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**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:

	<u>Appropriated</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Requested</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Selectmen and</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <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:

	<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

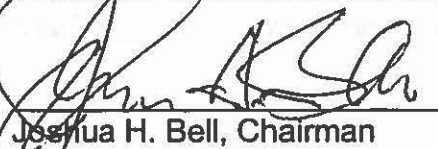
and at the Community Center during Town Meeting.)


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

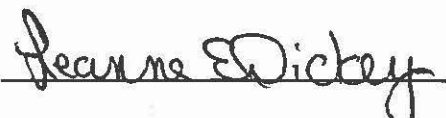

Stephan M. Bunker


H. Scott Landry


Michael J. Fogg


Matthew W. Smith

ORIGINAL:


Jeanne E. Dickey

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