DAS-WATTLEY, SHARMILA	578.26
CAPE LAWSON TRUST	139.58	DAVIS, JAMES R. & AMANDA	2,991.00
CAPE LAWSON TRUST	119.64	** DAVIS, LAURIS S.	3,349.92
CAPE LAWSON TRUST	39.88	DAVIS, STEPHEN J.	398.80
CASSIDY, MARSHALL	219.34	DECKER, JASON A. & AMY L.	1,994.00

	DECKER, MARY R., HEIRS OF	1,674.96	HARGREAVES, HAROLD F. & PAMELA A.	2,332.98
	DECKER, STEPHEN M. & CATHERINE A.	2,233.28	HART, ALAN P. & DULONG, HEIDI P.	2,173.46
*	DEMARSH, DONALD J. & LORRAINE A.	1,872.08	HARTWELL, CHARLES R.	1,230.30
	DENNISON, REBECCA G.	338.98	HAYDEN, JOHN	259.22
	DENNISON, REBECCA G.	3,369.86	HAYDEN, SCOTT K.	304.73
	DIAMOND, LLC	17,666.84	HEAP, JAMES R.	259.22
	DOIRON, MICHAEL & ENGBERG, DEEDRA	1,674.96	HISCOCK, BESSIE L.	358.92
	DOWNS, LAURIE A.	4,426.68	HODGKINS, JR., PAUL S.	1,724.45
	DOYLE, KATHERINE & ATKINSON, MELISSA	319.04	HODSON, RACHEL JACKSON	2,671.96
	DOYLE, KIRK E. & JOANNE	1,994.00	HODSON, RACHEL JACKSON	458.62
**	DUBAY, SR., DANIEL S.	1,415.74	HOGAN, DEBORAH S.	10.35
	DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	418.74	HOLMES, SHAWN P.	977.06
	DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	378.86	HOWARD, JULI	458.62
	DUNHAM, BETTY B., PERS. IN POS.	518.44	HOWARD, PHEOBE	418.74
	DUNHAM, KEVIN E. & LINDA J.	538.38	HOWARD, STUART	1,756.12
	DUNHAM, TERRY J.	438.68	HOWARD, WILLIAM K.	2,293.10
	DUNN, BRIAN D.	697.90	HOWE, SANDRA J.	799.01
	DUNN, DANIEL	19.94	HOYT, KAY	917.24
	DYAR, RODNEY P.	697.90	HOYT, KAY A. & DAVID P.	538.38
	EATON, ROBERT P. & BRINDA P.	418.74	* HUIH, WENDY A.	699.71
	EDWARDS, STEPHEN A.	179.46	* HUIH, WENDY A.	358.92
	ELLIS, TAMI S.	19.94	HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A.	877.36
**	EUBANK, JOHN R.	964.89	HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A & JANIS M.	19.94
	EUBANK, POPPY JOY & JOHN R.	2,332.98	HUTCHINS, SHIRLEY	1,814.54
*	EVERETT, CHRISTOPHER & ALISA A.	455.72	HUTCHINSON, PRISCILLA J.	159.52
	FALK, THOMAS G.	2,033.88	HYDE, MARY A.	1,016.90
	FARMER, GLENDON S. & CATHERINE B.	1,934.18	IMLAY, JR., KENNETH W.	139.58
	FARMER, GLENDON S. & CATHERINE B.	19.94	IRELAND, EARL LEROY & JOHN M.	2,073.76
	FARNUM, PAUL A., ET AL	937.18	JACKSON, MARJORIE ANN	1,036.88
	FERRIS, MARLA D.	2,552.32	JACOBS, ORIN M. & KIMBERLY R.	2,210.76
	FLYNN, SHIRLEY	378.86	* JALBERT, CHERI B. & RONALD D.	1,942.65
	FOSS, JAYME E.	299.10	JENCKES, NATHAN D.	46.39
	FOSS, NEIL C. & NORMAN S.	338.98	JOHNDRO, LESLIE D.	1,988.02
	FOURNIER, MARC	279.16	JONES, RYAN & AUDREY	219.34
	FOURNIER, REBECCA ANN	478.56	JUDKINS, GENE & CAROL	333.00
	FRIEDMAN, DAVID L.	2,791.60	KEIRNS, ANDREW	378.86
	FROST, KATHLEEN	989.20	KEIRSTEAD, ANDREA	1,615.14
	FROST, SAMANTHA J.	279.16	KEMP, CLAYTON A. & PRISCILLA A	3,184.42
	FULLER-WRIGHT, ALEXIS & ELIZABETH	3,030.88	KEMP, MARK S. & KATHERINE A.	6,021.88
	GAJDUKOW, KATHERINE S.	438.68	KEMP, PRISCILLA A.	4,486.50
	GAY, TED F.	697.90	KEMPTON, SETH	2,931.18
	GAY, TED F.	1,176.46	KEMPTON, SETH J.	558.32
**	GIAMPIETRO, FRANK W. & CHERIE L.	6.98	KENDALL, DAVID D.	1,854.42
	GIANQUINTO, NINA	2,512.44	KENNEDY, MADELINE, HEIRS OF	697.90
	GIUSTRA, MATTHEW R.	1,156.15	KENNEY, PHYLLIS	1,442.09
	GIVEN, BARRY A.	2,352.92	KIDDER, JEFFREY A. & KAREN E.	1,694.90
	GIVEN, BARRY A. & MELINDA M.	2,711.84	KILLGREN, KEVIN	344.56
	GOINGS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC	6,520.38	KIMBALL, CATHERINE M.	3,210.34
**	GREENLEAF, LINDA A.	2,352.92	KINCAID, ASHLEY R. & LORI RAE	421.14
	GREENMAN, MARY	73.78	KING, CHARLES B	757.72
	GRIFFIN, BRIAN N. & SANDRA L.	2,073.76	KING, CHARLES B.	79.76
	GRIFFIN, BRIAN N. & SANDRA L.	139.58	KING, CHARLES B. & KRISTINE F.	1,555.32
	GRIFFIN, SANDRA L.	658.02	KING, CHARLES B. & KRISTINE F.	39.88
	GRIMANIS, ANTHONY	2,053.82	KING, JR., CLAYTON P. & JOYCE	3,941.64
	GRIMANIS, ROSE V. & MICHAEL	1,894.30	KING, JR., CLAYTON P.	3,828.48
	GRIMANIS, ROSE	2,951.12	KING, KRISTINE F	1,415.74
	GUND, JOHN P.	3,948.12	* KLINKO, JOSEPH & SYLVIA	641.47
	GUPTILL, HANNAH	199.40	KNAPP, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	1,714.84
**	HAINES, LINDA L. & STEPHEN L.	512.46	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	259.22
	HALL, WILLIAM L. & RUBY C.	1,994.00	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	1,754.72
	HAMMOND, ARTHUR T. & CYNTHIA K.	2.26	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	338.98
	HAND, EDWARD & PIERSON, GLORIA	1,774.66	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	59.82
	HARGREAVES, HAROLD F. & PAMELA A.	79.76	KOMULAINEN, SANDRA A.	1,515.44

LABONVILLE, INC.	46.27	NADEAU, MELANIE	1,495.50
LARRABEE, LISA	358.92	NILE, JUSTIN N. & ANGELA E.	458.62
LAURITANO, DENISE & ANTHONY	2,372.86	NILE, OWEN	677.96
LEGERE, TIMOTHY R. & PAMELA S.	3,868.36	** NORTH STREET ASSOCIATES	103.87
LEPPALA, COREY & ST. PIERRE, REBECCA	1,316.04	** NORTHERN MEAL CORP.	398.80
LESPERANCE, BRUCE D. & PENNY L.	697.90	ODONNELL, BETTINA L. & JAMES W.	2,691.90
LIVING WATERS ASSEMBLY OF GOD	1,674.96	OLIVER, NAOMI , ET AL	79.76
LIWSKI, CLARE B.	299.10	* OPPENHEIMER, VICTOR	5,310.54
LIWSKI, CLARE B.	578.26	ORR, JR., RAYMOND B. & DEBORAH	1,539.94
LIWSKI, CLARE B., PERS. REP.	592.22	PARADIS, HAROLD F.	3,150.52
LOMBARD, RAYMOND	99.70	* PARLIN, DAVID W. & MAE E.	1,481.81
LOVE, KEVIN D.	1,754.72	PARLIN, JERRY R. & BONNIE J.	1,176.88
LOVE, PAMELA J.	677.96	PARLIN, MICHAEL A. & DENISE C.	2,193.40
LOVEJOY, WILLIAM & MELISSA	3,230.28	PARLIN, RAYMOND E. & RAELENE J.	857.42
LOVEJOY, WILLIAM W.	2,113.64	PARTRIDGE STREET, LLC	2,213.34
LOWELL, LEE & JENNIFER	159.52	* PAUL, BARBARA L. & LAWRENCE F.	1,233.88
LOWELL, LEE & JENNIFER	319.04	PHILLIPS, KURT W.	438.68
LUGER, CHARLES	199.40	PIAWLOCK, ASHLEY L. & ROY, ISRAEL	857.42
LYDON, VICKY A.	498.50	PILLSBURY, DON LEON	2,851.42
M S B ASSOCIATES, INC.	1,842.15	PLATT, JARAD W. & GAZETTE, DANIEL	773.22
MACDONALD, WILLIAM H. & GLENICE B.	1,335.98	PLATT, NATHAN R.	1,754.72
* MADORE, CYNTHIA M.	3,210.34	PODGURSKI, EDWARD & LABREE, VICTORIA	1,475.56
* MADORE, CYNTHIA M.	4,486.50	POND, DOUGLAS J. & NANCY J.	598.20
MADORE, JODY	438.68	POND, GAIL E.	1,276.16
MAGUIRE, BETTY A.	1,754.72	POND, TERESA L.	1,236.28
MAHAR, JR., STEPHEN M.	957.12	POWERS, ANNA	518.44
MAHAR, JR., STEPHEN M.	578.26	PRATT, CURTIS L.	299.10
** MALINE, SARAH R.	2,811.54	PRATT, MARION, HEIRS OF	1,216.34
MALLET, SAMANTHA	2,532.38	PRESTON, KATIE S.	558.32
MALONEY, THOMAS A. & CARMEN	857.42	PURINGTON, KATHY	558.32
MANIATAKOS, ROULA	4,287.10	** RACKLIFF, JR., HERSCHEL J. & SHARON L.	1,615.14
MARKHAM, JOSHUA J. & LACY A.	1,714.84	RAMU, CAROL M. & PHILIP M.	2,911.24
MARSHALL BEACH CORP.	319.04	RAMU, PHILIP M. & CAROL M.	2,771.66
MARSHALL, DAVID F.	1,296.10	REEVY, DAWN M. & STEPHEN J.	2,073.76
** MARTIN, DAVID M.	897.30	REOPELL, ALBERT P., PERS. IN POS.	677.96
MASON, JULI A. & MICHAEL F.	1,554.69	RICHARDS, DANIEL A.	378.86
MASON, ROBERT F. & SHIRLEY C.	498.20	** RICHARDS, JESSE L. & ELLIOT, LAURA M.	1,096.70
* MASSELLI, ARLEEN M.	2,640.36	RICHARDS, SARAH B.	648.90
** MASSELLI, ARLEEN M.	44.75	ROBBINS, DORIS, HEIRS OF	119.64
MASTERMAN INSURANCE	31.68	ROY, ISRAEL & ROY, ASHLEY	398.80
MAYER, MIKE F., PERS. REP.	39.88	RUSHI, LLC	8,733.72
MAYO, TERRI L.	757.72	SAVAGE, JILL M.	299.10
MCCABE, SALLY, G. & BARRY P.	1,914.24	SAVAGE, JILL M.	418.74
MCDONALD, JEANNINE D.	2,332.98	** SAWYER, SHIRLEY A.	339.10
MCFARLAND, MARY D.	907.04	SAYWARD, MICHAEL & DECKER, JAYNE	418.74
MCINNES, BRUCE	5,000.00	SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	1,056.82
MCPHERRAN, MARK L.	2,093.70	SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	139.58
* MCPHERSON, PAULA C. & JOSEPH P.	615.67	SEAMON, TIMOTHY A.	1,575.26
METCALF, JR., JOHN L.	1,111.58	SEARLES, JR., RALPH M.	418.74
METCALF, JR., JOHN L.	658.02	SHEA, MARILYN A.	4,525.78
** MILLER, GILBERT, ET AL	418.74	SHERMAN, LAWRENCE M.	2,399.10
* MILLER, GILBERT	2,368.65	SIMONEAU, RONALD E. & DENISE R.	378.86
MITCHELL, JR., JOSEPH C., ET AL	179.46	SIMONEAU, JR., RONALD E. & DENISE R.	398.80
MITCHELL, JR., JOSEPH C., ET AL	3,030.88	SIROIS, LUCAS J.	3,429.68
MITCHELL, SHAWN ADAM	1,814.54	SKANE LTD	7,018.88
MOBILE HOME ASSOCIATES II, LLC	12,841.36	SMALL, JOAN U.	1,435.68
MOORE, BRADFORD L., HEIRS OF	837.48	SMALL, JOAN U.	598.20
MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS	1,435.68	SMALL, JOAN U.	1,435.68
MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS	3,090.70	SMITH, MATTHEW & CATON, CASSANDRA	4,207.34
MORRIS, MICHAEL	777.66	SMITH, MERLE H. & ELIZABETH S.	259.22
MT. BLUE FORESTRY ENTERPRISES	279.16	SMITH, ROBERT L.	119.64
MURPHY, JOSEPH S.	381.95	SNELL, JR., CHARLES H., PERS. IN POS.	578.26
** MURPHY, JUDITH & JACQUES, RICHARD	579.11	SNIDER, ROBERT	338.98

SOLIS, CONNI S.	1,904.34	VAN BUSKIRK, GARY & VICTORIA	837.48
SPENCER, KEVIN D.	3,768.66	VILES, FRANK	2,273.16
STANLEY, RODNEY	757.72	VILES, MICHAEL L.	897.30
STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE	299.10	VINING, KENNETH H.	338.98
STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANN	6,540.32	VIOLETTE, KURT R.	1,316.04
STEARNS, JR., DREW T.	59.82	WAGNER, WILLIAM & DENISE	2,352.92
STEELE, JOAN K.	1,575.26	WARE, ROGER W.	2,293.10
* STEVENS, JR., ROBERT & CYNTHIA H.	1,179.03	WARREN, JOY M.	253.24
STEVENS, CHRISTINE V., ESTATE OF	518.44	WATERS, CAROL A. CHANEY	1,694.90
STEVENS, JOSEPHINE F.	319.04	WATERS, CAROL CHANEY	677.96
STITSEL, JOYCE & GREEN, KITTY	458.62	WATERS, CAROL CHANEY	578.26
** STORE MASTER FUNDING VI, LLC	13,599.08	WEEKS, GEORGE R.	1,850.34
STRUNK FAMILY TRUST	4,107.44	WEEKS, HELEN A., PERS. REP.	239.28
STUMP, KRISTIN & CHRISTOPHER	296.39	WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	358.92
** SWEETSER, JEFF A. & KAREN D.	259.22	** WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	319.04
SWETT, ELVA M.	1,834.48	** WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	677.96
TAYLOR, PAUL, WESTERN MTN LAND TRUST	558.32	WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	458.62
THE MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	2,612.14	WESTGATE, EDWARD T. & DORIS L.	987.78
THE MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	279.16	* WESTGATE, EDWARD T. & ROSALIE A.	1,104.74
THE MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	1,016.94	WHIPPLE, CARA D. & GRANT, DAVID L.	4,307.04
THE MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	199.40	WHITE, JILL M.	259.22
THE MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	219.34	WILDE, KATRINA & JOSEPH	897.30
THEBEAU, NANCY & BLANCHE, MICHAEL	199.40	WILLIAMS, ROGER B. & GLADYS C.	1,914.24
** THOMAS, ANITA	612.16	** WILLIAMS, THOMAS F., TRUSTEE	53.01
THORNDIKE, LESLIE J.	338.98	WILLIAMSON, BURCHARD	239.28
TRASK, DEBORAH & BARRY, TRUSTEES	478.56	** WING, JOANNA L.	1,934.18
TRASK, DEBORAH & BARRY, TRUSTEES	1,435.68	* WOLFSTONE-FRANCIS, PAMELA R.	537.78
TRICKETT, CAROLE W. & GEORGE A.	2,273.16	* WYMAN, MICHAEL SHAWN	199.40
TROLL VALLEY, INC.	2,464.37	YATES, II, MAX D. & KIMBERLY G.	3,768.66
TYLER, CYNTHIA J. & EDWARD A.	1,874.36	YATES, II, MAX D.	6,659.96
TYLER, DARRYL D. & JUDITH L.	2,113.64	YATES, II, MAX D.	2,233.28
TYLER, DAVID A. & NORMA M.	2,007.96	YATES, II, MAX D.	3,489.50
TYLER, EDWARD	797.60	YATES, II, MAX D.	3,110.64
TYLER, PETER A.	3,549.06	YATES, I, MAX D. & YATES, II, MAX D.	7,537.32
TYLER, TOBY W.	1,256.22	YORK, CHARLES R., HEIRS OF	199.40
TYLER, TONY S.	697.90	YORKS, JEFFREY STEWART	378.86
TYLER, TONY S.	3,010.94	YOUNG, RUSSELL & ELIZABETH M.	745.63
UNDERWOOD, ROBERT & CHARLOTTE	1,615.14	ZIEHM, DEBBIE, PERS. REP.	1,196.40

2017 TOTALS

656,370.34

TAXES RECEIVABLE 2016

ADAMS, MCKINLEY G.	1,097.83	CHRISTIAN, ALEXANDRA J.	325.61
** ALLEN, DIANNE D.	432.38	CLARK, ROY H.	333.20
AMES, EDWARD T.	845.19	COMPTON, JAMIE	4.82
ARNOLD, KRISTOPHER M.	381.47	CROCKETT, CHRIS	1,422.93
ATWOOD, MICHAEL A.	516.14	CROSSLEY, DAVID J.	630.49
BARTON, FREDERICK W.	127.56	DAKU, GINGER	285.07
* BARTON, FREDERICK & HOLT, MARTILDA	377.93	DALOT, RICHARD & DECKARD, JUDY	493.34
BINNS, ROBIN A.	569.54	DECKER, STEPHEN M. & CATHERINE A.	2,443.96
BOWMAN, TANYA LABELLE	117.97	** DUBAY, SR., DANIEL S.	1,545.51
BRACKETT, PENNY A., PERS. IN POS.	609.16	DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M & BETTY D.	488.26
BROWN, LISA M.	1,090.15	DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	554.30
BRYANT, NANCY R.	359.70	DUNHAM, BETTY B., PERS. IN POS.	269.83
BRYANT, NANCY, PERS. IN POS.	1,361.98	DUNN, DANIEL	150.40
BUTLER, FULTON & SIMONEAU, BRENDA	3,251.64	EDWARDS, STEPHEN A.	244.43
* CALLAHAN, JOHN MICHAEL	1,251.59	* EUBANK, POPPY JOY & JOHN R.	708.99
CASSIDY, MARSHALL	118.92	FARNUM, PAUL A., ET AL	1,016.55
CHASE, SCOTT & ANDREA	2,758.79	FOSS, JAYME E.	366.35
CHRETIEN, JEFFREY S. & TERRY L.	922.40	FOURNIER, REBECCA ANN	671.01

GIVEN, BARRY A.	2,581.00	NADEAU, MELANIE	1,581.11
GIVEN, BARRY A. & MELINDA M.	2,832.51	* NILE, JUSTIN N.	536.46
GREENMAN, MARY	243.42	PARLIN, MICHAEL A. & DENISE C.	2,304.21
GRIMANIS, ANTHONY	2,161.98	PIAWLOCK, ASHLEY L. & ROY, ISRAEL	495.97
GRIMANIS, ROSE V. & MICHAEL	2,106.10	PODGURSKI, EDWARD & LABREE, VICTORIA	861.19
* GUND, JOHN P.	4,092.28	* POND, GAIL E.	650.77
HARTWELL, CHARLES R.	881.53	PRATT, CURTIS L.	373.91
HEAP, JAMES R.	432.38	PRATT, MARION, HEIRS OF	981.00
HISCOCK, BESSIE L.	533.98	RICHARDS, DANIEL A.	554.30
HOWARD, PHEOBE	488.26	ROBBINS, SANDRA & JASON	142.84
HOWARD, WILLIAM K.	1,833.75	ROLLINS, JASON & JEROMIE	346.03
HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A.	1,069.83	SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	1,138.47
HUTCHINS, SHIRLEY	2,024.82	SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	203.79
HUTCHINSON, PRISCILLA J.	330.79	SEAMON, TIMOTHY A.	1,781.00
IMLAY, JR., KENNETH W.	150.55	SEARLES, JR., RALPH M.	1,001.31
KENNEDY, MADELINE, HEIRS OF	452.70	SMITH, ROBERT L.	183.47
KING, JR., CLAYTON P.	3,962.81	SNELL, JR., CHARLES H., PERS. IN POS.	330.79
KNAPP, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	1,808.99	SNIDER, ROBERT N.	406.98
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	325.71	STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE	366.35
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	1,524.53	STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANN	6,126.19
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	406.98	STEVENS, CHRISTINE V., HEIRS OF	589.85
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	122.52	STITSEL, JOYCE & GREEN, KITTY	113.09
KOMULAINEN, SANDRA A.	1,605.80	THORNDIKE, LESLIE J.	178.14
* LARRABEE, LISA	347.04	* TRICKETT, CAROLE W. & GEORGE A.	2,215.56
* LAURITANO, SUZANNE B.	1,507.01	TYLER, DARRYL D. & JUDITH L.	2,329.61
LOVELL, KENDRA S.	127.60	TYLER, EDWARD	673.61
LOWELL, LEE & JENNIFER	345.91	TYLER, TOBY W.	1,029.19
LOWELL, LEE & JENNIFER	386.66	TYLER, TONY S.	772.73
MACDONALD, WILLIAM H. & GLENICE B.	1,857.19	TYLER, TONY S.	3,137.29
MAHAR, JR., STEPHEN M.	1,143.55	UNDERWOOD, ROBERT & CHARLOTTE	1,814.07
MAHAR, JR., STEPHEN M.	650.81	VILES, MICHAEL L.	576.15
MALLETT, SAMANTHA	2,499.84	VINING, KENNETH H.	513.66
** MARTIN, DAVID M.	359.16	VIOLETTE, KURT R.	981.34
MAYER, MIKE F., PERS. REP.	102.20	WEEKS, HELEN A., PERS. REP.	305.39
MCDONALD, JEANNINE D.	2,446.44	WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	691.45
METCALF, JR., JOHN L.	732.09	WHIPPLE, CARA D. & GRANT, DAVID L.	4,458.03
MOORE, BRADFORD L., HEIRS OF	914.96	WILLIAMSON, BURCHARD	70.19
MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS	1,532.09	** WING, JOANNA L.	2,179.82
MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS	3,218.57	YORK, CHARLES R., HEIRS OF	264.75
		YORKS, JEFFREY STEWART	447.62
		2016 TOTALS	122,597.41

TAXES RECEIVABLE 2015

** ALLEN, DIANNE D.	575.16	EDWARDS, STEPHEN A.	256.25
ATWOOD, MICHAEL A.	207.35	EDWARDS, STEPHEN A.	11,946.73
** BINNS, ROBIN A.	305.00	** FARNUM, PAUL A., ET AL	1,088.22
* BRACKETT, PENNY A., PERS. IN POS.	755.05	FOSS, JAYME E.	386.20
BROWN, LISA M.	1,277.74	FOURNIER, REBECCA ANN	837.18
BRYANT, NANCY, PERS. IN POS.	532.15	GIVEN, BARRY A.	2,873.27
BURNHAM, RANDY E.	248.88	HOWARD, PHEOBE	67.29
CHRETEN, JEFFREY S. & TERRY L.	1,097.94	KENNEDY, MADELINE, HEIRS OF	591.98
COMPTON, JAMIE	180.43	** KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	342.88
CROCKETT, CHRIS	1,512.55	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	1,620.85
CROSSLEY, DAVID J.	675.35	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	427.57
DALOT, RICHARD & DECKARD, JUDY	635.31	* KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	115.25
** DECKER, STEPHEN M. & CATHERINE A.	2,173.98	KOMULAINEN, SANDRA A.	1,382.75
DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	466.16	* MACDONALD, WILLIAM H. & GLENICE B.	1,971.56
DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	63.84	MALLETT, SAMANTHA	2,376.64
DUNHAM, BETTY B., PER. IN POS.	397.04	MAYER, MIKE F., PERS. REP.	112.18

METCALF, JR., JOHN L.	338.96	SNELL, JR., CHARLES H., PERS. IN POS.	462.01
MOORE, BRADFORD L., HEIRS OF	970.82	SNIDER, ROBERT N.	429.53
** NILE, JUSTIN N. & ANGELA E.	417.89	TYLER, TOBY W.	1,194.65
OLIVER, IRENE	137.10	UNDERWOOD, ROBERT & CHARLOTTE	2,043.23
** ROBBINS, SANDRA & JASON	54.72	WEEKS, HELEN A., PERS. REP.	321.22
ROLLINS, JASON & JEROMIE	360.72	WHIPPLE, CARA D. & GRANT, DAVID L.	4,540.65
SEARLES, JR., RALPH M.	1,176.81	** WING, JOANNA L.	767.43
		TOTALS 2015	50,716.47

* Partial Payment as of January 31, 2018

** Paid in Full as of January 31, 2018



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TOWN CLERK – WELFARE DIRECTOR

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



2018 will be another busy election year with the gubernatorial race that has many candidates on the June Primary and then the November election will have winners from the Primary on the ballot. I am expecting many to come out on Election Day to express their opinions on the Gubernatorial Candidates and the referendums that will be on the ballot. As a reminder, absentee ballots are always available for State Elections 30 days before the Election Day. To help the process, as I am expecting many requests, I will have two ballot clerks in the Municipal Building conference room two weeks before each election (June and November) to process absentee ballots. The hours will be Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Voters may come in and request a ballot and then vote right then.

Processing Vital Records continues to move forward through the State Data Analysis Visualization Environment (DAVE) program. Birth, Death, and Marriages, and records and certificates are now all being done online in our office.

Please remember to license your dog. Renewals are due each year by Dec. 21st. Puppies must be licensed after six months. Always be sure to bring in your current rabies certificate along with any new neutering or spaying certificate.

The General Assistance (GA) program for Farmington has been busy this year. I have processed 376 applications and approved 187 which assisted a total of 295 people.

I would also like to remind everyone if you have an address change to be sure to let me know in the Assessing Department. I try to keep all the addresses up to date for our records in this department and for voter registration.

I look forward to seeing you all in the office and at the polls.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne E. Dickey
Town Clerk

2017 ELECTIONS

March 27, 2017	Annual Town Meeting
June 13, 2017	Referendum /RSU #9
August 3, 2017	RSU # 9
September 12, 2017	RSU # 9
October 24, 2017	RSU # 9
November 7, 2017	Referendum Election
November 14, 2017	Special Town Meeting

BALLOT CLERKS

Denise Bell, Terry Bell, Shane Cote, Tabitha Emery, S. Clyde Ross, and Diana Young.

Dogs	403
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	1,059

Births	247
Marriages	45
Deaths	183



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.

Officer Bridgette Gilbert and Mrs. Deborah Gregoire were recognized by the Maine Association of Police and the Maine Chiefs of Police Association this past year for their efforts in saving the life of Ron Gregoire who suffered a heart attack on July 30, 2016.

In 2017, we welcomed new Officers Brandon Sholan and Jacob Richards to the Department. Officer Sholan will begin eighteen weeks of basic training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy starting in January. Officer Richards graduated from the Basic School in May of 2017 while he was employed by the Town of Rangeley. In May of 2017, Officer Kevin Lemay graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

Another important addition to our agency was the addition of our drug detection canine, Axle. Axle and his handler, Officer Michael Lyman graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy K-9 School last August.

Officers Justin Blais and Brandon Tiner left our agency to pursue other endeavors. I wish to thank them for their work while employed by the Citizens of Farmington.

Detective Darin Gilbert revived our Citizens Police Academy and it proved to be extremely successful. Seventeen people from the area graduated from the ten week program.

Our officers continued to support several charity events. These included the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life", "Operation Santa Claus", the Western Maine Homeless Shelter and the United Way. We also co-hosted a BBQ fund raiser on Memorial Day with the Farmington Fire/Rescue to raise money for the Travis Mills Foundation.

In 2017, the Department received several grants. DriveSober Maine! awarded the police department \$8,300 to conduct saturated patrols

to apprehend and educate motorists of the consequences of operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol. We also received \$7,000 for directed enforcement to participate in the Click it or Ticket campaign and \$13,000 for speed enforcement.

Officer Manager Bonnie Pomeroy and Farmington resident Anne Pillsbury started a “Reassurance program” where elderly residents can call the police department daily to check in. 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, Farmington Recreation Department, 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 website at [**www.farmingtonpd.org**](http://www.farmingtonpd.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 your police department. Myself or one of the members of the police department is also available every third Thursday of each month at Dunkin Donuts on the Wilton Road for “Coffee with a Cop”. Please stop in with your questions or concerns, or just to say hello.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack D. Peck, Jr.
Chief of Police

Summary of the Most Common Crimes or Police Calls/Complaints			
Crime	2015	2016	2017
Rape	4	5	11
Assault	68	39	66
Burglary	23	16	10
Thefts (combined)	117	68	131
Criminal Mischief	70	45	38
Criminal Trespass	34	45	7
Drug Cases	69	53	34
Domestic Disturb.	71	53	66
Traffic Crashes	468	435	459
Arrests	541	486	498
OUI Arrests	89	110	87
Summons			
Speeding Summons	500	271	346
Traffic Warnings	5,436	4,617	7,394
Parking Tickets	746	925	962
Missing Persons	20	18	14
Harassment Calls	143	135	106
Security Checks	<u>1,948</u>	<u>1,788</u>	<u>2,644</u>
TOTAL	10,347	9,109	12,873
Total Traffic Stops	6,998	5,006	6,426
Police Revenues			
	2015	2016	2017
Parking Tickets	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,980	\$16,740
Police Reports	\$ 1,272	\$ 625	\$140
Misc. & Gun Permit	\$ 1,027	\$ 1,003	665
Court Fees & Outside Extras	<u>\$ 19,560</u>	<u>\$ 17,181</u>	<u>\$17,281</u>
TOTAL	\$ 32,859	\$ 31,789	\$34,826

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Ryan Rosie
Congratulations!

Farmington Police Department 2017



Front L to R – Canine Officer Axle, Officer Michael Lyman, Officer Kevin Lemay, SRO Bridgette Gilbert. Sgt. Edward Hastings IV

Middle L to R – Deputy Chief Shane Cote, Police Chief Jack Peck, Jr. Officer Brandon Sholan, Office Manager Bonnie Pomeroy, Detective Marc Bowering

Back L to R – Sgt. Michael Adcock, Detective Darin Gilbert, Officer Jesse Clement, Officer Ryan Rosie, Officer Jacob Richards

Absent from photo: Parking Enforcement Drew Holston, Animal Control Officer Dexter Bridges, Crossing Guard Robert Hallman, and part-time secretaries Stephan Bunker, Kyle Ellis, and Tyler Richards.

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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



This is my annual report for the Farmington Fire Rescue Department for 2017. The Department responded to calls for assistance 411 times this year. We gave mutual aid assistance for other towns 42 times and received mutual aid assistance 22 times. The Department had a total of 16,375 man-hours which include 25 training classes.

2016	2017	Calls for Assistance
47	44	Fire related calls
63	53	Rescue, extrication, and emergency medical calls
97	162	Hazardous conditions with no fire
49	38	Service calls
45	41	Good intent, such as calls from concerned citizens
62	72	Alarm malfunction / false alarms
0	1	Severe weather / natural disaster
0	0	Special incident type
50	36	Fire Inspection / fire prevention
413	447	Total Calls

This year we had two members leave our department. They were Gerry Provencher and Jacob Abbott and we thank them for their service. We were able to add 7 new members to our roster. They are as follows, Corey Mills as one of the full-time members and Paris Duhamel, Christopher Fowle, Shawn Latulippe, Christopher Nightingale, Stanley Wilcox and Sean Zubrod, are all paid per call members of the Department. This brings the roster to 31 members.

For the past several years we have been trying to get a grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program "FEMA" to replace our air packs which were purchased in 2001/2002. We were not successful in this process, so this past November at a Special Town Meeting the voters passed the Warrant Article 2 to appropriate up to \$120,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance for the purchase of new air packs.

This year for the fifth consecutive time the Maine Department of Labor has awarded our fire department their Safety and Health Award for Public Employees (SHAPE) award for work place safety.

We first started this program in 2009 where it is given out every two years. This year we were notified that because of our excellent safety record that they will put our fire department on a four year inspection rotation. **“Job Well Done”**.

In 2017 we spent a lot of time and money on the repair of two of our apparatus. Engine 1 has had a computer problem for a good part of the year and still does. We will have to send it to the authorized repair shop in Massachusetts in 2018. Also, the tower truck has a pump problem that will need to be looked into this coming year and this will be done here in Maine.

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

Jon Alexander 17 yrs.	Mike Cote 8 yrs.	Joseph Hastings 4 yrs.	Brandon Sholan 7 yrs.
Scott Baxter 12 yrs.	Paris Duhamel 2 mos.	Jim Kiernan 13 yrs.	S. Clyde Ross 46 yrs.
Teddy Baxter 11 yrs.	Kyle Ellis 4 yrs.	Shawn Latulippe 10 mos.	Junior Turner 46 yrs.
Michael Bell 28 yrs.	Jon Paul Fortier 13 yrs.	Michael Melville 9 yrs.	Peter Wade 15 yrs.
Terry Bell 40 yrs.	David Fronk 26 yrs.	Corey Mills 10 mos.	Stanley Wheeler 23 yrs.
James Brown 31 yrs.	Chris Fowle 10 mos.	Chris Nightingale 5 mos.	Stanley Wilcox 10 mos.
Stephan Bunker 39 yrs.	Tim A. Hardy 39 yrs.	Doug Oliver 54 yrs.	Sean Zubrod 5 mos.
Patty Cormier 9 yrs.	Tim D. Hardy 20 yrs.	Jennings Pinkham 11 yrs.	

Thank you all for your years of service.

I would also like to thank the Department Heads and their employees for their help this past year. This is why Farmington is a great 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 other are just refreshing those from previous sessions. New mandates, new products and improved methods require us to keep updated all the time. 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), plus Vehicle Extrication and Stabilization, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, County Hazardous Materials Training at Verso Mill, Rope Rescue Equipment review, Large Diameter Hose review, Truck Hose Lays and Deployment practices, review of building pre-plans, inspection of Personal Protective Equipment, Solar Panels and how to approach problems with them, and Snowmobile Rescue techniques. This year the Department had its re-certification class for CPR. These are only a few of the trainings that take place during the year. Department personnel took part in drills with the local Water Department and Franklin Memorial Hospital. Mutual Aid departments have been invited to attend our sessions.

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. A number of fire extinguisher classes have been taught in local businesses and living facilities. These help familiarize employees with the types of extinguishers and their uses. Two members attended a maintenance class on Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus in the fall.

The Per Diem and the Full Time 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. We have also had tours of the new wood chips and propane heating systems currently in place at the University.

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

Vehicle Rescue and Stabilization Training



For Real-Life Extrication



CODE/PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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



With administration and coordination provided by the Code/Planning Office, during 2017 there were nine Planning Board meetings held. During its meetings, the Board reviewed 21 applications under the following ordinances: Site Review, Subdivision, Shoreland Zoning, Floodplain Management, Soil Erosion Control & Storm Water Management, and Wireless Telecommunication Facilities. The Board meets on the second Monday of every month, except for October when it meets on the third Monday.

On July 10, 2017, the Planning Board's annual election was held during which Clayton King was re-elected as Chairman and Tom Eastler was elected as Vice-Chairman. Jeff Wright moved to regular member from alternate and Bill Marceau moved from regular member to senior alternate. There are presently no vacancies on the Board.

The Board of Appeals met on June 29, 2017 to elect officers, during which Galen Dalrymple was re-elected as Chairman, and Pete Tracy was elected as Vice-Chairman. Wayne Kinney joined the Board as a new alternate member, and there is a one-year term vacancy presently available for another alternate member. The Board of Appeals met twice in 2017 and approved two variance applications.

The Zoning Board conducted their annual administrative meeting on July 20, 2017, during which Joel Chandler was re-elected as Chairman. The Zoning Board currently has two three-year term vacancies for regular members, and two one-year term vacancies for alternate members.

During 2017, there were forty residential projects: seven new stick-built houses; six new mobile, double-wide, and modular units; thirteen new garages, carports, and barns; and nine new additions, decks, and sheds; and five rehabilitated apartments.

Also during 2017, there were eighteen business projects: sixteen new businesses in existing buildings, and two existing business relocation projects. Two home-occupation registration forms were also filed, and twenty-two sign permits were issued.

The Code/Planning Office administered Community Development

Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the three new modular buildings with twelve apartments at the 82 High Street housing neighborhood, which concluded in May with an open house. This was the third and last phase of CDBG-funded housing and site improvements there.

During 2017, another CDBG grant was awarded, which went towards the re-location of Origin BJJ, LLC, a business owned by Pete Roberts, into the former Skane LTD building at the corner of High and Church Streets. Eighteen additional jobs are being created in the expansion of this textile production and clothing manufacturing business.

Three loans were made from the Town's Revolving Loan Fund during 2017 (two regular business loans and one for façade work).

In November, the Code/Planning Office carried out the requisite activities for upcoming re-certification in early 2018 as Class 8 under FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). This program provides federally backed flood insurance within communities that participate in the NFIP-CRS and enact and enforce floodplain regulations in an effort 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, minutes, ordinances, and application forms. These are listed under Code/Planning on the homepage. All meetings are open to the public.

I thank my co-workers, Planning Assistant Cindy Gelinis, and Code Enforcement Assistant Robin Zagorodny, who came on board June 1st, for their hard work and dedication. The Code/Planning Office also wants to thank summer intern Mario Gerardi and all the members of the above-mentioned Boards for the countless hours and guidance 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

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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



Many of you are already aware of the kinds of things the Recreation Department does in our community from year to year. Between the usual summer camps, after school programs, and children's athletic programs like soccer and basketball, we still manage to work in a few other things as well.

I would like to start by revisiting 2016. Shortly after we turned the new calendar year in 2017, I received the final numbers on revenue our department had generated the year before. In 2016, we were able to increase our departmental revenue by almost 100% over previous years, bringing us from just under \$15,000 in revenues to near \$30,000, and looks as though we will be close to that mark again.

Thanks to the Healthy Community Coalition and the Carol M. White PEP Grant, the winter of 2016-2017 was our first season with our new NiceRink Skating Rink. The new boards and liner worked extremely well, allowing us to keep the rink open more throughout the season. I was also able to design and build several "skating aids" to assist younger children in learning to skate and enjoy their time on the ice. The new rink was heavily used this past season and I am expecting the same for winter 2017-2018. The Parks and Recreation Department is also planning to begin a new learn-to-skate program for children this coming winter as well.

This past winter also saw the continuation of our popular Adult Futsal League (indoor soccer), which attracts eight teams of adults competing for a golden soccer ball trophy with the chance to have their names permanently engraved on it as well as receive customized team jerseys. The league was so popular that we began a fall season as well.

Early spring we began our Senior Socials programs run mostly by Eddie Yuen, one of our most valuable volunteers. Participants dabble in art and music on Tuesdays, play pickleball on Wednesdays, and play/learn games like cribbage, mahjong and bridge on Thursdays. On Thursday evenings Eddie teaches free Tai Chi Classes to anyone interested, and Monday afternoons people come to join in a singing group headed by volunteer Eileen Liddy.

Earlier this year we also worked with Seniors Plus to establish a congregate dining site on Mondays here at the Community Center. The meals are inexpensive with socialization and game-time before and after, as well as other interesting programming on different topics geared toward seniors.

After the resignation of our previous Assistant Director and two trying months of working alone, we were very pleased to hire Jaycee Jenckes as our new Assistant Director. Some of you may recall my mentioning Jaycee's good work ethic and great attitude in my 2015 Annual Town Report. With the help of our hiring committee, I was very pleased to offer her a full-time position with our department. She has been a valuable asset over the years and continues to be. Jaycee works with children better than almost anyone I have ever seen and excels at leading programs. I look forward to what we will accomplish here together for the community.

I spent a good portion of the beginning of the year studying for an exam to become a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) for the Town. I am happy to report that in June I took the 150 question, three-hour exam to obtain the certification, and I am committed to continue my learning to better serve the citizens of Farmington.

We accomplished a few notable projects this year: the completion of the Hippach Field sidewalk project as well as a few parking lot improvements at Hippach Field, and the installation of a new fire alarm system at the Community Center. We are also continuing to improve our landscaping around the other parks and facilities.

The new floor covering system has been a big hit and rental attraction for our facility. The Rotary Festival of Trees is happening just outside my door as I write this report and it's wonderful to see hundreds of people walking through the Community Center door!

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**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew L. Foster
Director of Parks and Recreation

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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



I am pleased to submit my second annual report as the current Director of Public Works.

At the Public Works Department we aim to plan, build, maintain all infrastructure and help sustain public safety for all residents and visitors. The Department receives hundreds of calls each year from citizens. These calls help the Department respond to issues. Our full-time road maintenance crew consists of seven individuals managing 130 miles of travel way.

This was an exceptionally productive year with many achievements. Here are some of the highlights from 2017:

- Titcomb Hill Road full reconstruction (Phase 1)
- Prescott Street reconstruction
- Sewall Road partial reconstruction
- North Street reconstruction
- Anson Street reconstruction
- High Street full reconstruction

In 2016, our five-year road plan schedule projected 9,979 linear feet (LF) of new construction on Titcomb Hill Road for the 2017 season. We exceeded our goals with a total of 13,637 LF of new travel way. We have increased the quality of aggregates, such as structural gravel, and added better drainage for these roadways to last much longer.

There were two other memorable events in 2017. First was the removal of the historical Broadway pine tree that provided shade for our downtown for almost 180 years. Second was the construction of the new sidewalk that runs along Farmington Falls Road and through Hippach Field. I would like to thank the MDOT for the financial assistance to provide more safe travel ways for our pedestrians to walk.

As the crew transitions from the 2017 construction season to the 2018 winter plow operations, all storm equipment has been prepared and 6,000 cubic yards of road sand ready for the elements. The crew's long hours, dedication and responsiveness make our roadway conditions clean and safe to travel on.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Citizens, Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, municipal staff and committees for their continuous support for making the current year and all future infrastructure upgrades.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Hutchins
Public Works Director



Photo of Broadway Tree courtesy of the Lewiston Sun Journal

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.



L to R – Ted Collins, Patrick McHugh, Ron Jalbert, Conley Gould, Jr., Director Philip Hutchins, Andy Leavitt, Foreman Jim Kiernan, Foreman Scott Bouchard, Fred Barton, and Highway Shop Foreman Jon Alexander.

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 Town continues to participate in the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Leader Program which rewards municipalities that implement plans and activities to create a safer workplace for employees by crediting the Workers Compensation contributions. These savings, along with utilizing the safety training courses and services in 2017, provided the Town with a total value of \$ 16,028 in workers compensation fund benefits.

The Town was also able to take advantage of a few MMA Safety Enhancement grants. Chief Terry Bell was able to obtain a Safety Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$796.60 towards the purchase of Strap-on Heel Traction Devices to help prevent employee slips and falls throughout the winter months.

The Town and I wish to express our gratitude to the Committee for the time and work involved. This Committee not only helps with monetary savings to the taxpayers but also in having a safe environment to work and conduct business with the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew L. Foster
Chairman

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

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



2017 was a productive year at the Wastewater Treatment Facility where the operators and I completed many beneficial projects. The two newest operators, Paul Stanzel and Ethan Tracy, both advanced to Grade 2 certification during the year.

We entered into the first year of a five-year project with the assistance of the Ted Berry Company with the crew assisting them in cleaning, videoing and Geographic Information System (GIS) locating twenty percent of the facility's collection system. During this project we discovered several areas in the collection system in need of repair to stop infiltration of ground water and line seepage. These repairs were an additional project which Ted Berry assisted us with completing. I will be budgeting more money for this project moving forward to assure the emergency line repair reserve account remains funded throughout the duration of this project and beyond.

2017 was the first year of the Town of Farmington's new State of Maine Wastewater Discharge License. This new license will run through the end of 2021, and it will reduce the frequency of testing on several of our daily discharge parameters. It also added restrictions on the amount of pounds per day of phosphorus we are allowed to discharge to the Sandy River. The Town entered into a compliance agreement and has been working with Wright-Pierce Engineers to help us achieve compliance by June of 2021.

We had two lighting project upgrades completed this year. The first was replacing all of the yard spotlights with lower more energy efficient Light Emitting Diodes (LED) lights. The old 480 volt sodium vapor lights were replaced with 277 volt LED's. This project will save the facility energy and give five times the light as the old fixtures. The second lighting upgrade was replacing all of the old fluorescent lights in the control and generator buildings with new LED lights and fixtures that will also save on energy costs. Both of these lighting projects received Efficiency Maine rebates.

There were too many other projects completed during the year to mention here. I would like to thank my entire crew for stepping up and taking on a number of these projects. We would have had to

hire outside contractors otherwise. Their hard work and dedication to this facility saved the town money and allowed for the completion of more projects.

2018 is already shaping up to be another busy year with many projects to continue improving the Treatment Facility and the Collection System it serves. We will strive to keep this Facility running for years to come and continue to protect the environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen M. Millett
Superintendent



L to R: Superintendent Steve Millett, Paul Stanzel, Ethan Tracy, and Joe Hartigan.

SEWER DEPARTMENT
Liened Receivables as of December 31, 2017

* Partial Payments Ending 01-31-2018

** Paid in Full

	ACCOUNT	BALANCE	EARLIEST YEAR DUE
	Alexander, Steven J.	296.80	2016
	Barker, Matthew	779.89	2016
	Bell, Danielle A.	1,000.13	2016
	Brackett, Penny A.	1,472.44	2015
	Carsten, Amy	113.89	2017
	Chretien, Jeffrey S.	794.58	2015
	Clary, Jacqui L. & Mathiew S.	400.31	2017
	Cousineau, Joseph	888.82	2015
	Farmer, Glendon S.	483.53	2017
**	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	137.39	2017
	Forbidden Fruit	128.84	2017
	Fraser, Bruce M.	1,213.00	2016
**	Fronk, David	159.50	2017
	Gay, Ted, Heirs of	720.29	2015
*	Gund, John P.	924.59	2015
	Hutchinson, Priscilla	606.70	2015
	Iverson, Theresa	200.47	2017
	Jones, Blair	212.30	2017
	Lapala, Corey	158.74	2017
	Lehigh, Pasha K.	294.88	2017
	Lesperance, Bruce & Penny	251.16	2017
	Lord, Kevin	185.52	2017
*	Millett, Robin E., Heirs of	387.97	2016
	Morgan, Ryan & Iris	2,750.16	2016
	Neubauer, Eric	255.92	2017
*	Nichols, II, Robert & Rachel	385.48	2017
	Riddle, Virginia	426.36	2016
	Rogers, Catherine	598.34	2016
	Roy, Rhonda L.	449.40	2016
	Spinney, David	384.11	2017
	Straznitskas, Robert	364.08	2017
**	Taber, Derek O.	390.46	2017
	Weeks, Helen A.	492.50	2015
	Ziehm, Debbie, Pers. Rep.	532.63	2016

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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



2017 was an interesting year for the Farmington Conservation Commission (FCC). Our longtime leader Peter Tracy has decided to take a break from that role but is still a member of the team. We want to give him a big thank you for all the work he has put in over the years. We also have had some new members join the commission and want to welcome Eric Whitney and Matthew Smith aboard.

The Project Canopy for a survey of trees in the downtown was presented at our Arbor Day Celebration. We tallied 592 trees. The value of these trees to our town is \$49,402. Copies of the report are available to both the Town Public Works Department and to CMP. Farmington celebrated Arbor Week April 22nd through 29th.

Farmington is again a Tree City, USA, for the 40th consecutive year. Rural Farmington is tied with suburban Westbrook and urban Kennebunkport for the longest running Maine Tree City.

A survey was done on the downtown Japanese Lilac trees this summer and it was determined that 3 trees should be replaced and that all the trees should be given boots to protect the lower bark areas from being cut by snowplowing. The Committee will be buying and replacing the trees in the spring of 2018. The "Adopt a Tree" program encourages downtown businesses to water and watch over the trees. We wish to thank the following businesses for their "TLC" given to the downtown planted trees. They are: Kyes Insurance, Pine Tree Cellular, WKTJ, Bangor Savings, Mills and Mills, Richards Florist, Franklin County, TD Bank, and Tuck's Ale House.

In 2017 there were 65 hours donated by FCC volunteers for varying projects. The total value of these donated hours: \$1,300. 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. See Linda at the Town office.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Rees Speich
Secretary



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

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

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 , 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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March 6, 2018

Board of Selectmen
Town of Farmington, Maine
Farmington, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Farmington, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Farmington, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2017 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
Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budgetary Basis – Budget and Actual – General Fund Revenues	Schedule 1A
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, 2017

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,061,025	\$ 188,556	\$ 4,249,581
Investments	569,606	924,767	1,494,373
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	713,102	-	713,102
Liens	159,866	-	159,866
Notes	-	266,951	266,951
Other	195,623	-	195,623
Prepaid items	14,814	-	14,814
Due from other funds	138,108	1,065,076	1,203,184
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,852,144	\$ 2,445,350	\$ 8,297,494
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 234,005	\$ -	\$ 234,005
Payroll related payables	10,456	-	10,456
Accrued expenses	-	-	-
Due to other funds	2,779,975	138,108	2,918,083
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,024,436	138,108	3,162,544
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	54,004	-	54,004
Deferred police revenue	1,445	-	1,445
Advance payment of LRAP funding	80,910	-	80,910
Deferred tax revenues	704,295	-	704,295
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	840,654	-	840,654
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	14,814	-	14,814
Restricted	-	922,924	922,924
Committed	-	1,401,910	1,401,910
Assigned	7,919	-	7,919
Unassigned	1,964,321	(17,592)	1,946,729
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,987,054	2,307,242	4,294,296
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 5,852,144	\$ 2,445,350	\$ 8,297,494

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, 2017

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 9,023,746	\$ -	\$ 9,023,746
Excise taxes	1,012,856	-	1,012,856
Interest on taxes	56,691	-	56,691
Intergovernmental	1,021,369	918,732	1,940,101
Charges for services	148,735	-	148,735
Investment income	2,609	71,745	74,354
Miscellaneous revenues	49,368	99,671	149,039
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>11,315,374</u>	<u>1,090,148</u>	<u>12,405,522</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	755,488	-	755,488
Public safety	2,180,637	-	2,180,637
Health and welfare	26,164	-	26,164
Recreation and culture	298,598	-	298,598
Education	4,573,466	-	4,573,466
Public works	1,665,876	-	1,665,876
County tax	534,807	-	534,807
Community services	214,581	-	214,581
Unclassified	243,013	816,590	1,059,603
Debt service:			
Principal	58,945	-	58,945
Interest	45,651	-	45,651
Capital outlay	-	569,587	569,587
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>10,597,226</u>	<u>1,386,177</u>	<u>11,983,403</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>718,148</u>	<u>(296,029)</u>	<u>422,119</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	15,000	584,690	599,690
Transfers (out)	(584,690)	(15,000)	(599,690)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(569,690)</u>	<u>569,690</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	148,458	273,661	422,119
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>1,838,596</u>	<u>2,033,581</u>	<u>3,872,177</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 1,987,054</u>	<u>\$ 2,307,242</u>	<u>\$ 4,294,296</u>

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, 2017**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 1,838,596	\$ 1,838,596	\$ 1,838,596	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	9,016,010	9,016,010	9,023,746	7,736
Excise taxes	934,000	934,000	1,012,856	78,856
Interest on taxes	55,000	55,000	56,691	1,691
Intergovernmental	997,707	999,739	1,021,369	21,630
Charges for services	132,800	132,800	148,735	15,935
Investment income	-	-	2,609	2,609
Miscellaneous revenues	46,500	46,500	49,368	2,868
Transfers from other funds	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>13,035,613</u>	<u>13,037,645</u>	<u>13,168,970</u>	<u>131,325</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	815,317	803,317	755,488	47,829
Public safety	2,179,492	2,211,992	2,180,637	31,355
Health and welfare	25,000	25,000	26,164	(1,164)
Recreation and culture	366,412	340,112	298,598	41,514
Education	4,573,466	4,573,466	4,573,466	-
Public works	2,096,908	1,654,908	1,665,876	(10,968)
County tax	537,674	537,674	534,807	2,867
Community services	212,549	214,581	214,581	-
Unclassified	298,993	298,993	243,013	55,980
Debt service:				
Principal	56,555	56,555	58,945	(2,390)
Interest	45,651	45,651	45,651	-
Transfers to other funds	9,000	584,690	584,690	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>11,217,017</u>	<u>11,346,939</u>	<u>11,181,916</u>	<u>165,023</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 1,818,596</u>	<u>\$ 1,690,706</u>	<u>\$ 1,987,054</u>	<u>\$ 296,348</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 20,000</u>	<u>\$ 147,890</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (147,890)</u>
	<u>\$ 20,000</u>	<u>\$ 147,890</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (147,890)</u>

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

SCHEDULE 1A

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	\$ 9,000,210	\$ 9,000,210	\$ 9,023,746	\$ 23,536
Payment in lieu	15,800	15,800	-	(15,800)
Excise taxes	934,000	934,000	1,012,856	78,856
Interest on taxes	55,000	55,000	56,691	1,691
Total Taxes	10,005,010	10,005,010	10,093,293	88,283
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	415,000	415,000	443,748	28,748
Homestead Exemption	289,710	289,710	369,302	79,592
GA Reimbursement	13,000	13,000	18,277	5,277
Local Road Assistance	158,780	158,780	158,780	-
BETE reimbursement	94,217	94,217	-	(94,217)
Veteran Reimbursement	6,000	6,000	6,964	964
Tree growth reimbursement	21,000	21,000	22,266	1,266
Other	-	2,032	2,032	-
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	997,707	999,739	1,021,369	21,630
Charges for Services:				
Victualer / liquor license	1,100	1,100	1,033	(67)
Code enforcement fees	2,000	2,000	2,124	124
Motor vehicle fees	19,500	19,500	19,712	212
Vital statistics fees	19,500	19,500	19,148	(352)
Inland fisheries fees	2,500	2,500	1,165	(1,335)
Parks and recreation fees	25,000	25,000	32,459	7,459
Assessor	-	-	23	23
Dog fees	-	-	1,963	1,963
Rental of town property	3,500	3,500	5,606	2,106
Police department	16,200	16,200	20,006	3,806
Recycling fees	26,500	26,500	28,788	2,288
Cemetery fees	17,000	17,000	15,630	(1,370)
Misc fees	-	-	1,078	1,078
Total Charges for Services	132,800	132,800	148,735	15,935
Investment Income	-	-	2,609	2,609
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Misc sales	-	-	989	989
Tax lien fees	16,500	16,500	15,467	(1,033)
Misc Revenues	30,000	30,000	32,912	2,912
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	46,500	46,500	49,368	2,868
Amounts Available for Appropriation	11,182,017	11,184,049	11,315,374	131,325

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General government:					
Administration	\$ 248,202	\$ -	\$ 248,202	\$ 234,077	\$ 14,125
Assessor	81,634	(10,000)	71,634	65,015	6,619
Clerk treasurer	245,274	-	245,274	238,826	6,448
Municipal building	94,220	(2,000)	92,220	80,163	12,057
CEO	139,187	-	139,187	132,767	6,420
Committees	6,800	-	6,800	4,640	2,160
	<u>815,317</u>	<u>(12,000)</u>	<u>803,317</u>	<u>755,488</u>	<u>47,829</u>
Public safety:					
Police department	1,244,941	(12,500)	1,232,441	1,237,777	(5,336)
Fire department	516,057	45,000	561,057	534,642	26,415
Hydrants	276,380	-	276,380	276,380	-
Street lights	85,000	-	85,000	83,645	1,355
Traffic lights	10,000	-	10,000	5,365	4,635
Ambulance	47,114	-	47,114	42,828	4,286
	<u>2,179,492</u>	<u>32,500</u>	<u>2,211,992</u>	<u>2,180,637</u>	<u>31,355</u>
Health and welfare:					
General assistance	25,000	-	25,000	26,164	(1,164)
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>26,164</u>	<u>(1,164)</u>
Recreation and culture:					
Parks and recreation	163,227	(5,000)	158,227	148,644	9,583
Community center	116,542	(17,500)	99,042	82,725	16,317
Cemeteries	86,643	(3,800)	82,843	67,229	15,614
	<u>366,412</u>	<u>(26,300)</u>	<u>340,112</u>	<u>298,598</u>	<u>41,514</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Education	4,573,466	-	4,573,466	4,573,466	-
Public works:					
Highway department	1,590,734	(438,000)	1,152,734	1,134,099	18,635
Recycling department	76,658	(4,000)	72,658	88,949	(16,291)
Local roads	158,780	-	158,780	158,780	-
Capital improvement for roads	270,736	-	270,736	284,048	(13,312)
	2,096,908	(442,000)	1,654,908	1,665,876	(10,968)
County tax	537,674	-	537,674	534,807	2,867
Debt service:					
Principal	56,555	-	56,555	58,945	(2,390)
Interest	45,651	-	45,651	45,651	-
	102,206	-	102,206	104,596	(2,390)
Community services:					
Animal shelter	15,520	-	15,520	15,520	-
Public library	196,029	-	196,029	196,029	-
Snow clubs	-	2,032	2,032	2,032	-
Gay cemetery	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
	212,549	2,032	214,581	214,581	-

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified:					
Insurances	80,000	-	80,000	56,306	23,694
Contingency	20,000	-	20,000	-	20,000
Tan interest	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000
TIF	165,957	-	165,957	165,957	-
Overlay	28,036	-	28,036	20,750	7,286
	<u>298,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>298,993</u>	<u>243,013</u>	<u>55,980</u>
Transfers to other funds:					
Revaluation	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Legal reserve	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	-
Community center	-	17,500	17,500	17,500	-
ADA	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
Police department	-	12,500	12,500	12,500	-
Drainage project	-	7,890	7,890	7,890	-
Municipal landfill	-	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
Public works	-	438,000	438,000	438,000	-
Municipal building	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
Fire department	-	75,000	75,000	75,000	-
Cemeteries	-	3,800	3,800	3,800	-
Parks and recreation	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
	<u>9,000</u>	<u>575,690</u>	<u>584,690</u>	<u>584,690</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 11,217,017</u>	<u>\$ 129,922</u>	<u>\$ 11,346,939</u>	<u>\$ 11,181,916</u>	<u>\$ 165,023</u>

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SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 188,556	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 188,556
Investments	-	-	924,767	924,767
Notes receivable	266,951	-	-	266,951
Due from other funds	410,098	654,978	-	1,065,076
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 865,605	\$ 654,978	\$ 924,767	\$ 2,445,350
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ 118,718	\$ 14,683	\$ 4,707	\$ 138,108
TOTAL LIABILITIES	118,718	14,683	4,707	138,108
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	922,924	922,924
Committed	746,932	654,978	-	1,401,910
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	(45)	(14,683)	(2,864)	(17,592)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	746,887	640,295	920,060	2,307,242
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 865,605	\$ 654,978	\$ 924,767	\$ 2,445,350

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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, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,745	\$ 71,745
Intergovernmental	664,457	254,275	-	918,732
Other income	92,671	-	7,000	99,671
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>757,128</u>	<u>254,275</u>	<u>78,745</u>	<u>1,090,148</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	569,587	-	569,587
Other	807,845	-	8,745	816,590
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>807,845</u>	<u>569,587</u>	<u>8,745</u>	<u>1,386,177</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(50,717)</u>	<u>(315,312)</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>(296,029)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	35,000	549,690	-	584,690
Transfers (out)	-	-	(15,000)	(15,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>35,000</u>	<u>549,690</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>569,690</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	<u>(15,717)</u>	<u>234,378</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>273,661</u>
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1	762,604	405,917	865,060	2,033,581
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 746,887</u>	<u>\$ 640,295</u>	<u>\$ 920,060</u>	<u>\$ 2,307,242</u>

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

**2018 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-SIXTH DAY OF MARCH, 2018, 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-SIXTH DAY OF MARCH, 2018 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 42, 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, one Selectman for a term of three years, one School Director for a term of three years, and one School Director for a term of two years.

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 2018, to reduce the taxes committed, in the amount of \$1,899,380.

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 \$3,873,696 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 recommended by the Selectmen meets the 2018 property tax levy 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 2018.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$706,130	\$769,440
Selectmen Recommended	706,130	769,440
Budget Committee Recommended	706,130	769,440
Town Meeting Approved	706,130	

STATEMENT OF FACT:

	Appropriated <u>2017</u>	Requested <u>2018</u>	Selectmen and Budget Committee <u>Recommended</u>
1. Administration	\$248,202	\$240,299	\$240,299
2. Assessor	81,634	137,101	137,101
3. Treasurer / Clerk	245,274	253,713	253,713
4. Committees & Events	6,800	6,800	6,800
5. Municipal Building	94,220	101,527	101,527
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	\$706,130	\$769,440	\$769,440

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. Included are 2.0% pay increases for 2018. The Town pays 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for full time 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. Also included is \$42,000 for the Revaluation Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$93,596.74.

The Treasurer/Clerk Budget includes pay increases of 2.0%.

Committees and Events includes Memorial Day Flags (\$3,000), Planning Board (\$500), 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.

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 2017 appropriation was \$25,000. Expenditures totaled \$26,163.86 for the year, and are likely to increase in 2018 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 2018.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$139,187	\$153,676
Selectmen Recommended	139,187	153,676
Budget Committee Recommended	139,187	153,676
Town Meeting Approved	139,187	

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. Included are 2.0% pay increases for 2018. 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 - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **POLICE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2018.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,244,941	\$1,306,052
Selectmen Recommended	1,244,941	1,306,052
Budget Committee Recommended	1,244,941	1,306,052
Town Meeting Approved	1,244,941	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Police Department budget includes 1% pay increases and negotiated contract obligations for union members. Management employees receive 2.0% pay increases for 2018. The Town pays 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for employees in this Department. Also included are expenses related to building operation and maintenance.

EIGHTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2018.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$516,057	\$524,407
Selectmen Recommended	516,057	524,407
Budget Committee Recommended	516,057	524,407
Town Meeting Approved	516,057	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Fire Department's request includes 2.0% pay increases for 2018. The Town pays 80% of the employee portion and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for full-time members. Also included is a \$75,000 appropriation to the Fire Equipment Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$191,051.89.

NINTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **OTHER PROTECTIONS** for the year 2018.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$498,492	\$468,273
Selectmen Recommended	498,492	468,273
Budget Committee Recommended	498,492	468,273
Town Meeting Approved	498,492	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
1. Street Lights	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
2. Fire Hydrants	276,378	276,380
3. Insurances	80,000	55,000
4. Ambulance	47,114	40,893
5. Traffic Light Maintenance	<u>10,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>
TOTAL	\$498,492	\$468,273

The Street Light budget remains unchanged, based on anticipated expenses. 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 2018. 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 2017 actual expenditures and 2018 projected costs.

TENTH - 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 2018.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$279,769	\$296,240
Selectmen Recommended	279,769	296,240
Budget Committee Recommended	279,769	296,240
Town Meeting Approved	279,769	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>
Parks and Recreation	\$163,227	\$175,560	\$175,560
Community Center	<u>116,542</u>	<u>120,680</u>	<u>120,680</u>
TOTAL	\$279,769	\$296,240	\$296,240

The Parks and Recreation Budget includes operating expenses for all recreational activities, including personnel costs for part-time seasonal positions, 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. Included are 2.0% pay increases for 2018.

ELEVENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** for the year 2018.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,330,734	\$1,305,672
Selectmen Recommended	1,330,734	1,305,672
Budget Committee Recommended	1,330,734	1,305,672
Town Meeting Approved	1,580,734	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Public Works Department budget covers the operational expenses required to maintain the Town's 120 miles of roads. This budget covers the personnel costs for ten full-time employees. Included are 2.0% pay increases and 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium.

TWELFTH - To see if the Town, pursuant to 23 M.R.S. § 3025, will vote to accept the Dedication of Kashke Drive and Waiver of Damages made by Kashke Terraces, LLC dated July 21, 2017, and to accept and establish a Town Way on said Kashke Drive.

NOTE: A copy of the Dedication is available in advance at the Municipal Building and will be available during the Town Meeting, as well as posted with the Town Meeting Warrant.

STATEMENT OF FACT: Kashke Terraces is a 14-lot subdivision located off the Holley

Road. It was approved by the Planning Board in 1999. The 1,300+/- foot loop road through the subdivision was built to the standards prescribed in the Town's Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance. Kashke Terraces, LLC wishes to dedicate the road, Kashke Drive, to the Town for acceptance as a Town Way.

THIRTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **RECYCLING DEPARTMENT** for the year 2018.

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>		
	Amount Requested	\$76,658	\$96,549
	Selectmen Recommended	76,658	96,549
	Budget Committee Recommended	76,658	96,549
	Town Meeting Approved	76,658	

STATEMENT OF FACT: This budget covers all operating expenses for the transfer station, including personnel costs for two part-time employees. This budget is offset by approximately \$28,750 of revenue that accrues to the General Fund.

FOURTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CEMETERIES** for the year 2018.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$86,643	\$92,992
Selectmen Recommended	86,643	92,992
Budget Committee Recommended	86,643	92,992
Town Meeting Approved	86,643	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The 2018 request represents the amount needed to maintain the cemeteries in the current year. Included are 2.0% pay raises for cemetery personnel. The amount requested is offset by cemetery fees estimated at \$16,500 and trust fund earnings estimated at \$15,000.

FIFTEENTH - 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 2018, and to authorize the expenditure of said funds for road improvements.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$158,780	\$158,780
Selectmen Recommended	158,780	158,780
Budget Committee Recommended	158,780	158,780
Town Meeting Approved	158,780	

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 2018 funding. This allocation is used for capital improvements to Town roads.

SIXTEENTH - 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 2018.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$270,736	\$270,736
Selectmen Recommended	270,736	270,736
Budget Committee Recommended	270,736	270,736
Town Meeting Approved	270,736	

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 fifth year of a five-year Capital Improvement Program for road rehabilitation. Planned for 2018 is the completion of a two-year reconstruction project on Titcomb Hill Road. Also included is the first year of a two-year reconstruction project on High Street. Additional projects will be reviewed and prioritized for 2019 and beyond.

SEVENTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **DEBT SERVICE** for the year 2018.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$102,206	\$102,830
Selectmen Recommended	102,206	102,830
Budget Committee Recommended	102,206	102,830
Town Meeting Approved	102,206	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>
Municipal Garage Debt	\$56,555	\$55,730	\$55,730
Police Building Debt	<u>45,651</u>	<u>47,100</u>	<u>47,100</u>
TOTAL	\$102,206	\$102,830	\$102,830

The amount indicated in this Article represents the debt service (principal and interest) for bonds for the municipal garage and the new police station renovations. The 2007 fire truck debt was retired in 2016. The garage debt will be retired in 2022 and the police building debt in 2026.

EIGHTEENTH - 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 2018.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$7,500	\$10,000
Selectmen Recommended	7,500	10,000
Budget Committee Recommended	7,500	10,000
Town Meeting Approved	7,500	

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, 2017 was \$20,102.96. The amount shown is requested in order to achieve a target balance of approximately \$30,000 for legal expenses this year.

NINETEENTH - 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 2018.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,500	\$1,500
Selectmen Recommended	1,500	1,500
Budget Committee Recommended	1,500	1,500
Town Meeting Approved	1,500	

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 \$12,849.58.

TWENTIETH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FARMINGTON LIBRARY** for the year 2018.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$187,094	\$199,409
Selectmen Recommended	157,723	\$199,409
Budget Committee Recommended	165,945	\$199,409
Town Meeting Approved	196,029	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount requested represents approximately 75% of the Library's total projected budget for 2018 and is a 1.72% increase over the 2017 Town appropriation.

TWENTY-FIRST - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **GAY CEMETERY** for the year 2018.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,000	\$1,000
Selectmen Recommended	1,000	1,000
Budget Committee Recommended	1,000	1,000
Town Meeting Approved	1,000	

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-SECOND - 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 2018.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amount Requested	\$15,520	\$15,520
Selectmen Recommended	15,520	15,520
Budget Committee Recommended	15,520	15,520
Town Meeting Approved	15,520	

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-THIRD - 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, funds are distributed as follows: Shiretown Riders - 58%, Northern Lites - 21%, and New Sharon Snow Riders - 21%.

TWENTY-FOURTH - Shall the Town vote to adopt the following Resolution.

Statement from the voters of Farmington on March 26,2018

Whereas Franklin County Commissioners have funded economic development and social services programs that serve the entire region for over 35 years, and

Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners have vowed to cut all funding to social services agencies and economic development programs over the next three years, and

Whereas Franklin County Commissioners have cut \$143,000 from the budget request of

\$209,000 in 2017 and totally defunded 5 nonprofits, and

Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners plan to defund the remaining 4 nonprofits in the future, and

Whereas these organizations and their important services benefit the entire region and improve the quality of life for our residents,

Now Therefore, the Town of Farmington requests that Franklin County restore funding to these organizations and continue the regional approach for these services.

TWENTY-FIFTH - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for nonprofit economic development and social services agencies that are impacted by Franklin County Commissioner cuts in 2017.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Town of Farmington for 35 years has funded social services and economic development through Franklin County Government. Franklin County Commissioners in 2017 reduced funding to social services and economic development by 70% or \$143,000. This reduction eliminated funding to 5 nonprofits and reduced support to 4 others. The Town of Farmington's taxation by the County was reduced by \$18,000, as a result of these cuts. This Article asks if the Town wishes to continue support to these organizations for service rendered in Farmington in the same amount saved in 2017, \$18,000. The organizations agree to use this funding to support Farmington residents. The organizations recommend this funding be distributed proportional to the amount lost by each nonprofit.

Proposed Disbursement of Town Funding						
Breakdown	Total Avail FY17	Dept Req. FY18	Comm. Req. FY18	Amount Lost	% of Loss	Farmington Share
Franklin County Children's Task Force (FCCTF)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	5%	\$ 857.14
Franklin County Adult Basic Education	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.29
Tri-County Mental Health Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -
Western Maine Transportation Services (WMTS)	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	3%	\$ 514.29
Western Maine Community Action Inc. (WMCA)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.29
Greater Franklin Development Council	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 42,000.00	40%	\$ 7,200.00
Seniors Plus	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.29
Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services (SAPARS)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.29
Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice (AHCH)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,130.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.29
Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	5%	\$ 857.14
Franklin County Firemen	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ -	0%	\$ -
	\$ 171,200.00	\$ 209,330.00	\$ 66,200.00	\$ 105,000.00	100%	\$ 18,000.00

TWENTY-SIXTH - 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.

TWENTY-SEVENTH - 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 2018 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 2017 budget year is approximately \$1,964,321. The auditors recommend carrying a minimum UFB level that is adequate to cover two months' expenditures, which is approximately \$1,806,223. 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.

TWENTY-EIGHTH - To see what amount, if any, of the Year 2018 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>2017</u>	<u>2018</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 2017, that amount was \$44,012.73. 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 \$7,500 annual payment for Mount Blue TV's equipment and facilities. The full franchise fee for 2018 is expected to be an amount similar to or slightly less than that received in 2017.

TWENTY-NINTH - To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes due and payable on Thursday, November 1, 2018 and, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 505(4), charge interest on overdue taxes at the rate of 8.00% per annum after November 1, 2018.

THIRTIETH - To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 506-A, to pay interest on tax refunds at the rate of 4.00% per annum after Thursday, November 1, 2018.

THIRTY-FIRST - 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-SECOND - 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-THIRD - 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.

THIRTY-FOURTH - 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.

THIRTY-FIFTH - 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.

THIRTY-SIXTH - 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 2018 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2019 until the Town Meeting in March, 2019.

THIRTY-SEVENTH - 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.

THIRTY-EIGHTH - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds from the Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Reserve Account for purposes consistent with the Downtown Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and Downtown Omnibus Development Program established in October 2013 and subsequently amended.

THIRTY-NINTH - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds from the Franklin Printing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Reserve Account for purposes consistent with the Franklin Printing Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program established in June 1998 and subsequently amended.

FORTIETH - Shall Chapter 11 – Land Use, Article 8 – Town of Farmington Zoning Ordinance, current version adopted on November 22, 2016, be amended as follows:

The addition of a performance standard for “Odor Nuisance Control and Abatement” as Section 11-8.11.L to the Town of Farmington Zoning Ordinance.

Statement of Fact: The “Odor Nuisance Control and Abatement” performance standard will enhance the ability of the Town to be informed of potential nuisance odor sources, to monitor and evaluate same, to encourage voluntary remediation and compliance, to enforce when necessary, to preserve and protect public health and safety, and to protect property values in the Town of Farmington.

(Copies of the draft performance standard for “Odor Nuisance Control and Abatement” are available in advance at the Municipal Building and at the Community Center during Town Meeting.)

FORTY-FIRST - Shall Chapter 11 – Land Use, Article 3 – Town of Farmington Sign Ordinance, current version adopted on April 27, 2010, be amended as follows:

(Note: Additions in underline, deletions in strikethrough)

Section 11-3.8 - Definitions:

Temporary Signs/Banners:

Temporary Business Signs/Banners. Signs/banners for products, services, or promotion of same not to exceed thirty (30) days in duration.

Temporary Election and Campaign Signs/Banners. Signs/banners not exceeding sixteen (16) square feet of sign face and erected no more than forty-two (42) days prior to the election/campaign and removed within seventy-two (72) hours after election/campaign.

Temporary Public Events Signs/Banners. Signs/banners for public events erected at official municipally-maintained locations no more than fourteen (14) days prior to the event and removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the event.

Section 11-3.10 - Exemptions

15. Election and campaign ~~and public event~~ signs, provided such signs do not exceed sixteen (16) square feet of sign face and ~~provided that election and campaign signs~~ are erected no more than forty-two (42) days prior to the event and removed within seventy-two (72) hours after such events.
16. Public events signs, although ~~are~~ not allowed within the public rights-of-way, ~~They~~ may be erected only at official municipally-maintained locations for such signs, no more than ~~twenty-one (21)~~ fourteen (14) days prior to the event and are removed within twenty-four (24) hours after. See 23 M.R.S. §1925 and any subsequently adopted rules including but not limited to those found in Chapter 201 and Chapter 203.

Section 11- 3.11- Prohibited Signs:

~~A.9. No sign shall contain commercial matter designed primarily to appeal to the prurient interest of patrons.~~

A.9. Signs composed of LEDs are not allowed in the Town's Village Business Historic District as defined in the Town's Zoning Ordinance in §11-8.9.E.(A).

- B. Prohibited Locations: All signs and banners of any kind ~~Election and campaign signs~~ shall be prohibited in the traffic island at the intersection of Farmington Falls Road and Main Street, in the traffic island bounded by Bridge Street, Water Street and the Wilton Road in West Farmington, ~~and~~ in the traffic islands at the intersection of High Street and the Farmington Falls Road, and all municipally-owned property except as exempted in §11-3.10.A.16.

Section 11- 3.12 - Temporary Signs:

Temporary Advertising Banners. The Code Enforcement Officer may approve a banner upon application of a business, for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, when said banner is for a new product, service, or part of a franchise promotion. There shall be no permit fee. Such temporary signs/banners must be located on the premises on which the business is conducted.

FORTY-SECOND - Shall an Ordinance entitled Town of Farmington Moratorium Ordinance on Retail Marijuana Establishments, Retail Marijuana Social Clubs, and New Medical Marijuana Businesses be enacted.

STATEMENT OF FACT: A ballot initiative to legalize, regulate, and tax marijuana for non-medical purposes known as the “Marijuana Legalization Act” (the “Act”), proposed to be codified in the Maine Revised Statutes in Title 7, Chapter 471, was voted on and approved by a statewide referendum election on November 8, 2016. Since then, the State Legislature has been attempting, without success, to enact the regulatory framework necessary to implement the Act on the statewide level. The Town’s current ordinances and other applicable local laws are not adequate to prevent serious public harm that could be caused by the unregulated development of retail marijuana establishments and social clubs and other uses authorized by the proposed changes in law approved by the November 8, 2016 referendum election, as well as new medical marijuana businesses. A moratorium is therefore necessary to allow the Town to analyze and plan properly for these uses. It is anticipated that the study, review, and development of recommended ordinance amendments or additions will take at least one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date the Town enacts this Moratorium Ordinance. Therefore, the moratorium will remain in effect for one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date of its applicability unless extended, repealed, or modified by the Town or its Selectmen, as provided by law.

(Copies of the Moratorium Ordinance are available in advance at the Municipal Building


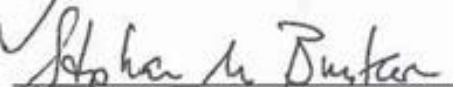



and at the Community Center during Town Meeting.)

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Community Center on March 26, 2018 at the time of the meeting to add new names to the voting list or make changes to the voting list.

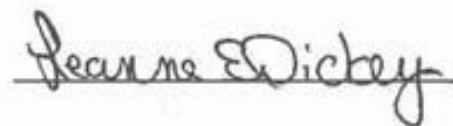
Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk intends to begin the process of casting absentee ballots at 2:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Town Meeting day.

Given under our hands at Farmington, Maine this twenty-seventh day of February, A.D. 2018.

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Joshua H. Bell, Chairman
Stephan M. Bunker
H. Scott Landry
Michael J. Fogg

Matthew W. Smith

ORIGINAL:



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 ____, 2018, which is at least 7 days prior to the day of said meeting.

Dated at Farmington, Maine this _____ day of March 2018.

S. Clyde Ross
Resident of Farmington
True copy:

Leanne E. Dickey
Town Clerk

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Committee on Bills in the Second Reading

Citizens, Friends and Neighbors,

In 1796 George Washington delivered his farewell speech to the nation. He said "The impressions with which I first undertook the arduous trust were explained on the proper occasion. In the discharge of this trust, I will only say that I have, with good intentions, contributed towards the organization and administration of the government the best exertions of which a very fallible judgment was capable."

Sixteen years ago I embarked on an "arduous" adventure representing the area as a State Representative. I was given a "trust" to be a voice in Augusta. In 2010 many of you joined my circle of responsibilities as I was elected State Senator for Franklin County and four towns in Kennebec County. Today I am thank you.

In these last sixteen years you have open your homes to me. You have shared your thoughts and concerns. TOGETHER we have laughed, argued (yes argued), and cried. WE have welcomed home our veterans and recognized them for their service to this State and our Country. WE have celebrated births and mourned those we have lost. In the last 16 years we have marched together in parades and cooked a whole bunch of chickens!!! You have so graciously let me become part of your communities and families. For that I thank you!

I am both humbled by your support and have been honored to serve you as your State Senator. You have entrusted your trust and confidence in me of which I never forget.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you in Augusta.



State Senator Tom Saviello

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from this past year.

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for seniors to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, law-enforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nation's most costly disease. As founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.

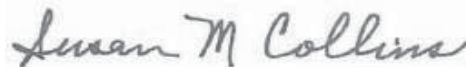
As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make "catch-up" contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As of December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my offices or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

Spring Activities

Farmington welcomes spring with various fun-filled events.



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