

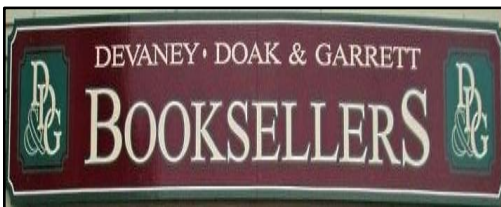
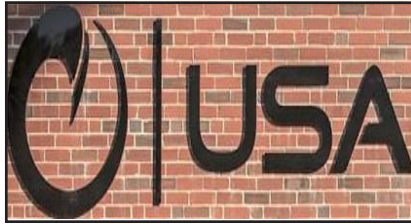
Town of Farmington

Signs of Change



Annual Town Report
2020

Signs of Stability



Signs of Adapting

Small businesses everywhere are reminding us all why they continue to be the backbone of our economy, and those in Farmington have proven to be no exception. Through determined resilience, innovative spirit, and relentless optimism, businesses are not just holding ground, but moving forward with renewed purpose.

Most lost a lot of income in the early days of the COVID-19 crisis, since they had to shut down their enterprises to walk-in customers - their primary clientele. Many business owners began offering online and telephone ordering, curbside pick-up, opening by appointment, home delivery, and outdoor dining and experiences. They expanded their online presence with websites and social media as a practical necessity, reaching out to their current customers and attracting new ones. These technologies have helped small businesses compete with others of all sizes.

Customer attitudes have also evolved, and shoppers are happily willing to work with and encourage their local businesses, seeing it as their responsibility to support them.

The signs included in this report are a small representation of what gives our town its unique character, and we thank you all for continuing to be a vital part of our community.



Farmington Solar Project Phase 1



Farmington Solar, LLC, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, is currently constructing the solar photovoltaic project in Farmington. The project will have a capacity of up to 77 megawatts of clean, renewable, homegrown energy, making it the largest solar facility built in the state to date.

Construction began in April 2020 and has created 250 construction jobs. The project represents a significant capital investment in Maine and the local community. It is expected to be operational by September 2021.

The power generated by the Farmington Solar Project has been contracted through long-term power purchase agreements with several utilities, colleges, and other customers.

FARMINGTON, MAINE

ANNUAL REPORT



FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2020

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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 Nancy Martin at 778-6538 OR TTY 778-5873 so that accommodations can be made.

DEDICATION

It is with sincere appreciation that we dedicate the
2020 Annual Town Report to our

Healthcare Heroes



Not all heroes wear capes!

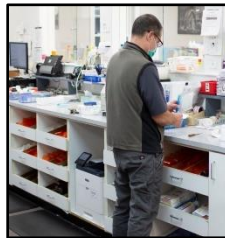
Now more than ever, we feel it is important to show our appreciation and gratitude to the healthcare workers on the frontlines battling the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) that's spreading rapidly throughout our town, state and nation. Our doctors, nurses, technicians, transporters, EMTs, pharmacists, and everyone who supports patient care are putting themselves in the path of this virus during these unprecedented times.

The gift of life is precious, and we are grateful for your compassion when comforting patients who cannot be with their families, for your commitment to others, and the support you provide your co-workers. Thank you for the sacrifices you make every day both personally and professionally.

Your dedicated service to patients and the community is saving countless lives. Thank You!



Our Heroes at Work

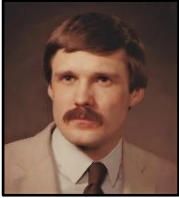


IN MEMORIAM

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

Gerard Kimball Williams

09/03/1949 – 04/14/2020



Gerard was born and raised in Farmington and he graduated from Farmington High School and Bates College. Following his father, uncle, and grandfather's footsteps, Gerard graduated from Suffolk Law School and passed both the Maine and Massachusetts bar exams. He and his father opened Williams and Williams Law Office in Farmington and worked together until his father's passing and Gerard's retirement in 2011. Gerard was a member of the Franklin County Bar Association, Farmington Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, and was a Franklin Savings Bank incorporator. He served on the Farmington Budget Committee and Sewer Ad-Hoc Committee.

Charles "Charlie" R. Hartwell

11/17/1932 – 06/26/2020



Charlie attended schools in North Anson and served in the US Air Force. He worked at International Paper and established his own business, Hartwell Supply, specializing in heating, electrical, and plumbing. Charlie served as Farmington's Local Plumbing Inspector for many years. He was awarded the Presidential Memorial Certificate, and he received several awards through the American Legion Post #28 while serving as the Post's Finance Officer for 23 years.

Nada J. Keeling

12/31/1918 – 08/03/2020



Nada was born in Glendale, CA and graduated from high school in Peoria, AZ. Her family moved to Eloy, AZ where she met and married her husband Paul, and worked for the Santa Cruz Valley Union High School. Nada became a Farmington Boston Cane recipient in 2019. She enjoyed traveling to visit with family, reading, learning about history, and doing crosswords.

Jerry Paul Simpson**11/09/1946 – 08/16/2020**

Jerry was born in Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School. He graduated from Maine Maritime Academy with a degree in Nautical Science and was employed by Gulf Oil as a merchant marine for a number of years. Jerry came back to Farmington to work as an engineer for the telephone company for over 30 years. He served as a Farmington Selectmen for six years and was a member of the Farmington Elks and West Farmington Fire Department, and he was a supporter of the American Legion. Jerry was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed spending time at his camp in Embden with family and friends, working on his farm harvesting wood, fixing farm machinery, and tending his orchard.

Roy Alan Gross**10/23/1961 – 12/27/2020**

Roy was born in Skowhegan. He worked for the Town at the Recycling Facility for 16 years. Roy was a dependable and dedicated employee who enjoyed repairing old equipment brought in to be scrapped.

Flint Woods

Photos and sources courtesy of the Daily Bulldog, Simpson family, and Shane Cote

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 Year Term

Matthew Smith, Chairman	(March 2021)
Stephan Bunker, Vice Chairman	(March 2023)
Michael Fogg, Secretary	(March 2022)
Joshua Bell	(March 2022)
Scott Landry	(March 2023)

RSU #9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FARMINGTON MEMBERS

3 Year Term

Kirk Doyle	(July 2022)
Douglas Dunlap	(July 2022)
Scott Erb	(July 2023)
Wayne Kinney (Appointed 10/22/19)	(July 2021)
Dennis O'Neil	(July 2021)
Iris Silverstein (Resigned 10/08/19)	
Tami Labul (Term ended)	

APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Board of Appeals

3 Year Term

Galen Dalrymple, Chairman	(June 2022)
Peter F. Tracy, Vice Chairman/Secretary	(June 2022)
Michael Deschenes	(June 2023)
Dennis O'Neil	(June 2023)
Robert Yorks	(June 2021)
Robert Vallette (Resigned 07/14/20)	

Regular – 3 Year Term
(2) Seats Vacant

Alternate – 1 Year Term
(2) Seats Vacant

Board of Assessment Review
3 Year Term

Michael Moffett, Chairman	(June 2021)
Michael Deschenes	(June 2023)
Gloria McGraw	(June 2023)
Dennis O'Neil	(June 2022)
Michael Otley	(June 2022)
Richard Davis, Secretary - Ex-Officio	

Planning Board
3 Year Term

Clayton King, Jr., Chairman	(June 2021)
Lloyd W. Smith, Vice Chairman	(June 2021)
Craig Jordan	(June 2021)
Gloria McGraw	(June 2022)
Michael Otley	(June 2021)
Jeffrey Wright	(June 2023)
Judith Murphy	(June 2023)
Donna Tracy (Term ended)	

Alternate - 1 Year Term

Linda Brown	(June 2021)
Michael MacNeil	(June 2021)

Zoning Board
3 Year Term

Paul Mills, Chairman	(June 2023)
Adrian Harris, Vice Chairman/Secretary	(June 2021)
Kelly Kading	(June 2022)
John Moore	(June 2021)
Jane Woodman	(June 2022)

Alternate - 1 Year Term (1) Seat Vacant

Kyle Terrio	(June 2021)
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2020 Budget Committee
3 Year Term

S. Clyde Ross, Chairman	(June 2022)
Lloyd W. Smith, Vice Chairman	(June 2023)
Beth Edwards	(June 2021)
Wayne Kinney	(June 2022)
Judith Murphy	(June 2023)
Peter F. Tracy	(June 2021)
Fred O. Smith (01/01/19-01/22/19)	
Regular – 3 Year Term	Alternate – 1 Year Term
(5) Seats Vacant	(2) Seats Vacant

Conservation Commission
3 Year Term

William Haslam, Chairman	(June 2023)
Patty Cormier	(June 2022)
Byron Davis	(June 2023)
Sally Speich	(June 2021)
Peter F. Tracy	(June 2022)
Jane Woodman	(June 2022)
Robert Zundel	(June 2021)
Associate – 1 Year Term – Unlimited Vacancy	
Hunter Manley	(June 2021)
James D. Shaffer	(June 2021)
Matthew Smith	(June 2021)
Amy Soper	(June 2021)
Eric Whitney	(June 2021)

Downtown TIF Advisory Committee

Byron Davis, Chairman	Laurie Gardner
Joshua Bell	Derek Hayes
Jennifer Bjorn	Paul Mills
Richard Davis	John Moore
Ron Gelinias (Resigned 12/08/20)	Pete Roberts

Odor Panel

Adrian Harris
Betty Jespersen

Scott Landry
Judith Murphy

Parking Ordinance Committee

Terry Bell
Byron Davis
Philip Hutchins
Paul Mills

John Moore
Jack Peck (Resigned 11/12/20)
Pamela Poisson
Richard Davis, Ex-Officio

Recreation Committee

3 Year Term

Tom Bissell
Sheryl Farnum
Katie Fournier
Kim Richards

(June 2022)
(June 2021)
(June 2023)
(June 2022)

(1) Seat Vacant

Recycling Committee

Stephan Bunker
Richard Davis
Cindy Gelinis

Andrew Hufnagel
Philip Hutchins
Dennis Pike

Revolving Loan Fund

Stephan Bunker
Alvin Da Costa

Byron Davis
John Moore

Robert Vallette (Resigned 07/14/20)
Ex-Officio

Richard Davis

Steve Kaiser

Safety Committee

Matthew Foster, Chairman	Timothy A. Hardy
Shane Cote, Vice Chairman	Philip Hutchins
Cindy Gelinis, Secretary	James Kiernan
Scott Baxter	Steve Millett
Terry Bell	S. Clyde Ross
Richard Davis	Ed Vining
Leanne Dickey	Jack Peck (Resigned 11/12/20)

Board of Selectmen

Town Report Committee

Alvin Da Costa	Janet Paul
Richard Davis	Linda Smith
Cindy Gelinis	Wayne Kinney (Appointed 12/22/20)
Edmund Lewis (Resigned 12/08/20)	Nancy Twitchell (Resigned 12/08/20)

Farmington Transportation Advisory Committee

Dennis O'Neil	Lloyd W. Smith
Michael Otley	Matthew Smith
Dennis Pike	Jack Peck (Resigned 11/12/20)

Ex-Officio: Richard Davis and Philip Hutchins

Administration



Front L to R: Mavis Gensel and Bonnie Baker
Back L To R: Annie Tibbetts and Nancy Martin

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	Nancy Martin	778-6538
Accounts Clerk Deputy Town Clerk Deputy Welfare Director Deputy Treasurer	Bonnie A. Baker	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 E-911 Addressing Officer	Terry S. Bell, Sr.	778-3235
Police Chief	Jack D. Peck, Jr. Shane P. Cote	778-6311
Public Works Director	Philip C. Hutchins	778-2191
Director of Parks & Recreation	Matthew L. Foster	778-3464
Code Enforcement Officer	J. Stevens Kaiser	778-5874
Wastewater Superintendent	Stephen M. Millett	778-4712
Local Plumbing Inspector	Andrew Marble	778-6968

TOWN MANAGER

To the Citizens and Board of Selectmen of Farmington:



I hope you are all safe and well. With that thought in mind, it is my pleasure to present my annual report for the year 2020, which has been a year like no other. I take this opportunity to highlight some of the significant events of a year that has been dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic. More detail will be found in the departmental reports within this booklet.

While the year started out in normal fashion, it quickly turned anything but normal. Because of the rapidly spreading coronavirus, the Town was forced to close municipal offices to the public in March. During the closure, appropriate health and safety measures were put in place to protect the employees who continued to serve the public by telephone and internet. A drop box was installed at the entrance to the town office to accept payments and other documents for the safety of the public. The Town received \$53,142 from the Keep Maine Healthy 2020 Municipal COVID-19 Awareness Campaign for a new digital sign and personal protective materials and supplies.

Restrictions on gathering size made it impossible to hold the annual Town Meeting, which was originally scheduled for March 30th. In response, the Selectmen and Budget Committee reduced the original 2020 total budget request to an amount just below the 2019 budget. That action negated the need for a Town Meeting, as emergency legislation authorized the municipal assessor to commit property taxes based on the prior year's budget. Revenue estimates were revised downward and seem to be on track following the office reopening at the end of March. The Town continues to be on a solid financial footing despite the pandemic.

Over the summer, the Town completed a robust program of road rehabilitation and paving. Perham Street received a "mill and fill" treatment from its intersection with High Street to the New Hope Baptist Church, about nine tenths of a mile. The sidewalk adjacent to the street was also reconstructed for several hundred feet. Half of the \$217,000 project was funded by the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) through its Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) Program.

Other projects included a combination of surface grinding, full depth excavation, and resurfacing of Stewart Avenue, Lake Avenue, and

Eastmont Square. Court Street, Court Street Extension, Grove Street, Fountain Street, and Orchard Street all received new surface treatments.

Through a Cooperative Agreement with the Atlantic Salmon Federation, the road crossing over an unnamed stream on the Clover Mill Road was upgraded with an aluminum pipe arch on concrete footings. This new structure will enable the seasonal migration of critically endangered Atlantic salmon and correct problems of frequent road flooding and resultant erosion. The \$352,724 project was funded entirely by the Atlantic Salmon Federation.

Also, during the summer the Town rebuilt and repaved Clover Mill Road for its entire length from Temple Road (Route 43) to the Temple town line. MaineDOT contributed \$100,000 toward that \$286,481 project. The road now provides a much-improved alternate route from Russells Mills Road following MaineDOT's closure of the unsafe bridge on that road. MaineDOT will eventually remove the bridge.

The construction schedule for 2021 calls for the first phase of a two-year project of significant improvements to High Street. For the coming year, the work will extend from Broadway to South Street and the following year from South Street to Farmington Falls Road. This is another MPI eligible project. Also, in 2021 the Atlantic Salmon Federation will fund the installation of a large box culvert at Cummings Brook on the upper end of the Clover Mill Road as well as the removal of the Walton's Mill Dam and construction of significant park improvements. Again, these projects are being undertaken at no cost to Farmington's taxpayers.

On November 12, 2020, Police Chief Jack Peck left to take the position of Assistant Director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy (MCJA). Deputy Chief Shane Cote is serving as Interim Chief while we seek to fill the position. I wish Jack the best in his new venture.

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 during this challenging year. I cannot thank you enough for your hard work and obvious pride in our special community.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Davis
Town Manager

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To My Fellow Citizens:



I'm writing this with the optimism that the upcoming year will be a return to normal and we can get back to enjoying everything our state and town have to offer. I would like to take a moment to thank my fellow board members, Town Manager Richard Davis, all department heads, and town employees for their continued dedication to the Town during the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, thanks to the many citizens who serve us on our boards and committees.

Every week seemed to pose a new challenge for everyone. The town employees worked together to adapt and overcome these challenges to make sure all the services that the citizens of the town were used to were never disrupted while maintaining CDC guidelines and executive orders to keep everyone safe.

For the first time in recent memory there was no Town Meeting due to the restrictions on crowd size and the 6-foot spacing regulations for COVID-19. The Selectmen came to an agreement to reduce the 2020 budget to under the 2019 budget, which eliminated the need for a Town Meeting. Likewise for 2021, again due to COVID meeting restrictions, we will utilize a first time referendum style town budget vote, preceded by informational meetings. Following a year of ups and downs the town remains in good financial shape.

We recognized the one-year observation of the tragic September 16th LEAP building explosion and the loss of Captain Michael Bell, along with injuries to six others and LEAP's maintenance manager Larry Lord. The Fire Rescue department was saluted by the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows' and the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies. The organizations sponsored Firefighters Steve Bunker and Patty Cormier to participate in the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California where their float celebrated all First Responders.

The road program continues to move forward with work being completed on Perham Street, Eastmont Square, Lake Avenue, Stewart Avenue, Birchwood Lane, Court Street, Fountain Street, Orchard Street, and Grove Street. With the cooperation of the Atlantic

Salmon Federation and support from MaineDOT, we were able to put in an aluminum arch on an unnamed brook along with rebuilding Clover Mill Road to the Temple town line. Another box culvert will be installed in the summer of 2021.

We will continue work on a five-year road plan with the start of a two-year project on High Street. We will also continue with repairing some of our older headstones behind the Franklin County Courthouse as well as other cemeteries.

I'm very proud of how our Board continues to conduct the business of Farmington and look forward to the upcoming year as we hopefully start to put the pandemic behind us and move back to a new normal.

I thank you for the continued privilege to serve you, the citizens of Farmington.

Respectfully,

Matthew Smith
Chairman

Rose Parade



FINANCE DIRECTOR

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



I will wish 2020 a sincere, “GOOD-BYE!” I thank my colleagues and co-workers for keeping a positive attitude through all the worry and sorrow that we have endured. They have made a difference working with the public and getting us through the Elections. Wow! We have a great team! Thank you all so very much.

With the COVID-19 pandemic we introduced more online services to help meet your needs. Through the Town of Farmington’s website, you can find the links for: Dog Licensing, Vital Statistics, Motor Vehicle, Boats, ATV’s, Snowmobiles and Burn Permits. The Town Office also added a drop box outside by the entryway for more convenience as well.

Real Estate taxes and Personal Property taxes for 2020 are 91.78 % collected, with unpaid 2019 and 2018 taxes currently in lien status: 2017 taxes and older are in foreclosure. Please be aware that the Town has foreclosed properties going back to 2014. Collection efforts and foreclosure costs are a very expensive part of the Treasurer’s budget.

In 2019 I had concentrated on outstanding Personal Property taxes but, because of COVID-19, small claims court was closed. I will focus on this in 2021 as soon as court resumes. Please make every effort to bring your Personal Property taxes current. This revenue along with the Real Estate taxes is important in providing the services that you all depend on. Your account status will continue to be sent with the Personal Property list requests for 2021 from the Assessor’s Office. Please contact the Assessor if you no longer have Personal Property to report due to your business moving or closing.

Remember that if you sell a mobile home this year, or have in the past, the bill of sale needs to be brought into the Tax Assessor’s office.

Once filed, liens are reported to credit agencies and can affect you if we do not have accurate information. Please report address changes to the Town office as soon as possible. Accurate addresses will decrease postage expenses significantly. I would also advise new

owners to ensure that the Real Estate taxes are paid during the closing process. Remember, the tax obligation goes with the property no matter who owned it at the time of commitment.

The Town exceeded projected revenues in most areas again this year. The department budgets stayed within approved amounts for the most part. There were some budget items that did exceed appropriated amounts, due to staff turnover and unforeseen personnel needs and other expenses from the COVID-19 virus. 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 \$3,086,485. It is important to maintain an adequate fund balance. Therefore, it is very important that the Town maintain a few months of operating expenses and that taxpayers make every effort to pay their part. A healthy Unassigned Fund balance also provides a credit check if the need should arise to borrow. Please understand 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. Like any installment loan, you can use this option to help you meet your tax bills throughout the year with a recurring monthly payment. Another thoughtful idea for gift giving is to pay towards a friend's or families' outstanding taxes.

Lastly, 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 remember to look after your neighbor and continue to take pride in your community. It is a wonderful place to work, play, and get an education.

I look forward to working with you all in 2021 and wish you all good health, peace, and prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

LucyAnn Cook
Finance Director

NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUE HISTORY AND PROJECTION

	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021
Revenue Category	Estimate	Actual	Estimate	Actual	Estimate
Vehicle Excise	\$1,050,000	\$1,130,327	\$1,100,000	\$1,096,206	\$1,110,000
Watercraft Excise	\$4,700	\$4,765	\$4,750	\$4,490	\$4,500
Victualers, Liquor Licenses	\$1,050	\$1,568	\$1,250	\$2,347	\$1,900
Code Fees	\$2,500	\$15,650	\$10,000	\$49,378	\$45,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$460,000	\$673,484	\$663,000	\$938,523	\$973,000
State Welfare Reimbursement	\$18,000	\$10,897	\$8,000	\$3,646	\$6,500
State Tree Growth	\$20,000	\$22,377	\$20,000	\$27,949	\$23,000
State Veterans Exemption	\$7,000	\$6,764	\$6,700	\$6,655	\$6,600
Motor Vehicle Fees (Town)	\$19,500	\$22,782	\$20,000	\$28,630	\$24,000
Vital Statistics (Town)	\$17,000	\$18,806	\$17,500	\$15,743	\$16,000
Hunting, Fishing, R.V., Dogs (Town)	\$1,700	\$2,822	\$2,000	\$2,487	\$2,383
Interest on Taxes	\$56,000	\$67,793	\$60,000	\$64,544	\$62,000
Tax Lien Fees	\$12,000	\$11,185	\$11,000	\$11,395	\$11,000
Recreation Fees	\$28,600	\$28,775	\$3,000	\$3,304	\$12,000
Rental of Town Property	\$5,500	\$5,600	\$1,000	\$650	\$1,000
Timber Sales	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contributions in Lieu of Taxes	\$14,500	\$14,063	\$14,000	\$13,436	\$13,000
Miscellaneous - Police Dept.	\$19,500	\$19,019	\$10,000	\$13,632	\$12,000
Miscellaneous - All Other Depts.	\$20,000	\$13,126	\$7,000	\$10,100	\$8,500
Unemployment Comp. Dividend	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recycling	\$30,000	\$32,077	\$31,500	\$52,829	\$40,000
Cemetery Fees	\$12,000	\$20,820	\$14,500	\$15,690	\$15,500
Cemetery Trust Fund Earnings	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>	<i>\$1,814,550</i>	<i>\$2,137,700</i>	<i>\$2,020,200</i>	<i>\$2,376,634</i>	<i>\$2,402,883</i>
LORAP (Local Road Assistance Prog.)	\$158,780	\$158,780	\$100,000	\$156,076	\$154,827
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES*	\$1,973,330	\$2,296,480	\$2,120,200	\$2,532,710	\$2,557,710

*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.

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.

2020 End of Year Taxes Receivable	
2020	\$ 618,080.99
2019	\$ 185,677.21
<u>2018</u>	<u>\$ 82,055.04</u>
TOTAL	\$ 885,813.24
Properties Liened	174
Properties Foreclosed	38

PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT)

University of Maine at Farmington Ambulance Fee	\$ 3,436.21
University of Maine at Farmington PILOT Contribution*	\$ 10,000.00

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

- Full property tax on the President's house at 104 Lake Avenue
- One half property tax on 242 Main Street
- One half property tax on 274 Front Street
- Paving projects on town streets and sidewalks adjacent to campus
- Mount Blue TV (provide free facilities and utilities)
- Snow removal and sanding of town sidewalks adjacent to campus
- Providing lawn care, parking and plowing for Farmington Public Library
- Sharing 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

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136 BOX SHOP, LLC	2,698.90	CHANDLER, JOEL A. & REBECCA J.	4,092.68
ABBOTT, PAMELA J. & BARRY ERIC S.	329.98	* CHAPMAN IRREVOCABLE TRUST	1,048.96
ABL MANAGEMENT, LLC	2,442.80	* CHAPMAN IRREVOCABLE TRUST	2,394.44
ADAMS, GARY K., HEIRS OF	492.50	* CHAPMAN LIVING TRUST	3,264.97
ADAMS, AARON M.	3,639.58	* CHAPMAN LIVING TRUST	3,199.01
ADAMS, ANTHONY & GRISWOLD, PAMELA	709.20	CHAPMAN LIVING TRUST	10.67
ADAMS, BARBARA E.	1,379.00	CHASE, SCOTT & ANDREA	2,600.40
AISHTON, RICHARD W. & PATRICIA K.	1,458.22	CHICK, JENNIFER	236.40
AISHTON, RICHARD W. & PATRICIA K.	256.10	CHRETIEN, JEFFREY S. & TERRY L.	1,122.90
ALLEN, DIANNE D.	152.67	CHRETIEN, MICHAEL S.	586.07
AMES, EDWARD T.	461.97	CHRISTIAN, ALEXANDRA J.	256.10
AMMENDOLIA, MERIDITH C.	3.70	CLARK, ROY H.	231.48
ATWOOD, WENDY L.	208.83	CLARY, MATTHEW	1,246.70
AYER, KAREN B.	645.17	COASTAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	2,304.90
BACHELDER, JR., BOYD B.	4,112.38	COASTAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	275.80
BAILEY, JR., ROGER A.	157.60	COASTAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	2,482.20
BANKS, JAMES & BEAUMONT, SCOTT	3,683.90	COMMUNITY CONCEPTS, INC.	453.10
BARD, CHRIS	137.90	COMMUNITY CONCEPTS, INC.	433.40
BARD, CHRIS	59.10	COMMUNITY CONCEPTS, INC.	374.30
BARD, CHRISTOPHER J.	1,610.48	COMMUNITY CONCEPTS, INC.	374.30
BARTON, FREDERICK & HOLT, MARTILDA	822.47	COMMUNITY CONCEPTS, INC.	334.90
* BARTON, FREDERICK	1,044.10	COMMUNITY CONCEPTS, INC.	295.50
BATES, BRIAN T.	783.08	COMMUNITY CONCEPTS, INC.	295.50
BEAL, BRUCE	113.28	COOLIDGE, MARVIN K. & LUCILLE	4,629.50
BEEDY, JEFFREY PRATT	630.40	* COOLIDGE, MARVIN K. & LUCILLE	2,403.40
BEEDY, JEFFREY PRATT	4,117.30	COOLIDGE, MARVIN K. & LUCILLE	2,477.27
** BELL, JENNIFER & JORDAN, LUKE	1,359.30	COUSINEAU, INC.	788.00
BELL, PAUL R. & BETTY L.	2,634.88	COUSINEAU, INC.	394.00
BESAW, BEVERLY A.	1,759.93	COUSINEAU, INC.	295.50
** BESSEY, JAMES L. & MARTHA J.	1,571.07	COUSINEAU, INC.	334.90
BINNS, ROBIN A.	492.50	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	630.40
BLODGETT, KENDALL R. & MISTY R.	2,950.08	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	433.40
BOURGAULT, SHIRLEY HILL	1,674.50	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	64.90
BOWMAN, TANYA LABELLE	59.10	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	472.80
* BOWSER-KIMBLE, JENNIFER & KIMBLE, KORY	4,190.19	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	157.60
BOYKER-SMITH, PAMELA & CHRISTIAN	1,314.98	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	256.10
BRACKETT, PENNY A.	324.07	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	275.80
* BRADY, STEVEN M. & BETSY H.	4,951.78	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	453.10
BREMNER, ELIZABETH A.	2,359.07	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	275.80
BRITAIN, FREDERICK L. & DENISE E.	5,648.98	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	394.00
BROWN, LISA M.	1,300.20	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	197.00
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,196.77	COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	2,442.80
BRYANT, NANCY R.	98.50	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	5,476.40
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,260.80	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	8,530.10
BRYANT, NANCY R.	197.00	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	2,442.80
BURNS, RICHARD	5,397.80	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	1,950.30
** CALLAHAN, ANDREA & KENNEDY, ALTON	2,634.88	COUSINEAU, JOSEPH B.	2,299.98
** CALLAHAN, ANDREA K.	275.80	CROCKETT, CHRIS	802.78
* CALLAHAN, JOHN MICHAEL	1,738.07	CURRIER, LAURA A.	1,846.87
CAPE LAWSON TRUST	157.60	CURRIER, LAURA A. & CASSIE	334.90
CAPE LAWSON TRUST	118.20	CURRIER, LAURA A.	1,004.70
CAPE LAWSON TRUST	39.40	D & JM PROPERTIES, LLC	6,973.80
** CASCADE LAND HOLDINGS, INC.	886.50	DAGGETT, JR., ROBERT Q.	748.60
** CASCADE LAND HOLDINGS, INC.	78.80	DAKU, BENJAMIN R.	2,634.88
** CASCADE LAND HOLDINGS, INC.	256.10	DAKU, GINGER A.	216.70
** CASCADE LAND HOLDINGS, INC.	433.40	DAKU, JACOB G. & GINGER A.	39.40
CED, INC.	4,511.30	DAKU, JACOB G. & GINGER A.	137.90
CED, INC.	3,821.80	DALRYMPLE, DENIS E. & SARAH H.	2,019.88

DANFORTH, LAURIE A.	72.90	HENDERSON, MILTON E. & DONNA G.	413.70
DAS-WATTLEY, SHARMILA	3,053.50	HILL, NATALIE M.	2,895.90
DAS-WATTLEY, SHARMILA	571.30	HISCOCK, BESSIE L.	251.18
DAVIS, JAMES	78.70	HOLLOWAY, RANDALL A. & CAROL A.	3,839.57
DAVIS, JAMES	39.40	HOWARD, JULI	149.67
DAVIS, JAMES R. & AMANDA	2,955.00	HOWARD, PHEOBE	453.10
DECKER, MARY R., HEIRS OF	1,654.80	HOWARD, STUART	1,753.30
DECKER, KENDALL & ROXANNA	275.80	HOWARD, WILLIAM K.	2,162.07
DENNISON, MABEL H., DEWISEES OF	78.80	HOYT, KAY	906.20
DENNISON, MABEL H., DEWISEES OF	531.90	HOYT, KAY A. & DAVID P.	531.90
DENNISON, REBECCA G.	3,225.88	** HUIISH, WENDY A.	583.08
** DETERRA, JR., ROBERT & KATHARINE	11.01	** HUIISH, WENDY A.	154.60
DI EMEDIO, MICHELLE, RANIERI, SUSAN	1,236.18	HUNTER, JAMES N.	481.58
DINGLEY, JEAN W.	925.90	HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A.	763.38
DOIRON, MICHAEL & ENGBERG, DEEDRA	1,137.68	HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A. & JANIS M.	19.70
DORR, IRVING G. & JOY B.	1,311.46	* HURLBURT, ELLEN J.	2,260.57
DOWNES, OLGA & LAWRENCE	2,304.90	HUTCHINS, SHIRLEY	1,689.28
DUBAY, JR., DANIEL	1,761.15	HUTCHINSON, CARL S.	60.74
DUNHAM, BETTY B., PERS. IN POSS.	512.20	JACOBS, LOU & RUTH	1,950.30
DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA & BETTY B.	270.88	* JALBERT, CHERI B. & RONALD D.	1,187.49
DUNN, BRIAN D.	586.07	JEANNETTE, CHRISTOPHER L. & BECKEY L.	1,438.10
DYAR, RODNEY	630.40	JONES, RYAN & AUDREY	215.99
EATON, ROBERT P. & BRINDA P.	310.06	JOSELYN, DUSTIN G.	256.10
* EUBANK, POPPY JOY & JOHN R.	1,958.21	JRL HOME IMPROVEMENTS	925.90
FARMER, GLENDON S. & CATHERINE B.	1,803.66	JULON PROPERTIES	9,574.20
FARMER, GLENDON S. & CATHERINE B.	19.66	KEIRSTEAD, STANLEY P. & BARBARA P.	216.70
FARRINGTON, JANE A.	591.00	KEMP, MARK S. & KATHERINE A.	5,934.52
FILAROSKA, JOSEPH M.	34.47	KEMP, PRISCILLA A.	3,791.27
FLEISHMAN, MARTIN A. & MARTHA R.	5,570.17	KEMPTON, SETH J.	2,895.90
FLYNN, KELLY J. & TUCCI, MICHAEL A.	2,364.00	KEMPTON, SETH J.	551.60
** FOSS, KEVIN & DAVID, PERS. REP.	354.60	KENDALL, ISAAC J.	1,201.70
FOSS, JAYME E.	295.50	KENNEDY, MADELINE, HEIRS OF	689.50
FOURNIER, REBECCA ANN	369.38	* KIDDER, JEFFREY A. & KAREN E.	1,571.07
FOWLER, FENWICK L. & FRANCES O.	0.88	KILLGREN, KEVIN, DEWISEES OF	413.70
FRARY, JOHN N., ET AL	2,221.17	KING, CHARLES B. & KRISTINE F.	1,413.48
FRECHETTE, TAMMY K.	709.20	KING, CHARLES B.	748.60
FRONT STREET INVESTMENTS	7,237.27	KNAPP, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	1,694.20
FROST, KAITLIN E.	2,364.00	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	256.10
GAJDUKOW, KATHERINE S.	329.98	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	334.90
GARBOSKI, MARY & DECKER, JR., TIMOTHY	1,004.70	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	59.10
GAY, TED F.	7.09	KOEHLING, JR., EMIL F. & MERITA M.	408.78
GAY, TED F.	1,162.30	KOMULAINEN, SANDRA A.	976.40
GIUSTRA, MATTHEW R.	1,142.60	LABAY, CHARLES R.	2,257.09
GIVEN, BARRY A.	2,221.17	LABREE, VICTORIA L.	1,346.73
GREENMAN, MARY	610.70	LAKE, THOMAS, DEWISEES OF	1,195.79
GRIFFIN, BRIAN N. & SANDRA L.	1,945.37	LAMBERT, GLADYS B., DEWISEES OF	177.30
GRIFFIN, BRIAN N. & SANDRA L.	137.90	LAMBERT, GLADYS B., DEWISEES OF	109.46
GRIFFIN, SANDRA L.	650.10	LAMBERT, VICKI G.	668.20
GRIMANIS, ANTHONY	2,029.10	** LEPPALA, COREY & ST PIERRE, REBECCA	1,300.20
GRIMANIS, ANTHONY M.	3,270.20	LESPEANCE, BRUCE D. & PENNY L.	586.07
GRIMANIS, ANTHONY M.	1,122.90	LIFE ENRICHMENT ADVANCING PEOPLE	630.40
GRIMANIS, ROSE V. & MICHAEL	1,615.40	LOVEJOY, WILLIAM W. & MELISSA	3,191.40
GUND, JOHN P.	3,383.48	LOVEJOY, WILLIAM W.	1,984.78
HALL, KAMILLA L.	2,280.27	LOVELL-VOTER, KENDRA S.	98.50
* HARGREAVES, HAROLD F. & PAMELA A.	2,240.88	LOWE, LINDA	91.17
** HART, ALAN P. & DULONG, HEIDI P.	1,527.61	LOWELL, LEE E. & JENNIFER C.	315.20
HATCH, SR., ALAN & BRENDA	551.60	LUGER, CHARLES P.	197.00
HAYDEN, JOHN	152.67	** LUTHER, TROY	1,300.20
** HAYWOOD, ERIC J. & ERICA C.	433.40	LYDON, VICKY A.	492.50
HENDERSON, MILTON E. & DONNA G.	4,590.10	MACDONALD, WILLIAM H. & GLENICE B.	1,216.47

MADORE, CYNTHIA M. & KEVIN J.	2,758.00	** PLATT, NATHAN R.	1,604.32
MADORE, CYNTHIA M.	3,289.90	PLUMMER, BRUCE H. & BETSY R.	2,398.48
MADORE, CYNTHIA M.	4,432.50	PLUMMER, BRUCE H. & BETSY R.	98.50
MADORE, JODY	329.98	PLUMMER, PHILIP E. & TIMOTHY F.	39.40
MADORE, KEVIN J. & CYNTHIA D.	1,334.68	PLUMMER, TIMOTHY F.	374.30
MALINE, SARAH R.	2,776.31	POND, SONYA L.	1,182.00
MALLET, SAMANTHA	2,969.77	POND, TERESA L.	1,117.97
MANIATAKOS, VASILIOS	2,265.50	POWERS, ANNA	334.90
MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	2,477.27	PRATT, MARION J., HEIRS OF	1,201.70
MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	275.80	PRATT, CURTIS L.	295.50
MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	1,024.40	PRESTON, KATIE S.	551.60
MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	216.70	PURINGTON, KATHY	448.17
MARKHAM, JOSHUA J. & LACY A.	1,694.20	** RAMU, CAROL M. & PHILIP M.	2,876.20
* MARQUIS, MAXINE	345.64	RAMU, PHILIP M. & CAROL M.	2,738.30
MARSHALL BEACH CORP.	315.20	* REINER, KARIN M.	2,541.30
MARSHALL, DAVID F.	1,280.50	REOPELL, ALBERT P., PERS. IN POSS.	669.80
* MASSELLI, ARLEEN M.	3,372.62	RICHARDS, KATHERINE	137.90
** MAYO, TERRI L.	231.48	RICHARDS, DANIEL A.	270.88
MCDONALD, JEANNINE D.	2,304.90	RICHARDS, JESSE L. & ELLIOTT, LAURA M.	566.38
* MCFARLAND, MARY D.	980.68	RICHARDS, MICHAEL E. & SHEILA L.	2,654.58
MCPHERSON, PAULA C. & JOSEPH P.	500.89	RICHARDS, SARAH B.	689.50
** MEALEY, RONALD G. & RUTH I.	21.72	ROBINSON, MICHELLE P.	354.60
** MERRILL, CHARLES & LETITIA	392.14	ROY, ISRAEL & ASHLEY	394.00
METCALF, JR., JOHN L.	650.10	RUNDLETT, RICK ALLAN	748.60
METCALF, JR., JOHN L.	605.78	RURAL HOUSING SERVICE	1,536.60
MILLER, GILBERT	2,344.30	* SANDY RIVER PLAYERS	625.90
MILLETT, ROBIN E., HEIRS OF	1,674.50	SANDY RIVER PROPERTIES, LLC	19,956.10
MINOR, JOHN J. & REBECCA	551.60	SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	1,044.10
MISNER-ROGERS, BEVERLY A.	1,728.68	SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	137.90
MITCHELL, SHAWN ADAM	1,689.28	** SCHAROUN, STEPHEN R. & MARION L.	9.18
MOORE, BRADFORD L., HEIRS OF	827.40	SHIPLEY, LINDA J.	780.70
MOORE, JR., JOHN W.	78.80	SIMONEAU, BRENDA L.	3,092.90
MOORE, JR., JOHN W.	8,861.69	SIMONEAU, RONALD E. & DENISE R.	374.30
MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS L.	1,418.40	SIMONEAU, JR., RONALD E. & DENISE R.	394.00
MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS L.	3,053.50	SIROIS, LUCAS J.	3,388.40
MORRIS, MICHAEL	410.62	SMITH, ROBERT L.	118.20
MULLER, GARI R. & PENELOPE S.	2,418.17	** SNELL, JR., CHARLES H.	54.18
NADEAU, MELANIE	1,374.07	SOLIS, CONNI S.	1,393.78
* NICOLSON, DONALD A. & BARBARA C.	1,748.85	SPENCINER, DAVID	1,970.00
NILE, JUSTIN N. & ANGELA E.	453.10	STAPLES, JOSEPH E. & ELIZABETH	3,979.40
NILE, OWEN	669.80	STARBIRD, DAVID A. & DIANA B.	270.88
NORTHERN MEAL CORP.	394.00	STARBIRD, JOSEPH S.	78.80
NORTHPOINT PROPERTIES, LLC	137.90	STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE	295.50
OLIVADOTI, TREVOR & ZENA S.	1,615.40	STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE	6,461.60
OLIVER, SR., CHARLES, ET AL	625.47	STEARNS, JR., DREW T.	59.10
* OPPENHEIMER, VICTOR	5,150.69	STEBBINS, JODI M.	512.20
ORR, RAYMOND B., DEVICES OF	3,948.87	STEVENS, CHRISTINE V., HEIRS OF	512.20
ORR, JR., RAYMOND B. & DEBORAH	1,511.98	STITSEL, JOYCE & GREEN, KITTY	153.10
OSGOOD, DAMIAN L.	4,550.70	STUMP, KRISTIN & CHRISTOPHER	295.50
OSGOOD, DAMIAN L.	334.90	** SULLIVAN, JAMES G.	1,768.07
OSGOOD, DAMIAN L.	394.00	SWAIN, VALARIE	2,925.02
* PARKER, MARYANNE	927.64	SWETT, ELVA M.	1,708.98
PARLIN, DAVID W.	1,649.88	TANGUY, RONALD & POWERS, JAIME	571.57
PARLIN, JERRY R. & BONNIE J.	1,200.00	** TEA ROOM, LLC	472.80
PARLIN, MICHAEL A. & DENISE C.	2,167.00	THOMAS, ANITA	501.36
** PHILLIPS, KURT W.	1,827.18	THORNDIKE, BRUCE & CHRISTOPHER	433.40
PIAWLOCK, ASHLEY L. & ROY, ISRAEL	1,438.10	THORNDIKE, LESLIE J.	231.48
PIERSON, GLORIA J. & HAND, EDWARD R.	1,236.18	TINKER, LEE ANN	2,008.90
PILLSBURY, DON LEON	2,713.68	TOMLINSON, STEVEN & TERRA, THOMAS	394.00
PLANTING, CHARLES S. & MARSHA W.	1,044.10	** TYLER, CYNTHIA J. & EDWARD A.	1,111.77

TYLER, DARRYL D. & JUDITH L.	1,984.78	WILLIAMS, ROGER B., DEVISEES OF	386.82
TYLER, DAVID A. & NORMA M.	380.36	* WINTER, LIBBY W.	2,319.67
TYLER, EDWARD	788.00	WOLFE, MICHAEL I. & BARBARA R.	4,196.10
TYLER, JOSHUA A.	807.70	** WOLFSTONE-FRANCIS, PAMELA R.	415.47
TYLER, TONY S.	2,974.70	WYMAN, MICHAEL S.	93.57
UNDERWOOD, ROBERT & CHARLOTTE	1,492.28	** YORK, BRENDA V.	137.90
VALERDE, KEELEY & RIORDON, DENNIS	2,423.10	** YORK, BRENDA V.	3,900.60
VELAZQUEZ, FELIX, HEIRS OF	59.10	** YORK, BRENDA V.	413.70
** VELEZ, DAVID	5.68	** YORK, BRENDA V.	3,309.60
VILES, FRANK	2,245.80	** YORK, BRENDA V.	236.40
VILES, MICHAEL L.	886.50	** YORK, BRENDA V.	394.00
VINING, KENNETH H.	231.48	** YORK, BRENDA V.	1,792.70
** VIOLETTE, MONA & NYBOE, MARK	1,773.00	** YORK, L. HERBERT	2,738.30
WAGNER, WILLIAM & DENISE	2,324.60	** YORK, L. HERBERT	354.60
WALKER, BETH M.	1,078.58	** YORK, L. HERBERT	1,162.30
** WALKER, NORMAN	374.30	** YORK, LINWOOD H. & BRENDA V.	157.60
WALL, ALEXANDER C.	118.20	** YORK, LINWOOD H. & BRENDA V.	59.10
WALSH, BARRY E. & SUSAN A.	109.52	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	492.50
WALTONEN REALTY TRUST	925.90	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	295.50
WALTONEN REALTY TRUST	1,516.90	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	1,379.00
WARE, ROGER W.	1,748.38	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	1,182.00
WARREN, JOY M., HEIRS OF	788.00	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	7,126.48
WATERS, CAROL CHANEY	226.55	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	334.90
WEBER, BRIAN M.	512.20	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	197.00
WELCH, LAURA	14.77	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	374.30
WELCH, MARK C.	5,417.50	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	19.70
WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	315.20	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	39.40
WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	551.60	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	197.00
WESTGATE, EDWARD T.	899.70	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	2,620.10
WHIPPLE, CARA D.	1,752.92	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	571.30
* WHIPPLE, CARA D. & GRANT, DAVID L.	4,255.20	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	728.90
WHITE, SALLY A. & CHRISTOPHER J.	448.17	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	354.60
WHITLEY, RENEE M.	1,196.77	** YORK, LINWOOD H.	216.70
WILBUR, MICHAEL T.	310.27		
** WILLIAMS, JR., RICHARD E. & MELISSA	2,718.60	2020 REAL ESTATE TOTAL	593,040.00

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE 2020

CAR CLINIC	114.26	PAYMENT ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL, INC.	35.46
COINSTAR ASSET HOLDINGS, LLC	228.52	PINS & NEEDLES	691.47
CONOPCO, INC.	84.71	RAINS, MARK, PHD	31.52
DEEP ROOT TREE SERVICE, LLC	153.66	RDM ELECTRIC, LLC	37.43
FARMINGTON AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE	155.63	ROOST PUB & WINGERY	1,014.55
FARMINGTON MOTEL	1,252.92	RS ELECTRIC	51.22
FARMINGTON TOWING	131.99	** SANDY RIVER FARMS	4,735.88
FIRST AMERICAN COMMERCIAL, INC.	654.04	STATE FARM INSURANCE	155.63
HOMESTEAD BAKERY & DELI	4.99	SULLIVAN PAINTING & WALL PAPERING	45.31
HOUSE OF STILLWATER	21.67	TIMBERLAND BUILDERS, INC.	51.22
ISA ECASH BODWELL BANK SOLUTIONS	72.89	TIMEPAYMENT, CORP	84.71
* KEMP ENTERPRISES, INC.	652.07	TOMRA MAINE	1,542.51
KENNEBEC HOME BREW SUPPLIES	49.25	TRANTENS MARKET	1,861.65
KUBER, LLC	378.24	TRUE PARTNERS CONSULTING, LLC	88.65
LIQUID SUNSHINE	80.04	TYLER, EDWARD A.	342.78
MADORES MARKET	728.90	WEST MOUNT, INC.	220.64
MAPLE HILL FARM	262.01	WESTERN MAINE ELECTRIC & EXCAVATION	2,618.13
** MARVINS AUTO BODY	520.08	WESTERN MOUNTAIN OPHTHAMOLOGY	3,658.29
MINNESOTA REGIS, CORP.	407.79		
NORTHWIND FARM	23.64	2020 PERSONAL PROPERTY TOTAL	25,040.99
ORAL & FACIAL SURGERY	1,796.64		

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ABBOTT, PAMELA JEAN & BARRY, ERIC	543.63	LAKE, THOMAS, DEVISEES OF	1,393.09
AISHTON, RICHARD W. & PATRICIA K.	341.91	LAMBERT, GLADYS B., DEVISEES OF	79.40
ALLEN, DIANNE D.	341.91	LEITE, MICHELLE	428.09
AMES, EDWARD T	680.19	LIFE ENRICHMENT ADVANCING PEOPLE	125.93
AYER, KAREN B.	681.13	LOWELL, LEE E. & JENNIFER C.	414.35
BANKS, JAMES & BEAUMONT, SCOTT	3,601.21	LYDON, VICKY A.	600.47
** BELL, JENNIFER & JORDAN, LUKE	1,556.32	* MACDONALD, WILLIAM H. & GLENICE B.	1,388.72
* BOYKER-SMITH, PAMELA & CHRISTIAN	1,620.96	MARKHAM, JOSHUA J. & LACY A.	1,914.81
BRACKETT, PENNY A.	529.37	MCDONALD, JEANNINE D.	2,590.56
BROWN, LISA M.	1,499.48	METCALF, JR., JOHN L.	772.84
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,499.48	* METCALF, JR., JOHN L.	338.11
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,456.39	MILLER, GILBERT	2,633.65
BRYANT, NANCY R.	292.87	MILLETT, ROBIN E., HEIRS OF	1,901.07
CED, INC.	4,241.85	MOORE, BRADFORD L., HEIRS OF	966.76
CHASE, SCOTT & ANDREA	2,921.56	MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS L.	1,620.96
CHRETIEN, JEFFREY S. & TERRY L.	845.28	MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS L.	3,409.33
CHRISTIAN, ALEXANDRA J.	341.91	NADEAU, MELANIE	1,677.80
CLARK, ROY H.	283.11	NILE, JUSTIN N. & ANGELA E.	565.17
COLLINS-FAUNCE, KATHY	406.55	ORR, JR., RAYMOND B. & DEBORAH	1,828.63
COUSINEAU, JOSEPH B.	3,150.77	OSGOOD, DAMIAN L.	5,039.08
CROCKETT, CHRIS	1,052.95	PILLSBURY, DON LEON	3,150.77
* CURRIER, LAURA A.	1,706.63	PLUMMER, BRUCE H. & BETSY R.	2,798.22
D & JM PROPERTIES, LLC	7,689.31	PLUMMER, BRUCE H. & BETSY R.	169.53
DAS-WATTLEY, SHARMILA	3,440.53	POWERS, ANNA	428.09
DAS-WATTLEY, SHARMILA	717.85	PRATT, MARION, HEIRS OF	1,376.15
DUNHAM, BETTY B., PERS. IN POSS.	622.01	PRATT, CURTIS L.	392.80
* DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY B.	471.19	REOPELL, ALBERT P., PERS. IN POSS.	794.39
FILAROSKA, JOSEPH M.	212.21	RICHARDS, DANIEL A.	471.19
FOURNIER, REBECCA ANN	494.69	RICHARDS, MICHAEL E. & SHEILA L.	2,996.20
FROST, KAITLIN E.	2,653.92	RICHARDS, SARAH B.	815.93
GIUSTRA, MATTHEW R.	1,126.81	* ROY, ISRAEL & ASHLEY	263.14
GIVEN, BARRY A.	2,612.10	RUNDETT, RICK ALLAN	888.37
GREENMAN, MARY	729.75	RURAL HOUSING SERVICE	1,750.24
GRIMANIS, ANTHONY	2,288.91	SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	1,203.77
GRIMANIS, ANTHONY M.	3,646.34	SIMONEAU, BRENDA L.	1,864.36
GRIMANIS, ANTHONY M.	1,297.76	SIMONEAU, RONALD E. & DENISE R.	478.99
* GRIMANIS, ROSE V. & MICHAEL	1,836.43	SIMONEAU, JR., RONALD E. & DENISE R.	508.33
GUND, JOHN P.	4,328.04	SOLIS, CONNI S.	1,707.15
HATCH, SR., ALAN & BRENDA	665.11	STAPLES, JOSEPH E. & ELIZABETH	1,415.57
HAYDEN, JOHN	349.71	STARBIRD, DAVID A. & DIANA B.	478.99
HILL, NATALIE M.	3,229.16	STASIOWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE	385.00
HISCOCK, BESSIE L.	449.64	STASIOWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE	7,129.10
HOWARD, PHEOBE	557.37	STEARNS, JR., DREW T.	126.44
HOWARD, STUART	1,995.05	STEVENS, CHRISTINE V., HEIRS OF	622.01
HOWARD, WILLIAM K.	2,555.26	STUMP, KRISTIN & CHRISTOPHER	385.00
HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A.	1,017.65	THOMAS, ANITA	723.29
HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A. & JANIS M.	30.78	THORNDIKE, LESLIE J.	428.09
* HUTCHINS, SHIRLEY	2,030.35	TYLER, DARRYL D. & JUDITH L.	2,353.55
JEANNETTE, CHRISTOPHER & BECKEY	1,641.94	UNDERWOOD, ROBERT & CHARLOTTE	1,807.08
JULON PROPERTIES	10,541.27	VALERDE, KEELEY & RORDAN, DENNIS	2,712.04
KEMPTON, SETH J.	3,244.76	VINING, KENNETH H.	428.09
KEMPTON, SETH J.	672.91	WALL, ALEXANDER C.	191.08
KENDALL, ISAAC J.	1,383.95	WARREN, JOY M., HEIRS OF	923.67
KENNEDY, MADELINE, HEIRS OF	815.93	WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	283.38
KILLGREN, KEVIN, DEVISEES OF	514.28	WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	672.91
KING, CHARLES B. & KRISTINE F.	1,720.89	** WHIPPLE, CARA D.	4,723.68
KING, CHARLES B.	888.37	YORK, CHARLES R., HEIRS OF	277.27
KNAPP, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	1,914.81	ZIEHM, DEBBIE, PERS. REP.	1,354.60
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	341.91		
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	428.09		
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	126.44		
		2019 REAL ESTATE TOTAL	180,046.22

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE 2019

CONOPCO, INC.	16.04	RUG DOCTOR INC	0.43
DEEP ROOT TREE LANDSCAPING	167.83	TOMRA MAINE	1,354.64
EXPENET TECHNOLOGIES	0.18	TRANTENS MARKET	1,121.55
FARMINGTON AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE	139.86	TRUE PARTNERS CONSULTING, LLC	3.30
FARMINGTON TOWING	121.88	TYLER, EDWARD D.	315.68
PINS & NEEDLES	631.37	W. A. MITCHELL, INC.	545.45
RAINS, MARK, PHD	27.97	WEST MOUNT, INC.	199.80
ROOST PUB & WINGERY	937.06		
RS ELECTRIC	47.95	2019 PERSONAL PROPERTY TOTAL	5,630.99

REAL ESTATE TAXES RECEIVABLE 2018

* AMES, EDWARD T.	439.02	KILLGREN, KEVIN	499.88
** BELL, JENNIFER & JORDAN, LUKE	1,033.28	KING, CHARLES B. & KRISTINE F.	1,709.83
** BOYKER-SMITH, PAMELA & CHRISTIAN	360.00	** KNAPP, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	1,855.85
BRACKETT, PENNY A.	514.49	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	332.99
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,412.51	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	416.44
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,454.23	LOWELL, LEE & JENNIFER	130.35
BRYANT, NANCY R.	286.01	LYDON, VICKY A.	583.33
CHASE, SCOTT & ANDREA	2,831.06	MCDONALD, JEANNINE D.	2,510.35
CHRETIEN, JEFFREY S. & TERRY L.	828.40	MOORE, BRADFORD L., HEIRS OF	945.77
CHRISTIAN, ALEXANDRA J.	332.99	** MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS L.	2,775.83
CROCKETT, CHRIS	1,459.49	NADEAU, MELANIE	953.57
* D & JM PROPERTIES, LLC	4,190.07	OSGOOD, DAMIAN L.	4,888.51
DAS-WATTLEY, SHARMILA	1,947.18	POWERS, ANNA	252.53
DAS-WATTLEY, SHARMILA	682.37	PRATT, MARION, HEIRS OF	1,334.33
** DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	73.59	REOPELL, ALBERT P., PERS. IN POSS.	771.08
DUNHAM, BETTY B., PERS. IN POSS.	604.19	RICHARDS, SARAH B.	784.14
GIVEN, BARRY A.	2,539.01	STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE	374.49
GREENMAN, MARY	708.49	STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE	6,899.22
** GRIMANIS, ROSE V. & MICHAEL	947.28	STEARNS, JR., DREW T.	124.38
GUND, JOHN P.	4,200.09	STEVENS, CHRISTINE V., ESTATE OF	650.99
HAYDEN, JOHN	340.79	STUMP, KRISTIN	374.72
** HOWARD, PHEOBE	74.65	THOMAS, ANITA	702.24
HOWARD, STUART	1,934.04	** TYLER, DARRYL D. & JUDITH L.	2,280.87
HOWARD, WILLIAM K.	141.02	UNDERWOOD, ROBERT & CHARLOTTE	1,751.55
HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A. & JANIS M.	987.49	WARREN, JOY M., HEIRS OF	896.24
** HUTCHINS, SHIRLEY	1,967.96	WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	106.19
JULON PROPERTIES	10,208.09		
** KENDALL, ISAAC J.	131.72		
KENNEDY, MADELINE, HEIRS OF	838.74	2018 REAL ESTATE TOTAL	78,373.92

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE 2018

DEEP ROOT TREE LANDSCAPING	156.56	ROOST PUB & WINGERY	919.79
FARMINGTON AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE	133.08	SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.	90.02
FARMINGTON TOWING	119.38	TYLER, EDWARD D.	309.21
LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING, LLC	64.58	W. A. MITCHELL, INC.	806.28
PINS & NEEDLES	610.58	WEST MOUNT, INC.	187.87
PROFESSIONAL HYDRO-BLASTERS	236.80		
R. S. ELECTRIC	46.97	2018 PERSONAL PROPERTY TOTAL	3,681.12

Please note these amounts do not include interest

* Partial payment as of January 31, 2021

** Paid in full as of January 31, 2021

ASSESSING

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



The property tax rate **decreased** from .01998 to .01970 between 2019 and 2020. The amount, in tax dollars, of a homestead exemption increased from \$419.58 to \$517.13 from 2019 to 2020.

The Town's assessment ratio is an expression of the average relationship between assessed values and current real estate sale prices. This ratio has hovered around 105% for quite a few years. Sales ratio studies show that this ratio is dropping. The assessment ratio has dropped enough that the Town will be certifying 100% in 2021. This will cause a decrease in exemption amounts and a decrease in valuations that involve the Certified Ratio.

We want to express our gratitude to Farmington property owners. Most people we interact with are gracious and polite. It is satisfying that people are good listeners. This greatly improves communication and leads to a better shared understanding of the topics at hand.

Some points of interest:

- NextEra's Solar Farm will increase taxable value by millions. Most of the value will be added when the project goes live in 2022. The valuation is not dedicated to a TIF District so the tax dollars will directly benefit the tax rate.
- Franklin Printing made a major investment in the community with a large addition to their facility. The building addition, coupled with investments in machinery and equipment, are significant contributions to the local economy.

We maintain regular office hours on Thursdays in the Town Office and Farmington's online assessing information can be viewed at www.jeodonnell.com. We are also available by phone and email the other days of the week.

Sincerely,

John E. O'Donnell, III
Noel H. Madore
John E. O'Donnell & Associates

2020 TAX RATE CALCULATION FORM

1. Total taxable valuation of real estate	1			\$438,210,651		
2. Total taxable valuation of personal property	2			\$23,376,900		
3. Total taxable valuation of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2)	3			\$461,587,551		
4. (a) Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted	4(a)			\$35,463,150		
(b) Homestead exemption reimbursement value	4(b)			\$24,824,205		
5. (a) Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property	5(a)			\$9,742,500		
(b) Enhanced BETE exemption reimbursement value	5(b)			\$5,213,543		
6. Total valuation base (Line 3 plus line 4(b) plus line 5(b))	6			\$491,625,299		
<u>ASSESSMENTS</u>						
7. County tax	7			\$591,410.25		
8. Municipal appropriation	8			\$6,108,616.00		
9. TIF financing plan amount	9			\$330,665.90		
10. Local education appropriation (Local share/contribution) <small>(Adjusted to municipal fiscal year)</small>	10			\$4,732,124.90		
11. Total appropriations (Add lines 7 through 10)	11			\$11,762,817.05		
<u>ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS</u>						
12. Anticipated state municipal revenue sharing	12			\$663,000.00		
13. Other revenues: All other revenues that have been formally appropriated to be used to reduce the commitment such as excise tax revenue, tree growth reimbursement, trust fund or bank interest income, appropriated surplus revenue, etc. (Do Not Include any Homestead or BETE Reimbursement)	13			\$1,457,200.00		
14. Total deductions (Line 12 plus line 13)	14			\$2,120,200.00		
15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14)	15			\$9,642,617.05		
16.		\$9,642,617.05 x	1.05	=	\$10,124,747.90	Maximum Allowable Tax
		<small>(Amount from line 15)</small>				
17.		\$9,642,617.05 +	\$491,625,299	=	0.01961	Minimum Tax Rate
		<small>(Amount from line 15)</small>	<small>(Amount from line 6)</small>			
18.		\$10,124,747.90 +	\$491,625,299	=	0.02059	Maximum Tax Rate
		<small>(Amount from line 16)</small>	<small>(Amount from line 6)</small>			
19.		\$461,587,551.00 x	0.01970	=	\$9,093,274.75	Tax for Commitment
		<small>(Amount from line 3)</small>	<small>(Selected Rate)</small>		<small>(Enter on MVR Page 1, line 13)</small>	
20.		\$9,642,617.05 x	0.05	=	\$482,130.85	Maximum Overlay
		<small>(Amount from line 15)</small>				
21.		\$24,824,205 x	0.01970	=	\$489,036.84	Homestead Reimbursement
		<small>(Amount from line 4b.)</small>	<small>(Selected Rate)</small>		<small>(Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)</small>	
22.		\$5,213,543 x	0.01970	=	\$102,706.80	BETE Reimbursement
		<small>(Amount from line 5b.)</small>	<small>(Selected Rate)</small>		<small>(Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)</small>	
23.		\$9,685,018.39 -	\$9,642,617.05	=	\$42,41.34	Overlay
		<small>(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22)</small>	<small>(Amount from line 15)</small>		<small>(Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)</small>	

PROGRAMS THAT COULD AFFECT YOUR TAXES



For the following programs the application must be submitted to the Assessor by April 1, 2021. 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, 2021 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, 2021. 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, 2019. 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 2021 on the 2020 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 who meet all of the following requirements will be eligible:

- 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.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

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



The Budget Committee held its first meeting in early December 2019 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 indicated that there were several increases in department requests this year. 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 for the numerous budget line items changes.

After all the presentations were given, the Committee discussed each requested budget and made their final recommendations in late January 2020. These were forwarded to the Selectmen and Town Manager for their review and consideration for the Town Warrant.

The Committee would like to thank the presenters for their 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.

The Budget Committee held a special meeting in June 2020 to discuss and support several department budget reductions. These came about because of the COVID-19 interference with normal operations of departments and a need to adjust spending. The Committee had numerous questions as to how this might affect operations and next year's budget requests. In July the Committee was asked to approve the reduction in the Public Library proposed budget, and this was accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Clyde Ross
Chairman

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 would like to report that the Town of Farmington has always been a leader in safety, and that has not changed in 2020. This past year has definitely been a challenging year, but we have been diligent in following and enforcing CDC guidelines to maintain a healthy and safe workplace for coworkers as well as the public. The Town has taken this public health concern very seriously and is committed to maintaining the highest standards of safety until this pandemic has ended. Employees from each department will continue to attend numerous safety trainings throughout the year and will continue to strive for excellence in keeping our coworkers and friends safe.

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.

The Town and I wish to express our gratitude to the Committee for the time and effort they put into creating a safer workplace. This Committee not only helps with monetary savings to the taxpayers, but more importantly, it helps to protect the employees while they provide the kind of high-quality service our taxpayers deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew L. Foster, CPRP
Safety Committee Chairman

TOWN CLERK – WELFARE DIRECTOR

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



This was the year of COVID-19 and Elections!! It started right out with the Presidential Primary, then in July with Town/State and School issues and ending with the Presidential Election in November. With the continued COVID-19 Pandemic the office saw an increase in the use of Absentee Voting as the year went along. The office went from processing 142 in March to a record amount in November with 2,485. I believe this will only continue to increase in upcoming elections due to the convenience many found with the procedure. Even with that many absentee ballots, Election Day in November proved to be steady all day. Farmington voters as always were very patient and upbeat while waiting to cast their ballots. This past fall sadly one of my long-time ballot clerks passed away. I had the privilege of working with Ruby Allen for over 10 years. She was a great asset as she knew many of the residents and became quite knowledgeable with the elections. She enjoyed her post at the ballot box always with a ready smile and conversation with the voters as they left. If she wasn't sitting knitting crafts she was standing always at the ready to hand out the much requested "I Voted" sticker's at the ballot box.

In September, I applied on behalf of the Town for a COVID-19 grant that was made available to municipalities to assist in the extra cost associated with the new requirements for polling places. This grant could be used for personal protective equipment, signage, stanchions to help with waiting lines, electronic equipment such as tablets and walkie talkies to assist during elections. I also inquired and found that the grant could be used to help the Community Center acquire better ventilation and heating as elections are held in the gym. Farmington was awarded \$155,000 under this grant. Essential items have been purchased and Recreation Director Matt Foster is working on the needs at the Community Center.

I processed 36 General Assistance applications in 2020 and approved 24, which assisted a total of 34 people.

In closing, I would like to thank the residents of the Town of Farmington for all your support throughout the year and it is always a pleasure seeing you at the office and at the polls. I was unfortunately injured at the March election and it has been quite a

year in recovering from that. I have also had tremendous support from my co-workers at the office during this time in assisting with all the office duties and especially with the extra election work this year! I look forward to the upcoming year and the projects that are planned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne E. Dickey
Town Clerk

2020 ELECTIONS	
March 3, 2020	Presidential Primary
July 14, 2020	Town/State Referendum /RSU #9
November 3, 2020	General

BALLOT CLERKS
Bonnie Baker- Deputy Town Clerk, Morgan Brown, Lynn Caldwell, Mark Caldwell, Jonathan Cohen, LucyAnn Cook, Shane Cote, Tabitha Emery, Stephanie Flanagan, Richard Jacques, Deborah McGarr-Hutchins, Joyce Morton, Richard Morton, Judith Peary-Adams, Gabriel Robinson, Yvette Robinson, S. Clyde Ross, Jeanne Simpson, Natalie Thomsen, and Diana Young.

Dog Licenses	367	Births	244
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	798	Marriages	47
		Deaths	198



POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



I want to thank the community on behalf of the Farmington Police Department for their support during this difficult and unprecedented year. From the COVID-19 pandemic to several high-profile law enforcement-related deaths in our country, many changes have been made to the way we do business, both here in our town and across the nation. 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.”

In November, the Police Chief of 10 years, Jack D. Peck, Jr., retired from our Department and took a job as the Assistant Director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Chief Peck finished his career with Farmington on November 12, 2020, which is exactly 31 years from his date of hire in 1989. The members of the Farmington Police Department would like to thank Chief Peck for his leadership and wish him well in his new endeavor.

In the Fall of 2020, we welcomed Officer Riley Dowe who joined our Department after a successful summer as a Reserve Officer with the Old Orchard Beach Police Department. Officer Ethan Boyd also successfully completed K-9 training with his partner Hook at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Congratulations Officers Dowe and Boyd and welcome Hook.

Our officers continued to support several charity events throughout the year. These included the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, “Operation Santa Claus”, and the United Way Dodgeball Tournament. Members of the Department also served on various community-oriented boards and committees during 2020. These included the Substance Free Community Coalition and R.A.C.E. to Recovery Committee through the Healthy Community Coalition, Bonney Woods Corporation, Maine Military and Community Network, and the Children’s Advocacy Center of Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties Multi-Disciplinary Team.

The Farmington Police Department also provides other services to the public that citizens should be aware of. For instance, if a loved one has the potential to “wander” and you would like emergency

personnel to have access to that individual's information, please contact our Department. In addition, we continue to offer an "elder check" program that involves contact with people who may live alone and would appreciate a check-in in the form of a phone call or visit. If you know of someone, including yourself, who would like to participate, please contact us by phone 207-778-6311 or email dispatch@farmingtonpd.org. These services offer an added layer of protection and security for our citizens. We also have a secure drug drop box in our lobby, provided by the Healthy Community Coalition, to dispose of any unused or unwanted medications. No liquids or needles please.

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

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

The Farmington Police Department maintains a page on the Town of Farmington's website which may be reached at www.farmington-maine.org and a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FPDME/. These contain public service announcements and other helpful information. Please take a moment to check the sites from time to time as the information changes frequently.

If you have questions, concerns, or just want to say hello and meet the officer on duty, please do not hesitate to contact us or to stop in at your police department located at 116 Franklin Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Shane P. Cote
Interim Chief of Police

Summary of the Most Common Crimes or Police Calls/Complaints			
Crime	2018	2019	2020
Rape	3	3	6
Assault	55	28	59
Burglary	13	16	8
Thefts	53	96	91
Criminal Mischief	47	36	35
Criminal Trespass	33	13	30
Drug Cases	26	16	31
Domestic Disturbances	90	32	52
Traffic Crashes	602	482	418
Arrests	531	464	324
OUI Arrests	95	90	46
Summons			
Speeding Summons	458	288	121
Traffic Warning	4,643	2,871	3,747
Parking Tickets	971	846	371
Missing Persons	27	4	2
Harassment Calls	98	82	54
Security Checks	<u>2,017</u>	<u>1,641</u>	<u>1,882</u>
TOTAL	9,762	7,008	7,277
Total Traffic Stops	9,209	6,340	4,165
<p>These totals represent the number of calls for service made to the police department for investigation, not necessarily the number of crimes committed. For a more representative look at crime in Farmington or any community within the United States, refer to <i>Crime in the United States</i>, an annual publication put out by the FBI.</p>			
Police Revenues			
	2018	2019	2020
Parking Tickets	\$ 17,090	\$ 28,770	\$ 8,060
Police Reports	\$ 1,498	\$ 2,642	\$ 1,095
Gun Permits	\$ 625	\$ 575	\$ 510
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 7,033</u>	<u>\$ 5,995</u>	<u>\$ 1,475</u>
TOTAL	\$ 26,246	\$ 37,982	\$ 11,140

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



**Karen Kidd
Congratulations!**

Farmington Police Department 2020



Front Center – Chief Jack Peck, Jr.

Second Row – Sergeant Michael Lyman, Deputy Chief Shane Cote, and Sergeant Edward Hastings, IV.

Third Row – Officer Ryan Rosie, School Resource Officer Bridgette Gilbert, Officer Brandon Sholan, Office Clerk Jocelyn Kelly, Officer Ethan Boyd and K-9 Hook.

Fourth Row – Officer Jesse Clement, Officer Riley Dowe, Office Manager Karen Kidd, and Officer Jeffrey Brann.

Absent from Photo – Detective Jacob Richards, Parking Enforcement Drew Holston, Animal Control Dexter “Buzz” Bridges, Crossing Guard Robert Hallman, and part-time Office Clerk Stephan Bunker.

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 2020. The Department responded to calls for assistance 484 times this year. We gave mutual aid assistance for other towns 39 times and received mutual aid assistance 16 times. The Department had a total of 18 training classes.

2019	2020	Calls for Assistance
57	62	Alarm malfunction / false alarms
36	16	Fire Inspection / fire prevention
48	54	Fire related calls
50	50	Good intent, such as calls from concerned citizens
155	172	Hazardous conditions with no fire
71	100	Rescue, extrication, and emergency medical calls
40	45	Service calls
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Severe weather</u>
457	484	Total Calls

This year we added two more full-time firefighters, Evan Dorr and Connor Perkins. In August we started staffing the station with 24 hour a day coverage.

I would like to welcome four new members to the Department, Jacob Sonia, Joseph Clark, Cody Jarels and Benjamin Bergeron. For those that might be interested, applications are available at the Fire Station or on the Town's website.

We had three members resign from the Department this year, Shawn Latulippe, Kyle Ellis, and Michael Melville. Thank you for your service.

This year we were able to complete the construction of our new Western Maine Public Safety Training Facility at the Mount Blue High School Campus. The facility is being used by area fire departments as well as the high school firefighting class. This will give area fire departments a tremendous opportunity to improve their firefighting skills.

This October the new fire truck was delivered to the Department. We have completed the training on the truck, mounted all the equipment,

and it is now in service. The old truck was sold at auction for \$26,100 to a company in Oregon.

I would like to give an update on the Department after the LEAP explosion in 2019. All members are back to work and continue to carry on with our duties, as Captain Bell would have wanted us to do.

I would especially like to thank Deputy Chief Timothy A. Hardy for the excellent job that he did in my absence. THANK YOU!

Thanks to the Department Heads and their employees for their support and cooperation. A special “Thank You” to Police Chief Jack Peck, Jr. for the excellent job he did and specifically for his support and friendship.

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

Jon Alexander 20 yrs.	Levi Gould 2 yrs.	Junior Turner 49 yrs.
David Ballard 2 yrs.	Tim A. Hardy 42 yrs.	Peter Wade 18 yrs.
Paris Baxter 3 yrs.	Tim D. Hardy 23 yrs.	Jonathan Wakefield 1 yr.
Scott Baxter 15 yrs.	Joseph Hastings 7 yrs.	Stanley Wheeler 26 yrs.
Teddy Baxter 14 yrs.	Jim Kiernan 16 yrs.	Stanley Wilcox 3 yrs.
Terry Bell 43 yrs.	Corey Mills 4 yrs.	
James Brown 34 yrs.	Connor Perkins 1 yr.	New Members 2020:
Stephan Bunker 42 yrs.	Jennings Pinkham 14 yrs.	Jacob Sonia
Patty Cormier 12 yrs.	S. Clyde Ross 49 yrs.	Joseph Clark
Evan Dorr 3 yrs.	Tiger Sikes 1 yr.	Cody Jarels
Aaron Gordon 2 yrs.	Alan Stewart 2 yrs.	Benjamin Bergeron

Thank you to all members for your service.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry S. Bell, Sr.
Fire Chief

Honoring Captain Michael A. Bell



FIRE RESCUE TRAINING



The Farmington Fire Rescue Department has continued its regular training schedule as it has done for many years. All members are taking part in these trainings, some are learning new skills and others are just refreshing those from previous sessions.

New mandates, new products and improved methods require us to keep up-dated all the time. Budget restraints 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, the Rural Hitch set up, Forcible Entry, the annual Mandatory Topic Day (County Departments), Vehicle Extrication and Stabilization, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, Rope Rescue Equipment review, Large Diameter Hose review, Truck Hose Lays and Deployment practices, review of building Pre-Plans, Cold Water Rescue Techniques, Standpipe and Sprinkler review, and Inspection of Personal Protective Equipment.

The Fire Prevention Programs have been very limited this year due to the COVID-19 situation in the area. A few Fire Extinguisher classes have been taught in local businesses. The Department continues to tour new facilities and businesses as they start up in town.

The per diem and the full-time crews have been conducting safety inspections as needed. The Department didn't do its dormitory evacuation drills with the University of Maine at Farmington this year because of safety concerns.

The purchase of a new rescue pumper truck this year saw members going to the factory for a final construction review. The new unit arrived in October and has been placed in service with several updated pieces of equipment including a new battery-operated extrication tools as an example.

A Western Maine Public Safety Training facility has been completed and is currently being used by local departments for a variety of training sessions. This will be a facility used by the Mt. Blue Fire Training Class as well as other emergency departments. This

facility has been a project supported by State and local agencies, and the RSU #9 school district funding.

Mutual aid departments are still being invited to our training sessions. This fosters good working relationships and helps all neighboring communities. The Regional Fire Fighter I and II classes started again in October with the involvement of instructors and students.

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

Western Maine Public Safety Training Facility



New Engine #1



Operation Santa Claus



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 2020, there were eight Planning Board meetings held, during which the Board reviewed 22 applications under the following ordinances: Site Review (10), Shoreland Zoning (2), Floodplain Management (1), Soil Erosion Control & Storm Water Management (6), and Adult Use & Medical Marijuana Stores, Cultivation Facilities, Manufacturing Facilities, and Testing Facilities (3). The Board also approved 2 Subdivision Modifications. Three applications were approved under in-house CEO review: Site Review (2), and Soil Erosion Control & Storm Water Management (1). The Board meets on the second Monday of every month, except for October when it meets on the third Monday.

Long-standing Planning Board member Donna Tracy retired after attending her last meeting on March 9th, having given twenty-two years of service to the Town in this capacity. On July 13th, the Planning Board's annual election was held during which Clayton King was re-elected as Chairman and Lloyd Smith elected as Vice-Chairman. On July 14th, alternate Planning Board member Judith Murphy was approved as a full member by the Board of Selectmen. On August 3rd, Linda Brown and Mike Macneil were sworn in as new Board members. There are presently no vacancies on the Planning Board.

The Board of Appeals elected officers on July 17th, during which Galen Dalrymple was re-elected as Chairman and Pete Tracy was re-elected as Vice-Chairman/Secretary. There are two three-year term vacancies presently available for a regular member and two one-year term vacancies presently available for alternate members.

The Zoning Board elected officers on July 7th, during which Paul Mills was re-elected as Chairman and Adrian Harris was re-elected as Secretary. The Zoning Board currently has one one-year term vacancy for an alternate member.

During 2020, there were 55 residential projects: 13 stick-built houses; 4 mobile homes; 1 double-wide modular; 16 garages; 7 additions; 6 barns; 3 storage buildings; and 5 decks. In 2020, registration forms were filed for 15 business projects and 2 home-occupations, and 18 sign permits were issued.

In April, the Code/Planning Office completed the annual activities for the Town's re-certification for Class 8 rating 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.

The Odor Control Panel, consisting of four residents, continued evaluating marijuana cultivation businesses under the Zoning Ordinance's Performance Standard for Odor Nuisance Control & Abatement. In 2020, the Loan Review Board approved two loans from the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) for local businesses.

A reminder to all those building new structures, and those installing slabs and/or foundations for new manufactured ("modular") housing, that such work must be inspected by a Third-Party Inspector (TPI) under the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC).

Please check the Town's website www.farmington-maine.org for Board meeting dates, agendas, and minutes. Also available on the website are zoning maps, ordinances, and application forms. These are listed under Code/Planning on the homepage. All meetings are open to the public.

In the year of COVID-19, I want to express my appreciation to all other Town departments and personnel for their efforts to sustain Town services in very challenging times. Especially meaningful is the recovery and current status of the Fire Rescue Department a year out from the September 16, 2019 explosion event.

Many thanks to my co-workers, Planning Assistant Cindy Gelinas and Code Enforcement Assistant Kate Foster, for their hard work and dedication.

I also want to express my gratitude, particularly to Donna Tracy and all members of the above-mentioned Boards for the countless hours and guidance they have generously given the Town, and to all 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:



Over this past year, the Recreation Department has gone through some incredible changes to meet the needs of our community while they dealt with the challenges brought to them by 2020. This year has proved itself to not only be a year that our department will never forget, but also a year that will hold a prominent place in history. I would like to share with you how our department has handled this moment in time.

The year started out as usual with the skating rink, February Break Camp, Jr. Pro Basketball, Indoor Soccer, and After School Hours for the children. Adults and seniors were busy with Pickleball, Tai-chi, Indoor Soccer, and weekly dining, arts, and games groups. However, at 12:00 p.m. on March 16th, activities abruptly stopped. Programs were canceled, doors were shut, and facilities closed for public use...

After about three days of silence at our facilities, our staff began working on virtual programming. Within one week of “closure” the department put together its first week of online programming. After receiving an overwhelming response to our first week, our second week after the shutdown brought about a full roll-out of three times a day seven days per week online programming.

Content included Couch to 5K training, exercise for both children and young adults, yoga, mental health tips, creative cooking, nature/outdoor activities, arts and crafts, community field trips, sports skills and drills, along with many others throughout the year. Our Department also created virtual soccer and field hockey programs this past Fall to help support the public schools’ efforts to protect public health. Within the first few weeks of averaging almost 6,000 views, we knew that our community was in desperate need of creative ideas for their families.

After almost three months of online programming, our Department had garnered over 100,000 views with followers from more than 30 states and 14 countries. Who knew such a small department in the foothills of Western Maine would reach so many people in such a profound and meaningful way?

The Recreation Department was featured in several news articles. We were contacted by many other recreation departments from around the state who were inspired and looking for information and advice on how they could create similar programs and content.

Many other recreation departments in the state were going above and beyond to be there for their communities this year. They were making health and wellness calls, doing home wellness checks, organizing food distributions to local citizens in need, as well as working on providing their communities with the best programming and other activity options.

I would also like to take a minute to sincerely thank the amazing staff who have been the reason for our success this year. Charity Sargood, David Spraker, and Emily O'Donnell have been instrumental in keeping our parks and other properties beautifully maintained this year. Jennifer Savage, Brooke Bolduc, Jessica Howe, Joy Jancewicz, Griffin Conlogue, Zac Conlogue, Susan Jones, and Elizabeth LeClair were the friendly faces of our online content. I would also like to thank some of our very special volunteers – Dr. Stephen Bein, Eddie Yuen, Jody Harmon, Patty Cormier, Dr. Susy Sanders, and the Mt. Blue athletes for their help in creating the important online content for our community this past year. I would also like to take a moment to welcome our new Assistant Director, Michael Muise, who hit the ground running during a very difficult time.

Lastly, I would like to leave you with a few words I wrote when we started down this new path in March - "I would like to encourage our residents to take this time to reflect on what a blessing it is to live in Western Maine and to call the Town of Farmington our home. The Parks are still open, so please go for a walk, enjoy a sunset, listen to the clock bells chime at Meetinghouse Park, and go bird watching at Walton's Mill Pond Park. Fresh air, sunshine, and open spaces can heal a multitude of things."

If anyone would like more information about the Recreation Department feel free to call us or check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/farmingtonrec.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew L. Foster, CPRP
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 fifth annual report as the 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 and more than 15 miles of pedestrian walkways.

Major accomplishments for the Department during the 2020 construction season were the rebuild of Perham Street, Eastmont Square, Lake Avenue, Stewart Avenue, Birchwood Lane, Court Street, Fountain Street, Orchard Street, Grove Street, and Clover Mill Road for a total 22,647 feet of improved travel way.

For next season we plan to reconstruct High Street with upgraded roadway and sidewalks. This will be a major improvement for 2021.

We finally recovered from the harsh winter elements of 2020 that depleted our material inventory and took a toll on hours of manpower worked. With a full staff and full sand shed, we feel that we are prepared to journey through the 2021 season with success. 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 during the current year and all future infrastructure upgrades.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Hutchins
Public Works Director

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. 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. Should we get any rain, however, those catch basins are needed for drainage and to prevent the streets from icing. If you have a catch basin near your property, 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., 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.

Clover Mill Road Culvert



Perham Street Sidewalk



Photo courtesy of the Daily Bulldog

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

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



2020 was far from a normal year, however we still managed to be quite productive. There were several streets that were paved by the Town and State this Summer, and in a normal year we rebuild 10 manholes - this year we rebuilt 38. We will continue this because the Town has plans to pave more streets

throughout town in the coming year beginning with a section of High Street.

The collection system was completely cleaned and video inspected, which was a year earlier than planned. The information from this project allowed us to make necessary repairs to the collection system and gave us a good picture of the overall condition of the entire system.

During our annual total phosphorus testing season from June 1st through September 30th, we added the HPAC 8323 product from Harcros Chemical to precipitate the total phosphorus out of our wastewater. We were able to reduce the total phosphorus discharge to the Sandy River by 51% over what was discharged in 2019, with our largest reduction of 65% in the month of September. We met the projected permit limit in two of the four months with an average of just 0.4 of a pound of out 5.2 pounds per day limit we will need to meet in 2021. The future for this system is to purchase a pump capable of delivering more gallons per day during times of higher total phosphorus levels entering the waste stream. I plan to budget for eight totes of chemical to increase the feed rate in August and September when concentrations are higher.

There were many projects scheduled this year, but due to COVID-19, the companies and vendors were not sending their people out in the field to work. Many of those projects will need to be placed in the annual budget again for completion in 2021 in hopes that we can return to normal working conditions in the coming year.

Moving into the 2021 of our current discharge permit, we only have two quarters we need to do testing. The second quarter will be a full flea/trout whole effluent toxicity test with analytical chemistry, low level mercury, and copper testing. The fourth quarter will only be copper testing. From June 1st through September 30th, we will need to meet our pounds per limit of 5.2 on total phosphorus. Throughout

2021 I will be assisting the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Maine DEP) as our next five-year discharge permit is written using the information obtained from the test results from over the prior five years. The one big difference I have heard that will be changing is the length of our current disinfection season. The Maine DEP is increasing the current Disinfection Season from May 15th to September 30th to April 15th to October 31st. This will add two full months to our current parameter and increase the overall cost of our disinfection season by \$2,500 a year. I have estimated this increase is due to the additional chemical use and cost for the extra two months based on average flow for each month added. The only other addition I know of will be the pounds per day limit we will have to meet on total phosphorus discharge will be written in for the full five-year Permit beginning in 2022.

I would like to take a moment to thank my crew for all their hard work throughout the year. This year has been more trying with the COVID-19 and individuals taking time off for families and illness. Through it all this crew has managed to get everything done. They are a great group of individuals and I am thankful to have them here working for this Department. I would also like to give thanks to our Billing Clerk who keeps the bills going out and the money we need to do our jobs coming in and so much more.

In 2021, the employees will continue to improve the Treatment Facility and do what is needed to protect the environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Millett
Superintendent



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

SEWER DEPARTMENT
Liened Receivables as of December 31, 2020

- * Partial Payments Ending 01-31-2021
- ** Paid in Full

	ACCOUNT	BALANCE	EARLIEST YEAR DUE
*	Brackett, Penny A.	2,331.47	2016
*	Chretien, Jeffrey S.	1,615.86	2016
	Cousineau, Joseph B.	1,808.35	2019
	Das-Wattley, Sharmila	2,269.79	2017
	Das-Wattley, Sharmila	757.22	2017
	Das-Wattley, Sharmila	1,080.79	2017
	Deutsche Bank National Trust	630.14	2018
	Doughty, Amos M.	441.12	2019
*	Fraser, Bruce M.	1,793.14	2018
*	Gay, Ted, Heirs of	600.12	2018
	Gund, John P.	2,824.46	2016
	Lapala, Corey	1,279.82	2018
*	Lesperance, Bruce & Penny	345.05	2019
*	Lord, Kevin	1,142.71	2018
*	Morgan, Iris & Ryan	5,863.42	2018
*	Morgan, Iris & Ryan	1,931.74	2018
	Pillsbury, Nichole R.	233.80	2019
*	Pond, Sonya L.	562.13	2019
*	Spinney, David	520.47	2019

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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



The Farmington Conservation Commission (FCC) contributed over 300 volunteer hours this year. Planned maintenance of the downtown lilac trees and replacement of two trees was postponed due to difficulty getting together during the planting season and then drought conditions. Our annual Arbor Week celebration and work event was likewise postponed. We worked on plans to hold a town forest day in conjunction with the Maine Forest Service and other local groups to celebrate the forest resources in town. We continued to offer support for the Walton's Mill Dam park development and the culvert replacement and wildlife and plant habitat work being done by the Town Parks and Recreation Department, the Maine Atlantic Salmon Federation, University of Maine Farmington faculty and students, and the Farmington Historical Society. Our biggest success of the year was securing a Project Canopy grant to write an invasive species plan for downtown roads and town facilities. Work on the plan has begun and we hope to finish it by this coming summer.

Maintenance of the lilac trees usually includes pruning and adding compost to the trees to promote healthy growth. We will continue that maintenance in 2021. We will renew our effort to keep the trees weeded. We are also coordinating a project to protect the boles of the trees with protective guards. We plan to have them in place by the end of summer 2021. 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.

We also will be offering our support for the hospital's plan to remove the diseased red pine plantation within which the hospital was built. Plans include replanting the areas around the buildings to create a peaceful sylvan setting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Rees Speich
Secretary

Bill Haslam
Chairman



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, Appointed Boards and Committees" 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.

Boston Post Cane Recipient



Town Manager Richard Davis presents the cane to
Eva Lindsay who turned 103 September 2020



April 7, 2021

Selectboard
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, 2020. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2020 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be 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 E
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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,031,972	\$ 955,020	\$ 6,986,992
Investments	576,446	195,158	771,604
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	634,573	-	634,573
Liens	256,344	-	256,344
Notes	-	202,923	202,923
Other	156,696	-	156,696
Prepaid items	6	-	6
Due from other funds	41,756	1,264,860	1,306,616
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,697,793	\$ 2,617,961	\$ 10,315,754
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 261,567	\$ -	\$ 261,567
Payroll related payables	104,128	-	104,128
Due to other governments	2,187,448	-	2,187,448
Due to other funds	1,264,860	41,756	1,306,616
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,818,003	41,756	3,859,759
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	19,189	-	19,189
Deferred revenue	77,538	-	77,538
Deferred tax revenues	692,572	-	692,572
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	789,299	-	789,299
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	6	-	6
Restricted	-	1,617,798	1,617,798
Committed	-	966,796	966,796
Assigned	4,000	-	4,000
Unassigned	3,086,485	(8,389)	3,078,096
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	3,090,491	2,576,205	5,666,696
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 7,697,793	\$ 2,617,961	\$ 10,315,754

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 9,147,566	\$ -	\$ 9,147,566
Excise taxes	1,100,697	-	1,100,697
Interest on taxes	64,544	-	64,544
Intergovernmental	1,649,620	606,504	2,256,124
Charges for services	225,500	-	225,500
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	-	43,572	43,572
Miscellaneous revenues	14,750	502,480	517,230
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>12,202,677</u>	<u>1,152,556</u>	<u>13,355,233</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	856,026	-	856,026
Public safety	2,392,616	-	2,392,616
Health and welfare	5,536	-	5,536
Recreation and culture	350,492	-	350,492
Education	4,732,125	-	4,732,125
Public works	1,889,742	-	1,889,742
County tax	591,410	-	591,410
Community services	235,474	-	235,474
Unclassified	94,567	1,099,757	1,194,324
Debt service:			
Principal	82,667	-	82,667
Interest	14,550	-	14,550
Capital outlay	-	89,279	89,279
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>11,245,205</u>	<u>1,189,036</u>	<u>12,434,241</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>957,472</u>	<u>(36,480)</u>	<u>920,992</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	15,000	361,666	376,666
Transfers (out)	(361,666)	(15,000)	(376,666)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(346,666)</u>	<u>346,666</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	610,806	310,186	920,992
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>2,479,685</u>	<u>2,266,019</u>	<u>4,745,704</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 3,090,491</u>	<u>\$ 2,576,205</u>	<u>\$ 5,666,696</u>

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Enterprise Funds		
	Sewer	Sewer Reserves	Total
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Investments	\$ 340,000	\$ 1,215,700	\$ 1,555,700
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	277,882	-	277,882
Due from other funds	1,326,064	842,724	2,168,788
Total current assets	1,943,946	2,058,424	4,002,370
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets:			
Land and buildings	9,893,516	-	9,893,516
Vehicles and equipment	2,065,359	-	2,065,359
Plant/infrastructure	7,940,149	-	7,940,149
Less: accumulated depreciation	(17,805,384)	-	(17,805,384)
Total noncurrent assets	2,093,640	-	2,093,640
TOTAL ASSETS	4,037,586	2,058,424	6,096,010
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	7,327	-	7,327
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	7,327	-	7,327
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 4,044,913	\$ 2,058,424	\$ 6,103,337
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accrued payroll	\$ 8,731		\$ 8,731
Accrued interest	5,123	-	5,123
Current portion of long-term obligations	31,069	-	31,069
Total current liabilities	44,923	-	44,923
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations:			
Bonds payable	510,568	-	510,568
Accrued compensated absences	19,144	-	19,144
Net pension liability	58,578	-	58,578
Total noncurrent liabilities	588,290	-	588,290
TOTAL LIABILITIES	633,213	-	633,213
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	6,946	-	6,946
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	6,946	-	6,946
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	1,558,385	-	1,558,385
Unrestricted	1,846,369	2,058,424	3,904,793
TOTAL NET POSITION	3,404,754	2,058,424	5,463,178
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	\$ 4,044,913	\$ 2,058,424	\$ 6,103,337

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Enterprise Funds		
	Sewer	Sewer Reserves	Total
OPERATING REVENUES			
Charges for services	\$ 997,144	\$ -	\$ 997,144
Other	2,767	161,340	164,107
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>999,911</u>	<u>161,340</u>	<u>1,161,251</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Payroll and taxes	363,764	-	363,764
Treatment plant	199,485	-	199,485
Professional services	151,676	-	151,676
Depreciation	278,434	-	278,434
Other	155,000	-	155,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>1,148,359</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,148,359</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>(148,448)</u>	<u>161,340</u>	<u>12,892</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Interest income	3,113	-	3,113
Interest (expense)	(18,345)	-	(18,345)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>(15,232)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,232)</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(163,680)	161,340	(2,340)
NET POSITION - JANUARY 1	<u>3,568,434</u>	<u>1,897,084</u>	<u>5,465,518</u>
NET POSITION - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 3,404,754</u>	<u>\$ 2,058,424</u>	<u>\$ 5,463,178</u>

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 2,479,685	\$ 2,479,685	\$ 2,479,685	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	9,313,234	9,107,276	9,147,566	40,290
Excise taxes	1,054,700	1,104,750	1,100,697	(4,053)
Interest on taxes	56,000	60,000	64,544	4,544
Intergovernmental	1,258,099	1,389,444	1,649,620	260,176
Charges for services	136,750	111,750	225,500	113,750
Miscellaneous revenues	32,000	17,000	14,750	(2,250)
Transfers from other funds	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>14,345,468</u>	<u>14,284,905</u>	<u>14,697,362</u>	<u>412,457</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	933,078	914,205	856,026	58,179
Public safety	2,333,853	2,365,246	2,392,616	(27,370)
Health and welfare	25,000	25,000	5,536	19,464
Recreation and culture	405,609	424,780	350,492	74,288
Education	4,793,091	4,732,125	4,732,125	-
Public works	1,904,593	1,961,301	1,889,742	71,559
County tax	568,765	591,410	591,410	-
Community services	236,998	235,474	235,474	-
Unclassified	459,142	132,401	94,567	37,834
Debt service:				
Principal	82,667	80,121	82,667	(2,546)
Interest	17,088	17,088	14,550	2,538
Transfers to other funds	106,500	361,666	361,666	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>11,866,384</u>	<u>11,840,817</u>	<u>11,606,871</u>	<u>233,946</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 2,479,084</u>	<u>\$ 2,444,088</u>	<u>\$ 3,090,491</u>	<u>\$ 646,403</u>
Utilization of assigned fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 35,597</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (35,597)</u>

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND REVENUES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 9,298,734	\$ 9,093,276	\$ 9,134,130	\$ 40,854
Payment in lieu	14,500	14,000	13,436	(564)
Excise taxes	1,054,700	1,104,750	1,100,697	(4,053)
Interest on taxes	56,000	60,000	64,544	4,544
Total Taxes	10,423,934	10,272,026	10,312,807	40,781
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State revenue sharing	600,000	663,000	938,523	275,523
Homestead exemption	355,696	489,037	470,052	(18,985)
GA reimbursement	18,000	8,000	3,646	(4,354)
Local road assistance	158,780	100,000	100,000	-
BETE reimbursement	98,623	102,707	102,795	88
Veteran reimbursement	7,000	6,700	6,655	(45)
Tree growth reimbursement	20,000	20,000	27,949	7,949
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	1,258,099	1,389,444	1,649,620	260,176
Charges for Services:				
Code enforcement fees	2,500	10,000	84,628	74,628
Motor vehicle fees	19,500	20,000	28,630	8,630
Vital statistics fees	17,000	17,500	15,743	(1,757)
Inland fisheries fees	1,700	1,000	1,392	392
Parks and recreation fees	28,000	3,000	3,804	804
Assessor	-	-	2,347	2,347
Dog fees	-	1,000	1,095	95
Rental of town property	5,500	1,000	650	(350)
Police department	19,500	10,000	13,256	3,256
Recycling fees	30,000	31,500	52,829	21,329
Cemetery fees	12,000	14,500	19,290	4,790
Misc fees/licenses	1,050	2,250	1,836	(414)
Total Charges for Services	136,750	111,750	225,500	113,750
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Tax lien fees	12,000	11,000	11,395	395
Misc revenues	20,000	6,000	3,355	(2,645)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	32,000	17,000	14,750	(2,250)
Transfers from other funds	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	\$ 11,865,783	\$ 11,805,220	\$ 12,217,677	\$ 412,457

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General government:					
Administration	\$ 268,286	\$ (13,887)	\$ 254,399	\$ 239,410	\$ 14,989
Assessor	149,104	(20,864)	128,240	118,468	9,772
Clerk treasurer	262,416	27,614	290,030	261,669	28,361
Municipal building	84,835	(11,787)	73,048	72,337	711
CEO	161,137	(449)	160,688	159,178	1,510
Committees	7,300	500	7,800	4,964	2,836
	<u>933,078</u>	<u>(18,873)</u>	<u>914,205</u>	<u>856,026</u>	<u>58,179</u>
Public safety:					
Police department	1,393,975	(67,316)	1,326,659	1,355,328	(28,669)
Fire department	460,223	106,327	566,550	573,861	(7,311)
Hydrants	345,475	-	345,475	345,475	-
Street lights	86,000	(16,000)	70,000	64,478	5,522
Traffic lights	10,000	10,000	20,000	18,412	1,588
Ambulance	38,180	(1,618)	36,562	35,062	1,500
	<u>2,333,853</u>	<u>31,393</u>	<u>2,365,246</u>	<u>2,392,616</u>	<u>(27,370)</u>
Health and welfare:					
General assistance	25,000	-	25,000	5,536	19,464
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>5,536</u>	<u>19,464</u>
Recreation and culture:					
Parks and recreation	182,846	9,220	192,066	154,286	37,780
Community center	130,781	6,211	136,992	107,285	29,707
Cemeteries	91,982	3,740	95,722	88,921	6,801
	<u>405,609</u>	<u>19,171</u>	<u>424,780</u>	<u>350,492</u>	<u>74,288</u>

SCHEDULE B (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Education	4,793,091	(60,966)	4,732,125	4,732,125	-
Public works:					
Highway department	1,375,157	25,152	1,400,309	1,269,268	131,041
Recycling department	100,656	31,556	132,212	171,796	(39,584)
Local roads	158,780	-	158,780	158,780	-
Capital improvement for roads	270,000	-	270,000	289,898	(19,898)
	1,904,593	56,708	1,961,301	1,889,742	71,559
County tax	568,765	22,645	591,410	591,410	-
Debt service:					
Principal	82,667	(2,546)	80,121	82,667	(2,546)
Interest	17,088	-	17,088	14,550	2,538
	99,755	(2,546)	97,209	97,217	(8)
Community services:					
Animal shelter	16,296	776	17,072	17,072	-
Public library	201,704	(2,300)	199,404	199,404	-
Social services / economic development	17,998	-	17,998	17,998	-
Gay cemetery	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
	236,998	(1,524)	235,474	235,474	-

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified:					
Insurances	65,000	20,000	85,000	94,567	(9,567)
TAN interest	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000
TIF	349,655	(349,655)	-	-	-
Overlay	39,487	2,914	42,401	-	42,401
	<u>459,142</u>	<u>(326,741)</u>	<u>132,401</u>	<u>94,567</u>	<u>37,834</u>
Transfers to other funds:					
Legal reserve	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	-
ADA	1,500	(500)	1,000	1,000	-
Fire equipment	75,000	(75,000)	-	-	-
TIF	-	330,666	330,666	330,666	-
	<u>106,500</u>	<u>255,166</u>	<u>361,666</u>	<u>361,666</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Departmental Operations	<u>\$ 11,866,384</u>	<u>\$ (25,567)</u>	<u>\$ 11,840,817</u>	<u>\$ 11,606,871</u>	<u>\$ 233,946</u>

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 165,043	\$ -	\$ 789,977	\$ 955,020
Investments	-	-	195,158	195,158
Notes receivable	202,923	-	-	202,923
Due from other funds	710,886	521,464	32,510	1,264,860
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,078,852	\$ 521,464	\$ 1,017,645	\$ 2,617,961
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ 6,359	\$ -	\$ 35,397	\$ 41,756
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,359	-	35,397	41,756
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	569,970	62,765	985,063	1,617,798
Committed	508,097	458,699	-	966,796
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	(5,574)	-	(2,815)	(8,389)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,072,493	521,464	982,248	2,576,205
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
	\$ 1,078,852	\$ 521,464	\$ 1,017,645	\$ 2,617,961

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,572	\$ 43,572
Intergovernmental	606,504	-	-	606,504
Other income	304,401	193,609	4,470	502,480
TOTAL REVENUES	910,905	193,609	48,042	1,152,556
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	89,279	-	89,279
Other	1,095,657	-	4,100	1,099,757
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,095,657	89,279	4,100	1,189,036
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(184,752)	104,330	43,942	(36,480)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	360,666	1,000	-	361,666
Transfers (out)	-	-	(15,000)	(15,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	360,666	1,000	(15,000)	346,666
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	175,914	105,330	28,942	310,186
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1	896,579	416,134	953,306	2,266,019
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	\$ 1,072,493	\$ 521,464	\$ 982,248	\$ 2,576,205

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

**2021 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 APRIL 2021, at 7:45 o'clock in the morning to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 42. The polls will open at 8:00 o'clock in the morning and close at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 2 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 2021, to reduce the taxes committed, in the amount of \$2,557,710.

FOURTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$799,063 for **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$781,630	\$799,063
Selectmen Recommended	781,630	799,063
Budget Committee Recommended	781,630	799,063
Approved	781,630	

STATEMENT OF FACT:

	Appropriated <u>2020</u>	Requested <u>2021</u>	Selectmen and Budget Committee <u>Recommended</u>
1. Administration	\$254,397	\$261,081	\$261,081
2. Assessor	128,240	130,497	130,497
3. Treasurer / Clerk	288,145	284,811	284,811
4. Committees & Events	7,800	7,800	7,800
5. Municipal Building	73,048	84,878	844,878
6. Tax Anticipation Note	5,000	5,000	5,000
7. General Assistance	25,000	25,000	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL	\$781,630	\$799,063	\$799,063

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% pay increases for 2021. 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 \$26,000 for the Revaluation Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$211,596.74.

The Treasurer/Clerk Budget includes pay increases of 2%.

Committees and Events includes Memorial Day Flags (\$3,000), Planning Board (\$500), Conservation Commission (\$800), and Special Projects (\$3,500) 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 2020 appropriation was \$25,000. Expenditures totaled \$5,536.48 for the year, which was well below average. Seventy percent of this expenditure is now reimbursed by the state and accrues to the General Fund.

FIFTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$163,593 for **CODE ENFORCEMENT** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$160,688	\$163,593
Selectmen Recommended	160,688	163,593
Budget Committee Recommended	160,688	163,593
Approved	160,688	

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% pay increases for 2021.

SIXTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,506,788 for the **POLICE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,311,659	\$1,506,788
Selectmen Recommended	1,311,659	1,506,788
Budget Committee Recommended	1,311,659	1,506,788
Approved	1,311,659	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Police Department budget includes negotiated contract obligations for union members, including increased contributions to health insurance costs in lieu of pay increases. Management employees receive 2% pay increases for 2021. Also included are expenses related to building operation and maintenance.

SEVENTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$771,154 for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$566,550	\$771,154
Selectmen Recommended	566,550	771,154
Budget Committee Recommended	566,550	771,154
Approved	566,550	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The increase in the Fire Department's request includes wages for the full year for two additional full-time firefighters who were hired in 2020 and one additional per diem firefighter. The budget also includes 2% pay increases for current personnel for 2021. Also included is a \$75,000 appropriation to the Fire Equipment Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$41,075.08.

EIGHTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$562,586 for **OTHER PROTECTIONS** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$557,037	\$562,586
Selectmen Recommended	557,037	562,586
Budget Committee Recommended	557,037	562,586
Approved	557,037	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>
1. Street Lights	\$ 70,000	\$ 63,550
2. Fire Hydrants	345,475	345,475
3. Insurances	85,000	96,700
4. Ambulance	36,562	36,861
5. Traffic Light Maintenance	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL	\$557,037	\$562,586

The Street Light budget has decreased following conversion of the high-pressure sodium lights to more energy-efficient LED fixtures. The Fire Hydrant cost 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 2021. 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 2020 actual expenditures and 2021 projected costs.

NINTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$349,502 for the **PARKS AND RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER DEPARTMENTS** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$325,558	\$349,502
Selectmen Recommended	325,558	349,502
Budget Committee Recommended	325,558	349,502
Approved	325,558	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>
Parks and Recreation	\$188,566	\$203,342	\$203,342
Community Center	<u>136,992</u>	<u>146,160</u>	<u>146,160</u>
TOTAL	\$325,558	\$349,502	\$349,502

The Parks and Recreation Budget includes operating expenses for all recreational activities, including personnel costs for the full-time Director, part-time seasonal positions, program directors and coaches. The Community Center budget includes personnel costs for one full-time Assistant Director and one part-time custodian.

TENTH – To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, federal financing assistance under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Act, Public Law 88-578 for the development of the Walton’s Mill Dam Removal and Park Improvements Project; and further authorize the Selectmen to enter into the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement with the State subsequent to federal approval of the project.

ELEVENTH – To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, financing assistance under the provisions of the Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program for the development of the Walton’s Mill Dam Removal and Park Improvements Project; and further authorize the Selectmen to enter into the Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program Project Agreement with the State which, would protect the property (currently already a portion of the Walton’s Mill Park property) from uses other than conservation.

TWELFTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,506,216 for the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,385,097	\$1,506,216
Selectmen Recommended	1,385,097	1,506,216
Budget Committee Recommended	1,385,097	1,506,216
Approved	1,385,097	

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.

THIRTEENTH – To see if the Town will vote to approve the Municipal Officers’ Order of Discontinuance of the Stinchfield Road without reservation of a public easement in the same, dated August 13, 2019 and filed with the Town Clerk, and to appropriate the sum of \$0 to pay damages as stated in the Order.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Stinchfield Road is an approximately 750-foot long loop off Route 4 north of the Fairbanks bridge that serves one residence. That residence was recently sold, and the new owner has requested that the road be discontinued so that he can gate it off at each end and maintain it privately.

FOURTEENTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$174,612 for the **RECYCLING DEPARTMENT** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$132,212	\$174,612
Selectmen Recommended	132,212	174,612
Budget Committee Recommended	132,212	174,612
Approved	132,212	

STATEMENT OF FACT: This budget covers all operating expenses for the transfer station, including personnel costs for two part-time employees. Included is \$40,000 for a recycling service agreement with Archie's, Inc. This budget is offset by approximately \$40,000 of revenue that accrues to the General Fund.

FIFTEENTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$96,485 for **CEMETERIES** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$95,722	\$96,485
Selectmen Recommended	95,722	96,485
Budget Committee Recommended	95,722	96,485
Approved	95,722	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The 2021 request represents the amount needed to maintain the Fairview and Riverside Cemeteries in the current year. The amount requested is offset by cemetery fees estimated at \$15,500 and trust fund earnings estimated at \$15,000.

SIXTEENTH - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate State of Maine Local Road Assistance Program (LORAP) funds in the amount of \$154,827 for the year 2021, and to authorize the expenditure of said funds for road improvements.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$158,780	\$154,827
Selectmen Recommended	158,780	154,827
Budget Committee Recommended	158,780	154,827
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 2021 funding. This allocation is used for capital improvements to Town roads.

SEVENTEENTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR ROADS** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$270,000	\$300,000
Selectmen Recommended	270,000	300,000
Budget Committee Recommended	270,000	300,000
Approved	270,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The request represents the amount that is needed, over and above the \$154,827 appropriation in the preceding Article, to fully fund the third year of a five-year Capital Improvement Program for road rehabilitation. Planned for 2021 are the reconstruction of High Street from Perham Street to South Street (phase one of a two-year project), pavement overlay on Titcomb Hill Road, and paving or chip sealing on Osborn Road. Additional projects will be included for 2022 and beyond, subject to annual funding approval.

EIGHTEENTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$212,568 for **DEBT SERVICE** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$97,209	\$212,568
Selectmen Recommended	97,209	212,568
Budget Committee Recommended	97,209	212,568
Approved	97,209	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>
Municipal Garage Debt	\$53,765	\$52,600	\$52,600
Police Building Debt	43,444	41,917	41,917
Fire Truck Debt	<u>0</u>	<u>118,051</u>	<u>118,051</u>
TOTAL	\$97,209	\$212,568	\$212,568

The amount indicated in this Article represents the debt service (principal and interest) for bonds for the municipal garage, the new police station renovations, and the new fire truck that was approved at the November 5, 2019 referendum. The garage debt will be retired in 2022, the police building debt in 2026, and the fire truck debt in 2029. The fire truck payment was deferred from the 2020 budget; therefore, there is a double payment due in 2021.

NINETEENTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the **LEGAL RESERVE ACCOUNT** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$30,000	\$10,000
Selectmen Recommended	30,000	10,000
Budget Committee Recommended	30,000	10,000
Approved	30,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The various administrative accounts contain funding to cover routine legal costs related to tax liens, personnel issues, contracts, general liability, zoning, etc. Those amounts are not adequate to cover ongoing litigation and unforeseen legal expenses. The Legal Reserve Account provides for such expenditures. The account balance as of December 31, 2020 was \$34,661.41. The amount shown is requested to achieve a target balance of \$44,000 for legal expenses this year.

TWENTIETH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) RESERVE ACCOUNT** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,000	\$1,000
Selectmen Recommended	1,000	1,000
Budget Committee Recommended	1,000	1,000
Approved	1,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The ADA Reserve Account is used to improve accessibility to public facilities for people with disabilities. It currently has a balance of \$16,849.58.

TWENTY-FIRST – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$205,404 for the **FARMINGTON LIBRARY** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$199,404	\$205,404
Selectmen Recommended	199,404	205,404
Budget Committee Recommended	199,404	205,404
Approved	199,404	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount requested represents approximately 73.7% of the Library's total projected budget for 2021 and is a 3% increase over the 2020 Town appropriation.

TWENTY-SECOND – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the **GAY CEMETERY** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,000	\$1,000
Selectmen Recommended	1,000	1,000
Budget Committee Recommended	1,000	1,000
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-THIRD – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,072 for the **FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$17,072	\$17,072
Selectmen Recommended	17,072	17,072
Budget Committee Recommended	17,072	17,072
Approved	17,072	

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 currently assesses all participating communities at \$2.20 per capita.

TWENTY-FOURTH – 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 based on 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-FIFTH – Shall the Town vote to adopt the following Resolution.

Statement from the voters of Farmington on April 26, 2021

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

request of \$209,000 in 2017, \$31,000 from the budget request of \$94,200 in 2018 and totally defunded 6 nonprofits, and
 Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners have withheld \$58,000 in payments to three nonprofits this year, 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 reverse its policy of not funding these programs, restore funding to these organizations and continue the regional approach for these services.

TWENTY-SIXTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the year 2021 the sum of \$17,998 for **NONPROFIT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES** that are impacted by the cuts that the Franklin County Commissioners made beginning 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 and an additional \$31,000 in 2018 and withheld \$58,000 in approved funding in 2019. This reduction eliminated funding to 8 nonprofits and reduced support to 1 other. The Town of Farmington’s taxation by the County was reduced by \$17,998 in 2017 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, \$17,998. The organizations agree to use this funding to support Farmington residents. The organizations recommend this funding be distributed proportionally 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%	\$ 857.00
Franklin County Adult Basic Education	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.00
Western Maine Transportation Services (WMTS)	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	3%	\$ 2,000.00
Western Maine Community Action Inc. (WMCA)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.00
Greater Franklin Development Council	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 42,000.00	40%	\$ 5,714.00
Seniors Plus	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.00
Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services (SAPARS)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.00
Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice (AHHCH)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,130.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.00
Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	5%	\$ 857.00
	\$ 171,200.00	\$ 209,330.00	\$ 66,200.00	\$ 105,000.00	100%	\$ 17,998.00

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$17,998	\$17,998
Selectmen Recommended	17,998	17,998
Budget Committee Recommended	17,998	17,998
Town Meeting Approved	17,998	

TWENTY-SEVENTH – To see if the Town will vote to urge its federal elected officials to enact national cash-back carbon pricing that charges fossil fuel producers for the carbon pollution emitted by their products and rebates the money collected to all legal U.S. residents on an equal basis with monthly dividend checks. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Farmington's state legislators, members of Congress, the Governor of Maine, and the President of the United States by the Board of Selectmen within 30 days of this vote

TWENTY-EIGHTH – 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-NINTH –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 2021 budget 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 2020 budget year is approximately \$3,086,485. The auditors recommend carrying a minimum UFB level that is adequate to cover two months' expenditures, which is approximately \$1,906,358. 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.

THIRTIETH – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the full amount of the year 2021 Bee Line Cable Contract Franchise Fee and equipment and facilities fund 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 Selectboard.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</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
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 2020, that amount was \$45,385.85. This payment is used to support the operations of the Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) 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 2021 is expected to be an amount similar to or slightly less than that received in 2020.

THIRTY-FIRST – To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes due and payable on Monday, November 1, 2021 or 45 days from the tax commitment, whichever is later and, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 505(4), charge interest on overdue taxes at the rate of 6.00% per annum after November 1, 2021.

THIRTY-SECOND –To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 506-A, to pay interest on refunds of overpaid or abated taxes at the rate of 2.00% per annum after Monday, November 1, 2021 or 45 days from the tax commitment, whichever is later.

THIRTY-THIRD – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements approved by the Board of Selectmen/Assessor from the property tax overlay or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance

THIRTY-FOURTH – 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-FIFTH – 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 [except that the Selectmen shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. Section 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s)], 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-SIXTH – 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-SEVENTH – 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-EIGHTH – 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, Local Road Assistance 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 reimbursement, 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-NINTH – 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 2020 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022 until the Town Meeting in March 2022.

FORTIETH – 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.

FORTY-FIRST – 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.

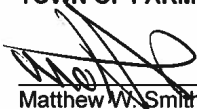
FORTY-SECOND – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds from the Franklin Printing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Reserve Account for purposes consistent with the Franklin Printing Municipal Development Tax Increment

Financing District and Development Program established in June 1998 and subsequently amended.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Community Center on April 26, 2021 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., 6:00 P.M., and 8:00 P.M. on Town Meeting day. Given under our hands at Farmington, Maine this twenty-third day of March, A.D. 2021.

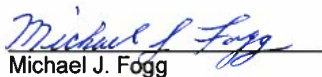
TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Matthew W. Smith, Chairman

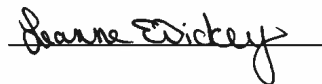

Joshua H. Bell


Stephan M. Bunker


H. Scott Landry


Michael J. Fogg

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 the **WEST FARMINGTON POST OFFICE** at _____; at the **FARMINGTON POST OFFICE** at _____; at the **FARMINGTON FALLS POST OFFICE** at _____; and at the **FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER** at _____, all being conspicuous public places within the Town of Farmington on April ____, 2021, which is a least 7 days prior to the day of said meeting.

Dated at Farmington, Maine this ____ day of April 2021.

S. Clyde Ross
Resident of Farmington

True copy:

Leanne E. Dickey
Town Clerk

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Dear Friends:

When I took the oath of office as Maine's 75th governor, I never imagined that we would face a deadly pandemic. But that is our reality, and it is my responsibility to guide our state through this time, to keep Maine people safe and healthy, and to put our economy on a path to recovery.

COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on our national economy, dealing heavy losses to businesses of all sizes, and leaving millions of people unemployed. Here in Maine it has taken the lives of hundreds of people and sickened many more. Since the arrival of the first vaccines in December 2020, we have been working to get as many shots into the arms of Maine people as quickly and efficiently as possible.

While our spirits are lifted and we share in a collective sense of relief, particularly for frontline health care workers who are exhausted and have been working around the clock to save lives, it will take months to administer the vaccine to all Maine people and we must keep our guard up. In the coming months, I look forward to working with you in fully opening our schools and businesses across the state. We will hasten our state's recovery if we wear our masks, watch our distance, avoid gatherings, and wash our hands.

My Administration, in collaboration with public health experts and business leaders across the state, developed a plan to gradually and safely restart Maine's economy. We also formed an Economic Recovery Committee charged with assessing the economic impacts of the pandemic on Maine's economy and providing recommendations for policy changes to deal with these impacts. Together, drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, we will rebuild and strengthen our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge to be a stronger, better state than ever.

I continue to be amazed by the strength and courage of the Maine people and businesses who have found different ways to do business and the brave first responders in your town and in our health care facilities. Thank you to the people of Maine who have demonstrated patience, kindness, and compassion during this difficult time.

Please take care,

Janet T. Mills
Governor

P.S. For the latest information and guidance on Maine's response to COVID-19, as well as resources for assistance during this time, please visit www.maine.gov/covid19/.



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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 reflect on 2020, an incredibly challenging year for Maine families, small businesses, and communities.

When the pandemic struck, our country faced the specter of an overwhelmed health care system and devastation to our small businesses and the millions of people they employ. I immediately worked with Republicans and Democrats to pass multiple laws allocating approximately \$3 trillion to respond to this public health and economic crisis, including more than \$8 billion directed to Maine to support testing, schools, the economy, and other purposes — that is nearly double Maine’s annual state budget.

I am especially proud of the bipartisan Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) I co-authored. This program has provided three out of four Maine small businesses with nearly \$2.3 billion in forgivable loans, which has helped sustain more than 250,000 Maine jobs. I have met thousands of Maine small employers and employees in all 16 counties who are surviving because of the PPP. As one small business owner told me, the PPP provided “exactly what we needed at exactly the right time.” The PPP also allowed employers to maintain benefits, such as health care, during this challenging time. Another round of PPP is needed to sustain small businesses and their employees.

While the pandemic continues across Maine, our nation, and the world, I thank the first responders, health care professionals, teachers, grocery store employees, factory workers, farmers, truck drivers, postal employees, and so many others who continue to stay on the job during this difficult time. With the deployment of the first vaccines, better tests, and the incredible speed with which these life-saving responses were developed, I am hopeful we can emerge from this crisis in the next few months.

While providing relief to American families was my focus throughout 2020, other accomplishments include the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act, which provides full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and addresses the maintenance backlog at our national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges. As Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, in 2020 alone, I secured \$132 million to improve Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, buses, rail, ferries, and seaports. Finally, as Chairman of the Aging Committee, I led the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, which funds programs that improve the well-being, independence, and health of our nation’s seniors and their caregivers, and I authored laws to reduce the cost of prescription drugs and protect individuals with Alzheimer’s disease.

As the end of 2020 is approaching, I have cast more than 7,535 votes, never having missed one. In the New Year, my focus remains to work with colleagues to find common ground on policies to help support the health and safety of Mainers and the safe, responsible opening of our communities. If ever I or my staff can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact one of my state offices. May the coming year be a successful one for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends,

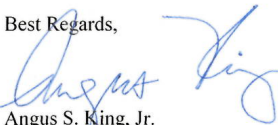
2020 was a year unlike any in our lifetimes. Our state and nation dealt with unprecedented challenges--the coronavirus pandemic, ensuing economic fallout, and a prolonged, heavily divisive campaign season each took a significant toll on all of us. The worst part? In order to protect each other, we had to face these challenges in isolation. But a new year represents new possibilities; a chance to take stock of what we're grateful for and focus on the opportunities in front of us. As we reflect back on 2020, we will remember heartbreak and loss -- but we cannot forget the shining rays of hope that broke through the darkness, reminding us all that better days are ahead.

Throughout the pandemic, my top focus has been on bridging the partisan divide in Washington in order to deliver desperately-needed relief for Maine people. Joined by colleagues last March, we pushed for bipartisan negotiations to produce a strong bill that helped fellow Mainers, businesses, and institutions weather this storm. In the weeks and months after the *CARES Act* passed, our team stayed in close contact with people throughout the state to determine how we should adjust our response to best support our citizens. Unfortunately, the aid provided by the *CARES Act* lapsed without Congressional action, leaving too many families and businesses in limbo. I never stopped pushing for a bipartisan relief bill and, after extensive negotiations, we ended the year on a good note by breaking the gridlock and passing new relief legislation. This new bill isn't perfect; in fact, it should just be the start our renewed response. As we enter 2021 with a new administration and new Congress, we must fight for additional legislation to help restore stability to our working families and rebuild our economy and public health infrastructure.

In the midst of this crisis, Congress did manage to accomplish a few successes that will outlast this awful pandemic. Among these was the *Great American Outdoors Act*, a bipartisan bill which was enacted into law in August 2020 and will help address a \$12 billion backlog at our national parks so future generations of Americans can enjoy these beautiful lands and create lifelong memories. Also, as we learn more about the recent hacks of our nation's networks, there is help on the way: 27 of the cybersecurity recommendations made by the Cyberspace Solarium Commission -- which I co-chair with Republican Congressman Mike Gallagher-- made it into this year's defense bill. While there is no guarantee that these provisions would have prevented the massive hack, they will certainly improve our cyber defenses.

Despite the challenges, I'm hopeful for the future. Vaccines are being distributed across our state -- starting with our healthcare heroes, who have sacrificed so much throughout this unprecedented catastrophe and deserve our eternal gratitude. If there can be a silver lining from these challenges of 2020, maybe it will be this: I hope that, in the not-so distant future, we will be able to come together physically and we will be reminded of our love for each other. We have differences, without a doubt. But as Maine people stepped up to support each other, we saw again and again that our differences pale in comparison to the values we share. We are one state, and one community -- and there is nothing we cannot or will not do for each other. Mary and I wish you a happy and healthy 2021. We can't wait to see you soon.

Best Regards,



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Dear Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to represent Farmington in the 130th Legislature. It is truly an honor to serve our community.

This new legislative session looks quite different from any other because of the continuing COVID -19 pandemic. We were sworn in at the Augusta Civic Center, and much of our early work has taken place remotely, with both legislators and the public participating via the internet.

We are as determined as ever to continue to do the work you elected us to do accessibly and transparently. All our work is available to access online, either live or after the fact, and I encourage you to visit www.legislature.maine.gov if you are interested. I also hope you will feel free to contact me with any questions about how to stay informed about our proceedings.

Our major work in the upcoming session will be the creation of a balanced two-year state budget, and public hearings on this legislation are underway as of this writing. My goals for the budget include supporting small businesses, adequately funding our schools and working to ease the burden on property taxpayers.

Another critical area of work will be our economy, particularly considering how difficult the pandemic has been for our working families and entrepreneurs. I will be particularly focused on improving access to broadband, workforce training and our infrastructure. We will also need to address the serious shortcomings in our unemployment insurance system that were brought to light by the current situation.

I am proud to once again serve on the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, this time as House chair. Our bipartisan committee works to promote Maine's outdoor heritage, protect and manage our game and non-game species as well as their habitats, and connect citizens with our natural resources through outdoor recreation. I am also glad to serve as a member of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee. The policy areas overseen by this committee are critical to our rural economy, especially here in Franklin County. I look forward to advocating for our area as a member of the committee.

On both my committees and in all my work, I remain committed as always to working with all my colleagues, regardless of party, to advocate for our community and move our state forward.

Please feel welcome to contact me with your questions, concerns and ideas, or if you would like to discuss or testify on any legislation. You can reach me at scott.landry@legislature.maine.gov or call me at 491-9041. I also send out periodic email newsletters, so please let me know if you would like to receive these.

Respectfully,

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for allowing me the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. I am grateful that you have put your trust in me and can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

As you are no doubt aware, Maine is in the midst of the one of its greatest difficulties, both in public health and economic downturn. The 130th Maine Legislature faces the challenge posed by a \$1.4 billion budget shortfall, and perhaps more than ever before, state government must learn to live within its means.

As we move through the Legislative session I will be mindful of this and will do my best to hold the line on any new taxes or unneeded borrowing. Like you and your family, state government must tighten its belt in slow economic times and make the difficult, but necessary decisions that will allow us to weather the storm.

At the same time, it is very important that we restore a sense of balance in state government where both the Governor and the Legislature work together on behalf of you, our constituents. This is even more important given the unusual nature of how and where this Legislature will meet, given the safety considerations required by the global pandemic. However the legislative process plays out, it is imperative that the public continue to have access to and play a critical role in the work of the Legislature. These will be a few of my priorities this coming year.

In addition to working on these important issues, I look forward to serving on two legislative committees this session: Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry; Inland Fisheries & Wildlife.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 130th Legislature certainly has a great deal of work to do, but I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or Russell.black@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

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State Senator

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