

# Town of Farmington

## New Mount Blue Learning Campus



Rendition courtesy of PDT Architects

## New Elementary School



Rendition courtesy of Stephen Blatt Architects

## Annual Town Report 2009

## Mount Blue High School



Farmington's first high school  
built in 1877



Ingalls School built in 1906



Current Mt. Blue Middle School  
built in 1957



\*Current Mt. Blue High School  
built in 1969

## W. G. Mallett School



W. G. Mallett Training School built in 1931



\*Photo courtesy of RSD #9  
All other photos courtesy of Farmington Historical Society

# **FARMINGTON, MAINE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**



**FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING**

**DECEMBER 31, 2009**



THE WHITE HOUSE

October 7, 2009

Dear Citizens of Farmington:

Congratulations on your designation as a Preserve America Community, and thank you for all that you do to enhance our Nation's heritage. Your community holds a treasured place in the American story, and it is through your vision and dedication that our history will be upheld and our future will be renewed.

President Obama and I are proud of your community and we applaud your achievement. The Americans who came before us built this country on the strength of their hopes, hard work, and perseverance. Now you are using those same qualities to help share our history with today's Americans and those of tomorrow. By strengthening your community, you are strengthening our country. You are showing that each of us has a role to play in shaping a better future, and we can do it by honoring our past.

Thank you again for all that you do, for your continuing commitment to our Nation's heritage, and for your enthusiastic participation in the Preserve America program. I wish you all the best, and I have high hopes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

*Michelle Obama*

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## DEDICATION

It is with sincere appreciation that we dedicate the  
2009 Annual Town Report to

*Byron “Buzz” and Taffeney “Taffy” Davis*



Photo by Abbi Davis

With the dedication of this annual report to Buzz and Taffy,  
we acknowledge their committed involvement in preserving  
the past and enriching the future of Farmington.

Buzz was raised in Auburn and graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a degree in business administration. He sold his ski area landscaping business in Auburn, and in 1989 moved to Farmington to take the position of Director of the Franklin County Economic Development office, and later was Director of the Tri-County United Way. Buzz chaired the Comprehensive Plan Committee from 1989–1993, and is presently a member of the Town of Farmington Revolving Loan Fund Board and the Parking Ordinance Committee. When he was President of the Titcomb Mountain Board of Directors, Buzz wrote a grant to fund the improvement of the Nordic trails. He is currently Treasurer of the Titcomb Education Fund and Vice President of the Bonney Woods Corporation. He has also coached the Mt. Blue High School Nordic Ski Team. While President of the Farmington Rotary Club, he initiated the Centennial Project, which provided and installed the benches along the railroad bed at the UMF sports fields.

Taffy was born in Waterville and graduated from Salem State College in Salem, Massachusetts, with a degree in nursing. She began her career at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston specializing in orthopedics before taking a position in 1988 at Franklin Memorial Hospital's emergency room. Taffy has managed many different departments since then, and through her involvement in nursing education she is presently the Clinical Education Instructor. Because of her interest in genealogy, she became intrigued with Farmington's rich history and joined the Farmington Historical Society, of which she is now President. Taffy was instrumental in writing a grant that provided funds to begin restoration of the North Church, and has cataloged numerous photos and documents to preserve Farmington's past. She helped compile historical information on Farmington for the Maine Memory Network, and volunteered on several Town committee projects, including Church Street and the "Walk Around Farmington" kiosks.

The Davis' have made Farmington their home for over 20 years and are the proud parents of Ben, who is a freshman at the University of Maine at Orono majoring in mechanical engineering technology, and Abbi, who is a senior at Mt. Blue High School.

The citizens of Farmington are pleased to take this opportunity to thank you and acknowledge your dedication and the many hours of public service you have given to the community.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Orland H. Decker**

**07/22/26 – 01/22/09**



Orland was born in Chesterville and received his education in local schools. He worked for the Town of Farmington Highway Department for 25 years. Orland enjoyed fishing, reading, watching television, and spending time with his family.

**Everett L. Vining**

**08/24/32 – 02/27/09**



Everett's family moved from Freeman to Farmington in 1938, where he graduated from Farmington High School in 1950. Everett received his degree in construction engineering at Boston's Wentworth Institute in 1953. He served in the Army from 1953 to 1955. Everett started a home building and remodeling business and later expanded to include the earthworks business and buying and selling heavy equipment. Always active in civic affairs, he served on many boards and committees, and donated his skill and know-how to numerous community projects. Over the years, Everett served as a Selectman and was a member of the Planning, Appeals, Budget, and Zoning Boards. When designing the present Public Works garage, his experience on the committee was an asset in keeping the costs down. He was a woodworking craftsman and enjoyed building furniture for his family.

**Lawrence S. "Sully" Greenwood**

**04/10/18 – 08/22/09**



Born in Hallowell, Sully attended grammar school in Wiscasset. He lived on Mt. Washington when his father managed the hotel there. Returning to Farmington he lived with his grandparents Chester and Isabel Greenwood through his high school years, graduating in 1936. He served in the Army in WWII under General George Patton, and after being injured, he received the Purple Heart. Sully was a contractor who built over 100 homes in the Farmington area. He served on the Budget Committee in 1971. Sully was a thoughtful man with an amazing memory, and enjoyed sharing stories.



**John O. “Jack” Bell**

**11/23/28 – 8/8/09**



Jack was born in Brooklyn, New York and, when he was 14, his family moved to Farmington where he graduated from Farmington High School. He worked for Forster Manufacturing and later Hannaford Oil Company. In 1981, Jack obtained his Master Plumber's License and started Jack Bell Plumbing.

He was a dedicated member of the Farmington Fire Rescue Department for 49 years. Jack served as a delegate of the Maine Federation of Firefighters, and his company supplied bikes to the winners of the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the Benevolent Association. When the Fire Department was located on High Street, he helped organize the Christmas Party, and the annual dance at the Community Center, which raised funds for the Department. Jack served on the Truck Committee, and he supported the new equipment methodology for safety and training. He mentored the younger members of the Department, and was well respected by all as he led by example and with encouragement. His sons Terry and Mike are following in his footsteps.

**Harold H. “Stub” Hemingway**

**09/21/15 – 09/15/09**



Stub was born in Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School in 1934. He served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1946 in Saipan. Stub worked in public safety as a Franklin County Deputy Sheriff, security officer for Franklin County Superior Court, reserve officer for the Farmington Police Department, and for the University of Maine Campus Police. He

also worked for Coca Cola for about 28 years. Stub was a member of Farmington Fire Rescue Department for 67 years, and was instrumental in the move from the old High Street firehouse to its present location. His knowledge and experience in public safety and security was an important asset to the Department. Being a senior firefighter, Stub mentored the younger members, and encouraged them to continue their safety equipment training. Stub enjoyed gardening and shared his produce graciously. He provided homemade pickles for all the Department events. Stub enjoyed the outdoors, and was an avid cribbage player and Red Sox fan.

**Patricia K. Roberts**

**07/18/28 – 09/10/09**



Pat grew up in Winthrop and graduated from Farmington State Teachers College in 1949. She married Professor Gwilym Roberts, and traveled to many parts of the world with her family. Pat served as a ballot clerk for more than 25 years. She was a voracious reader, and enjoyed basketball, theater, music, and bridge with friends.

**Arlo M. Hennings**

**01/31/21 – 11/11/09**



Arlo and his family moved to Farmington from Phillips when he was two. He attended local schools, and graduated from Farmington High School in 1941. Arlo served in the U. S. Army during WWII. When he returned home, he worked at Forster Manufacturing in Strong and Horn Motors in Farmington. Arlo became the first automotive instructor at Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute in Auburn, where he taught welding classes and coached the ski team. He served as a Farmington Selectman, and was on the Titcomb Mountain Board of Directors. Even though he commuted to work in Auburn, his heart and home were here in the Farmington community. Arlo loved to build things and work on projects in his shop, and his garden was a great source of pride.

**Ronald L. Burton**

**12/23/43 – 12/13/09**



Ron was born in Industry and attended Farmington schools and graduated from Farmington High School in 1962. A proud U.S. Army veteran, he served in the 82<sup>nd</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Divisions. In 1972 Ron bought Ray's Market in Farmington, and changed the name to Ron's Market. He ran the store for many years and entertained a group of guys for morning coffee, and touching many lives in the community. Ron was a member of the Appeals Board from 1987 to 1991. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, and hiking.

## **A Short, Selective History of Farmington Public Schools**

**By Paul Mills**

For the first time since 1960, the Farmington Town Report for 2009 features its public education facilities. It's thus worth taking a quick look at the last time this happened and a few of the physical changes both leading up to and following this occasion nearly 50 years ago.

The cover of the 1960 report was an aerial view of what we today would recognize as Mt. Blue Middle School - then the site of the town's High School. The school was about to then double its size a mere three years after its 1957 opening. This entailed construction of eight rooms and a library for the west wing, together with an extension of the gymnasium on the east. Such a seemingly sudden development was undertaken in response to the insistence of such leaders as Robert Wells, first superintendent of the newly formed MSAD #9.

In the 1959 report, a year earlier, Wells drew attention to the 38 percent increase in school enrollment that had swollen the number of K-12 students by 350 in just eight years. Wells urged Farmington citizens to approve a \$400,000 bond issue that would authorize the expansion of high school facilities.

In referendum voting at the time of the 1960 Town Meeting, voters agreed. This event, though occasioned by overcrowded conditions, would probably never have been possible without state school construction subsidies ushered in by Farmington's 1959 decision to join Industry and Chesterville in forming the state's ninth school administrative district. Towns like Farmington that did so were then rewarded with state funding to help finance such projects as the high school expansion.

Secondary education would not be the only beneficiary of this program. At the same time as the Farmington High expansion, four classrooms were added to the Ingalls School. By 1965, another eight would be added to Mallett.

When in 1966 Wilton joined MSAD #9, plans were then undertaken to build what would become Mt. Blue High School, whose present home opened in the fall of 1969. Greyhounds and Eagles became Cougars. By 1992, the Ingalls School gave way to the opening of Cascade Brook School off Outer Middle Street.

Farmington is now poised to participate in two more landmark events in the history of local public school construction, both featured for this year's Town Report: the new Mt. Blue Learning Campus and a new building for K-3 Mallett School students. Each have intriguing antecedents worth a quick glimpse at this time.

Advent of the high school renovation - set to incrementally occur over a two-year period - is at a time when Farmington commemorates its 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary of public high school education. Farmington voted to establish its first free high school at the March 1875 Town Meeting. The present Hobnob Shop building in Farmington Falls was the location of the first of its three terms that year. A second was held at Farmington village and the third in Fairbanks.

By 1877, at the site of the present Community Center on Middle Street, a three story wooden building became the school's first permanent home. Our high school remained there until 1905 when it moved to a new brick building known in more recent years as the Ingalls School. (It's across the street from the childhood home of Olympic gold medalist, Seth Wescott.)

By 1909, high school enrollment now at 143, was twenty-five percent larger than what it had been five years earlier. Then as now, new schools were often a magnet for new students. Two New Portland players, Pitcher John Dunton and Catcher Ed Tague, for example, led the way for Farmington to win the state baseball championships in 1914 and again in 1915.

Both in 1915 and in 1936 major additions would be made to this Greek Revival building, accommodating an enrollment surge that swelled school enrollment to over 300 by the mid-1930's.

In 1957, 350 "blue and the grays" made their way to the first entirely new high school building in over half a century at Outer Middle Street. They would exchange these colors for "blue and gold," shortly before moving to the present Mt. Blue High location in 1969. (Mt. Blue started in 1968, though classes were conducted both at the old Wilton Academy and the former Farmington High locations during the transitional 1968-69 school year.)

The newest era of high school education will witness both greater physical as well as academic links to the Farmington area community. The connection to Farmington's municipal sewer and Village Corporation water systems are among the several features of the new

Mt. Blue Learning Campus that will manifest the increased association between the community and the school.

The roots of elementary school education in Farmington run deeper than that of its public high schools. The first Town Meeting in 1794 appointed a committee to help apportion neighborhood school districts within the town. The committee's recommendation: ten. By the late 1860's the number of elementary schools in town had risen to 36. Each was under the authority of a district agent given significant autonomy in personnel and maintenance decisions.

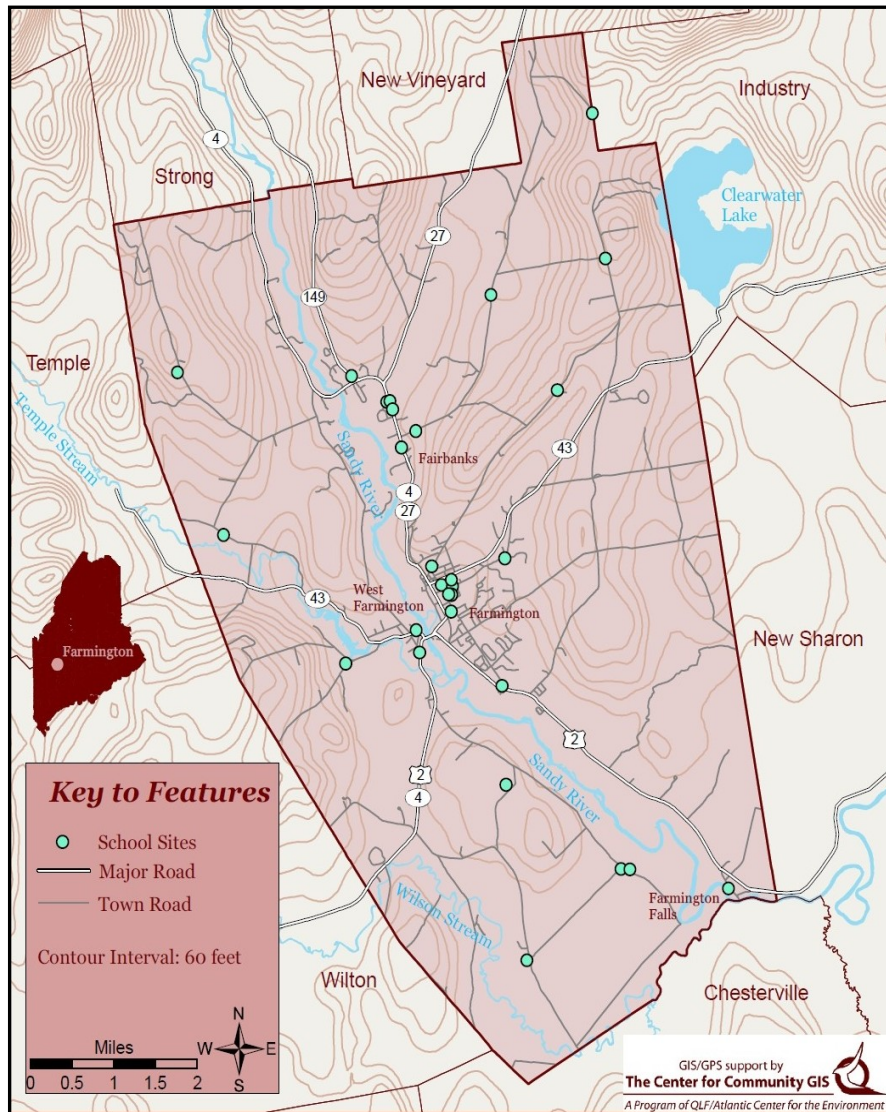
The town itself did not assume primary responsibility for administering the public elementary schools until 1894. The state law which provided for this soon gave rise to the construction by the Town of both the West Farmington - now the Elks Lodge - and Fairbanks elementary schools. Breaking ground for both these multi-room facilities meant they would each take the place of smaller "one room" schools spread out in their respective areas of town. Even still, it would not be until 1958 when the last of these, the Briggs, or Red Schoolhouse, so-called, would close. Just over a decade later, even the West Farmington and Fairbanks Schools themselves would wave goodbye to their last students. Off to the Mallett School they would go, which itself had been established in 1931.

The re-location next year of Mallett will mark the first time since it was originally built some eight decades ago when an entirely new public school building will have been constructed adjacent to an already developed area of Farmington village. This is an expression of a philosophy that today tends to favor cluster over sprawl. The event also heeds teacher-parent input that favored keeping the school close to UMF, the public library, Downtown and many of its students.

With both high school as well as elementary school construction projects being undertaken this year, Farmington will witness for the first time in half a century simultaneous re-development of two different public school facilities. The outcome has the potential to more closely knit the local public education system to the Town.

## Farmington's Early School Districts

The Maine Memory Network project team members conducted fieldwork on which this map is based. It was created using Google Earth, GIS, and GPS software. This map identifies the 31 school sites located within Farmington.



## **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

3 Year Term

Stephan Bunker, Chairman	(March 2010)
Jon Bubier, Vice Chairman	(March 2011)
Dennis Pike, Secretary	(March 2010)
Nancy Porter	(March 2011)
Ryan Morgan	(March 2012)
John Frary (Term ended 2009)	

### **RSD #9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FARMINGTON MEMBERS**

3 Year Term

Raymond Glass, Chairman	(July 2010)
Robert Flick	(July 2011)
Joyce Morton	(July 2009)
Yvette Robinson	(July 2010)
Claire Andrews	(July 2011)
Joyce Morton (Term ended 2009)	

## **APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

### **Board of Appeals**

3 Year Term

Galen Dalrymple, Chairman	(June 2010)
Lawrence Yeaton	(June 2012)
Alvin Da Costa	(June 2011)
Robert Vallette	(June 2012)
Robert Yorks	(June 2012)
Dennis O'Neil	(June 2012)
Jeffrey Mitchell (Term ended 2009)	

Regular - 3 Year Term  
(1) Seat Vacant

Alternate - 1 Year Term  
(2) Seats Vacant

**Board of Assessment Review**

3 Year Term

Michael Moffett, Chairman	(June 2012)
Paul Judkins	(June 2011)
Emily Floyd	(June 2011)
Lawrence Yeaton	(June 2010)
Thomas Mellen	(June 2011)
Richard Davis, Secretary - Ex-Officio	

**Planning Board**

3 Year Term

L. Herbert York, Chairman	(June 2010)
Clayton King, Jr., Vice Chairman	(June 2012)
Thomas Eastler	(June 2010)
Lloyd Smith	(June 2012)
Donna Tracy	(June 2011)
Craig Jordan	(June 2012)
William Marceau	(June 2011)
Alternate - 1 Year Term	
Ray Stillman	(June 2010)
(1) Seat Vacant	

**Zoning Board**

3 Year Term

Joel Chandler, Chairman	(June 2010)
Michael Otley, Vice Chairman	(June 2010)
Fred Smith	(June 2012)
Adrian Harris	(June 2012)

Regular - 3 Year Term  
(3) Seats Vacant

Alternate - 1 Year Term  
(2) Seats Vacant



**Budget Committee**

3 Year Term

Ray Stillman, Chairman	(June 2010)
Lloyd Smith, Vice Chairman	(June 2012)
Jeanne Simpson, Secretary	(June 2011)
Emily Floyd	(June 2010)
Michael Mansir	(June 2011)
Michael Otley	(June 2010)
Joshua Bell (Appointed 01/27/09)	(June 2011)
Mike Stillman (Appointed 01/27/09)	(June 2011)
Robert Vallette (Appointed 03/24/09)	(June 2011)
Ryan Morgan (Resigned 03/09/09)	

Alternate – 1 Year Term

(2) Seats Vacant

**Conservation Commission**

3 Year Term

Roberta Hanstein, Chairman	(June 2011)
Erick Apland, Vice Chairman	(June 2010)
Sally Speich	(June 2012)
Paul McGuire	(June 2011)
Alvin Da Costa	(June 2010)
Robert Zundel	(June 2012)
Ray Stillman	(June 2010)
Linda Davidson (Resigned 06/09/09)	
Lorraine Norton (Term ended 2009)	

1 - Year Associate

Mike Stillman	(June 2010)
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**Recreation Committee**

3 Year Term

Bruce Mochamer	(June 2012)
Gary Parlin	(June 2011)
Sheryl Farnum	(June 2010)
Laurie Meader	(June 2010)
Frederick L. Conlogue, III	(June 2010)

### **Parking Ordinance Committee**

James Kiernan	Michael Bell
John Moore	Terry Bell
Paul Mills	Greg Roux
Chief Richard Caton	Byron Davis

Richard Davis, Ex-Officio

### **Police Space Needs Committee**

Terry Bell	Richard Davis
William Crandall	Timothy D. Hardy
Emily Floyd	Craig Jordan
Dorothy Jahoda	Ryan Morgan
Robert Lawrence	Robert Pachucki
Paul Page (Appointed 01/13/09)	Nancy Porter

Chief Richard Caton

### **Recycling Committee**

Richard Davis	Stephan Bunker
Denis Castonguay	Dennis Pike
Cindy Gelinias	

### **Revolving Loan Fund**

Emily Floyd	Byron Davis
Alvin Da Costa	John Moore
Robert Vallette	

Ex-Officio

Richard Davis	Steve Kaiser
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### **Safety Committee**

Terry Bell, Chairman	Steve Moore
Clyde Ross, Vice Chairman	Dennis Pike
Cindy Gelinias, Secretary	Jim Kiernan
Leanne Pinkham	Jack Peck
Richard Davis	Timothy Hardy
Mark Caldwell	Ted Collins
Chief Richard Caton	Joseph Nelson
Denis Castonguay	

### 2009 Annual Town Report Committee

Richard Davis  
Nancy Twitchell  
Edmund Lewis  
Alvin Da Costa  
Fran Hardy (Resigned 11/02/09)

Arthur Perry  
Emily Floyd  
Marjorie Goodwin  
Cindy Gelinis

### Farmington Transportation Advisory Committee

Allan Smith  
William Geller  
Lloyd Smith  
David Pike (Resigned 02/10/09)  
Pat Durham (Resigned 02/10/09)

Dennis Pike  
William McKinley  
John Edgerly

Ex-Officio

Denis Castonguay  
Richard Davis

Lorna Nichols  
Richard Caton, III

### Administration



**Front L to R:** Daryl Schramm and Linda Grant  
**Back L to R:** Diane Dunham, Mavis Gensel, and Jodi Hollingsworth

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Manager Tax Collector Road Commissioner	<b>Richard P. Davis</b>	778-6538
Treasurer Finance Director Deputy Tax Collector	<b>Diana B. Young</b>	778-6539
Town Clerk Welfare Director Registrar of Voters	<b>Leanne E. Pinkham</b>	778-6539
Town Secretary	<b>Linda H. Grant</b>	778-6538
Accounts Clerk Deputy Town Clerk Deputy Welfare Director Deputy Treasurer	<b>Daryl T. Schramm</b>	778-6539
Motor Vehicle Agent Sewer Clerk	<b>Mavis A. Gensel</b>	778-6539
Assessor	<b>Mark A. Caldwell</b>	778-6530
Fire Chief Emergency Management Director	<b>Terry S. Bell, Sr.</b>	778-3235
Police Chief	<b>Richard E. Caton, III</b>	778-6311
Public Works Director	<b>Denis T. Castonguay</b>	778-2191
Director of Parks & Recreation	<b>Stephen P. Shible</b>	778-3464
Code Enforcement Officer	<b>J. Stevens Kaiser</b>	778-5874
Wastewater Superintendent	<b>Steven S. Moore</b>	778-4712
Local Plumbing Inspector	<b>Richard A. Marble</b>	778-6968

## TOWN MANAGER

To the Citizens and Board of Selectmen of Farmington:



I am pleased to present my annual report for the year 2009. I will touch only briefly on some of the highlights of the year, since more detail will be provided in many of the departmental reports contained within this booklet. I hope you will find these reports to be both interesting and informative.

The past year has been a difficult one in terms of economic conditions. Every segment of society has been hard hit by the recession. Unemployment remains high and money remains tight. We can only hope the economy will improve in the coming year. Meanwhile, the Town has been diligent in holding expenses to a minimum. The budget that will be presented for calendar year 2010 is an extremely conservative proposal. Despite our best efforts at keeping expenses down, however, we are faced with further reductions in state revenues that will impact unfavorably both on the municipal and the school budget. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

In the area of public works, the crew did a fine job of repairing the granite box culvert on Prescott Street, at the outlet of Rollo Pond. Doing this work in-house saved a considerable sum of money. Several culverts were also replaced, extensive ditching was carried out, and about 4,500 feet of the middle section of the Whittier Road was reclaimed and paved. If funding is available in 2010, the Town should be able to complete the rehabilitation of all portions of the Whittier Road for which it has maintenance responsibility. As noted in my report last year, the money for road capital improvement projects such as this comes from the State of Maine Department of Transportation, through what is known as the Urban-Rural Initiative Program (U.R.I.P.). Unfortunately, due to the State's ongoing revenue shortfall, a further reduction in U.R.I.P. funds is likely in 2010.

Also in 2009, much progress was made in meeting the infrastructure needs of the wastewater department. At the cost of \$342,000, a major pumping station on the Wilton Road was

replaced after 35 years of continuous use. Fortunately, money for that project was available in a capital reserve fund, and borrowing was not necessary. The other major wastewater project of the year consisted of upgrading influent pumps at the treatment plant. The old screw pumps were scrapped and replaced by a new pumping system at a cost of approximately \$350,000. This was about a third of what it would have cost to replace the old pumps. Ongoing maintenance costs will be much lower with the new pumps as well. The Wastewater Department was fortunate to benefit from \$757,000 in grants and \$274,000 in low interest loans from USDA Rural Development for the influent pumping upgrades and two other big projects that will be undertaken in the summer of 2010. These are the Tannery Brook Sewer Main Replacement Project and the extension of the sewer line to the Mount Blue High School and Foster Regional Area Technology Center, which will undergo a major building project.

During 2009, the Board of Selectmen appointed the Police Department Space Needs Committee to study options for alleviating the cramped, inefficient, and inadequate conditions under which the Police Department operates in its current space within the municipal building. Several options were investigated, including leasing or purchasing available properties. The committee voted to recommend the construction of a new building on Town-owned property at the intersection of High Street and Route 2 / Farmington Falls Road. Pursuant to the committee's recommendation and a vote of the Board of Selectmen, the Town hired the architectural firm of Bunker and Savage to design a suitable building. The cost of the building was estimated at \$2.75 million. The proposal was submitted to the voters at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> referendum, but was defeated by a vote of 1,634 to 1,507. Careful consideration is being given to citizen input received after the vote, and plans will be modified accordingly. Look for more information on this as the year progresses. I extend my thanks and gratitude to all of you who participated in the referendum, regardless of how you voted.

Also in 2009, good news came in the form of an announcement that Farmington has been named a *Preserve America Community*. This designation recognizes our efforts to ensure that we protect and celebrate our heritage, use our historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people

to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs. As a *Preserve America Community*, Farmington is eligible to apply for Preserve America grants. These grants will help with historic preservation efforts such as the renovation of the Old North Church and the establishment of the Farmington History Center. Appreciation and celebration of our rich history contributes greatly to our overall quality of life.

Thanks to the efforts of the Farmington Downtown Association, the Town also became a member of the Maine Downtown Network, a program of the Maine Downtown Center. Membership in the Network will benefit the town by providing information and resources that will help us strengthen our downtown and support business activity. Committees are being formed to organize the Downtown Association according to the National Main Street model, which includes organizing, economic restructuring, promoting the downtown, preserving and restoring historic downtown buildings and providing well designed public amenities. Our downtown is a great asset that is being tested by changing economic conditions. Membership in the Maine Downtown Network will help it to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

Finally, as we begin a new year, my thanks go to the citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town's department heads and employees for their continuing support. Farmington is indeed fortunate to have civic-minded townspeople, conscientious elected officials, dedicated department heads, hard-working staff, and countless volunteers who give their time and talents for the betterment of our community.

**Presenting the Boston Cane to Martha Wasgatt**

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Davis  
Town Manager



Photo courtesy of Daily Bulldog

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Farmington:



Photo courtesy of Sheila McMillan

**Front L to R:** Stephan Bunker and Jon Bubier

**Back L to R:** Dennis Pike, Nancy Porter, and Ryan Morgan

At the writing of this letter, your Board of Selectmen, in close collaboration with our Town Manager and Budget Committee, are carefully deliberating on the final budget proposal for municipal operations for 2010, which are detailed in the attached Annual Report.

Especially challenging to all municipal officials are the ongoing deliberations in Augusta as our Legislature and Governor attempt to bridge a \$400 million plus budget gap. Most troubling to local taxpayers and municipalities is the Governor's proposed reduction in state funding to local government, which includes direct cuts in school subsidies, revenue sharing and local road assistance.

Other undesirable proposals call for a "push" of required payments to municipalities into the subsequent fiscal year, along with cuts in the Circuit Breaker property tax and rent rebate program, on which some property taxpayers rely. Additional cuts in State reimbursements for General Assistance may also add to the estimated lost revenues, the impact of which is unclear at this writing.

While one could debate if these proposals are true state budget "cuts" or merely tax shifts to be dealt with at the local level, the issue is clear that the State can not seem to live within its means.

Even more chilling is the deficit at the federal level, estimated at \$1.35 trillion just in the current fiscal year. Congress recently passed legislation to increase the federal debt level, allowing it to climb to a mind-boggling \$12.4 trillion dollars, a number that most common folks find hard to comprehend.

It is our belief that the greatest difference between State and federal forms of government versus that of our Town is in our openness



and transparency in transacting the citizens' business. Our Board meetings are open to easy attendance, and are broadcast on our very fine public access channel. Our decision-making, especially that involving budget deliberations and expenditures, is conducted in the "light of day", rather than in the wee hours of the night or behind closed doors. Your local elected officials are your neighbors and friends and remain available to respond to your questions, concerns and ideas. May it always be that way.

In sharp contrast to our State and federal counterparts, our municipal fiscal affairs are in good order. At the 2009 Town Meeting, you will recall, we provided our citizens with a "flat funded" municipal operating budget proposal, and will likely end the Town's fiscal year audit in the "black". And, while not at an ideal level, our undesignated fund balance still provides us with a safety net to weather such unanticipated emergencies as the culvert collapse down the length of Broadway. Fund balances such as ours are the envy of many cities and towns and, in proportion, are unheard of at the state and federal level.

For the proposed 2010 municipal operating budget, the Town Manager, Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen have worked to offer a very conservative budget proposal, one that continues to meet the requirements of L.D. 1, and preserves the delivery of essential municipal services that we feel our citizens deserve and depend upon.

It should be noted that zero increase budget proposals do not come without sacrifices, as many departments have deferred important projects by running older large equipment another year rather than trading, deferring maintenance and energy projects at Town buildings and facilities, reducing the number of miles of road and sidewalk improvements and reducing contributions to important reserve accounts used to pay for large equipment purchases such as fire trucks, highway equipment and technology improvements to hardware and software systems. It should also be noted that the budget proposal includes sacrifices from Town employees who will see salary decreases for 2010 and must share in 50% of increased costs of health insurance.

Left unresolved from the last local referendum vote is a solution to the Police Department's space needs. That Department has also suffered from continued loss of officers, an expensive symptom of the working conditions that have plagued the Department for years. The Town and committee are working to offer a scaled down building proposal for future consideration. In addition to resolving this space issue, the Town is still left with a municipal building that lacks handicapped access to all levels and inadequate meeting space for the Board of Selectmen to conduct the business of the community.

On a more positive note, we look forward to the start of the improvements/expansion to the Mt. Blue High School and Foster Regional Applied Technology Center campus, which provides a rare funding opportunity for public water and sewer system extensions up Whittier Road. This will provide such services not only for abutting landowners, but may also help stimulate residential and commercial growth in the area. This project and the Mallett School replacement will hopefully provide employment for local contractors and suppliers in the area.

Also approved after many months of discussion and redesign is UMF's Emery Community Arts Center, a project that will undoubtedly inject desirable cultural activities into the community and downtown area.

We continue to watch and participate in the discussions by the County Commissioners as they deliberate on solutions to nagging space issues for county functions such as regional dispatching, EMA, the Sheriffs office, deeds, probate and others.

Please take note of the many municipal projects, both completed and on-going, as outlined in the Manager's letter, which reflect positively on the daily efforts of dedicated staff to attend to the needs of our very busy community.

From the many positive comments received from citizens we sense an appreciation for the efforts by staff and the Board to enforce clean-up of offending properties that gather junk vehicles and other debris, and/or are in violation of life-safety codes. Citizens who take pride in their properties deserve no less.

For future Board agenda items, given the increasing importance of sound financial practices, we may again visit the possible benefits of changing the Town's fiscal year to align with that of the State, county and school district (July 1 to June 30). Many communities have done so in order to better align themselves with those entities that have such an impact on anticipated municipal revenues and expenses. Such changes typically also include a change to biannual tax billings, which provides for better cash flow to fund government operations and reduces or avoids completely the necessity for tax anticipation borrowing.

Of increasing concern to the Board of Selectmen is the very light attendance by citizens at the annual Town Meeting and/or at important special public hearings. It is both sad and risky for so many voters to fail to exercise this precious opportunity to participate in democracy in action. To allow so few to decide for so many upon the fate of the community risks the well-being and conservative track we have followed for these many years. We are in hopes that the experiment in changing Town Meeting time to a Saturday morning will bring the desired increased attendance. Time will tell if this is the solution.

We would be remiss if we did not extend our thanks to the Town Manager for his professional stewardship of the Town's functions, to the dedicated department heads for their careful management of their considerable responsibilities, and to the municipal employees for their hard work and dedication throughout the last year.

We are also very fortunate to have the contributions of so many citizen volunteers who serve on important boards, commissions and special projects, for which we could not function as effectively as we do in providing municipal services. Thank you all for your civic-mindedness and dedication to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan M. Bunker,  
Chairman

## FINANCE DIRECTOR

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



Another year has passed and at this time I would like to thank my staff for their continuing support, dedication, and of course a great sense of humor. You must admit you are usually greeted by a smiling face at the Town Office.

Our general fund investment revenue declined substantially this year. In fact, it is almost non-existent. We had a number of projects that depleted our investments, and combined with a slow cash flow with a very low rate of return on certificates of deposits, it contributed to a very sharp decline in investment revenue.

This year we were kept busy with several elections and the on-going process of computerizing our vital records.

We are working with taxpayers to make their property taxes a part of their monthly budget. Please feel free to contact me if you need to make regular payments, rather than one large payment, to help with your household finances.

As of year-end 90.6% of our current year taxes have been collected.

### FINANCIAL COMPARISONS

	End of Year Tax Receivables	Tax Anticipation Note Borrowing	End of Year Undesignated Fund Balance
2009	575,838	350,000	1,250,117
2008	149,059	400,000	1,259,137
2007	44,658	400,000	1,196,623

The Town's Undesignated Fund balance of \$1,250,117 reflects that the Town of Farmington continues to maintain a very sound financial condition.

Respectfully submitted,

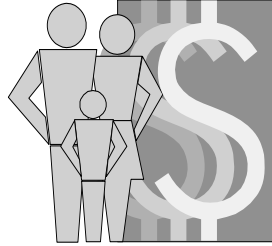
Diana B Young  
Finance Director

### REVENUE HISTORY AND PROJECTION

Revenue Category	2008	2008	2009	2009	2010
	Estimate	Actual	Estimate	Actual	Estimate
Vehicle Excise	\$820,000	\$801,431	\$787,104	\$784,685	\$780,000
Watercraft Excise	\$4,500	\$4,686	\$4,500	\$4,793	\$4,500
Victualers, Liquor Licenses	\$450	\$583	\$500	\$565	\$500
Code Fees	\$4,000	\$3,086	\$4,000	\$2,823	\$4,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$745,000	\$753,072	\$715,418	\$600,849	\$420,000
State Welfare Reimbursement	\$2,500	\$12,201	\$10,990	\$11,298	\$10,000
State Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$1,500	\$2,005	\$1,804	\$2,369	\$2,300
State Tree Growth	\$21,000	\$19,782	\$18,792	\$13,650	\$12,000
State Veterans Exemption	\$3,000	\$3,239	\$3,077	\$4,981	\$4,500
Motor Vehicle Fees (Town)	\$19,000	\$20,084	\$20,000	\$19,515	\$19,000
Vital Statistics (Town)	\$19,000	\$23,716	\$20,000	\$23,992	\$21,000
Hunting, Fishing, R.V., Dogs (Town)	\$4,250	\$1,659	\$1,600	\$2,198	\$1,800
Interest on Taxes	\$35,000	\$48,172	\$48,000	\$49,976	\$35,000
Tax Lien Fees	\$4,000	\$4,712	\$4,600	\$11,609	\$7,500
Recreation Fees	\$18,000	\$11,617	\$11,600	\$12,591	\$11,600
Rental of Town Property	\$2,000	\$5,149	\$4,300	\$3,322	\$3,000
Timber Sales	\$3,458	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Income	\$50,000	\$28,067	\$30,000	\$5,058	\$5,000
Contributions in Lieu of Taxes	\$20,000	\$18,511	\$18,500	\$18,546	\$18,500
Miscellaneous - Police Dept.	\$21,000	\$21,207	\$21,000	\$29,333	\$21,000
Miscellaneous - All Other Depts.	\$10,000	\$7,139	\$7,000	\$39,220	\$7,100
Unemployment Comp. Dividend	\$6,642	\$6,642	\$5,015	\$5,015	\$0
Recycling	\$45,000	\$46,954	\$46,500	\$43,174	\$44,000
Cemetery Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,945	\$17,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,859,300</b>	<b>\$1,843,714</b>	<b>\$1,784,300</b>	<b>\$1,689,562</b>	<b>\$1,449,300</b>
Urban-Rural Initiative (Road Assistance)	\$200,000	\$194,968	\$175,000	\$161,260	\$160,000
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES*</b>	<b>\$2,059,300</b>	<b>\$2,038,682</b>	<b>\$1,959,300</b>	<b>\$1,850,822</b>	<b>\$1,609,300</b>

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

## PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES



Farmington has the fifth highest tax exempt percentage of all Maine municipalities and the third highest percentage for service centers in the state.

In 2009, the Town sent letters to tax-exempt organizations requesting payments in lieu of taxes. The following organizations responded:

<b>82 High Street, Inc.</b>	<b>\$ 2,726.72</b>
<b>University of Maine at Farmington:</b>	
• Sewer Debt Contribution	\$ 17,333.00
• Contribution in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 10,000.00*
• Contribution to Ambulance Fee	\$ 5,819.40
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 35,879.12</b>

\*Plus many in-kind contributions

**The Town is extremely grateful to the above-listed tax-exempt organizations for their voluntary contributions.**

The citizens of Farmington thank you.

# 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.

2009 End of Year Taxes Receivable	
2009	575,838
2008	149,059
<u>2007</u>	<u>44,658</u>
	769,555
Properties Liened .....	173
Properties Foreclosed ....	8

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

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

**Cascade Brook School**



**Mt. Blue Middle School**



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TAXES RECEIVABLE 2009

Abbott, Pamela	122.40	Brennick, Patricia A.	469.10
Abbott, Pamela & Barry, Eric	544.68	Brennick, Peter H.	579.26
Adams, Anthony W. & Pamela J.	544.68	Broadway Barbershop	45.90
Adams, Gary K., Heirs of	344.25	Brown, Lisa M.	357.41
Alexander, Jonathan & Angela	1,288.26	Bryant, Nancy L.	79.56
All About You	18.36	Bryant, Nancy R.	1,050.50
Allen, Dianne D.	227.36	Bryant, Nancy R.	151.47
Allen, Harold F. & Walter E.	169.83	Bryant, Nancy, Pers. in Pos.	755.82
Ames, Edward T.	569.16	Bullen, Greg R.	1,554.48
Androscoggin SB, Pers Rep.	1,996.65	Bullen, Timothy H.	1,084.16
Androscoggin SB, Pers Rep.	2,247.57	C.E.D., Inc.	3,411.90
Ankers, Georgie	694.62	C.E.D., Inc.	2,669.85
Aardvark Outfitters	33.66	C J's Appliance	74.97
Atkinson, Edward	417.69	* Callahan, Andrea K.	988.89
Atwood, Johni	197.37	* Callahan, Timothy E.	420.77
Atwood, Michael A.	298.35	Campbell, Albert R. & Sandra E.	2,020.52
Atwood, Michael A. & Wendy L.	775.10	Cape Lawson Trust	523.26
Ayer, Karen B.	787.34	Carlson, Thirzalyn	582.93
* Bachelder Jr., Boyd & Michelle H.	548.74	Car Clinic	82.62
Bard, Chris	94.86	Cardinal Health Solutions	478.89
Bard, Christopher J.	1,425.96	Cassidy, James H.	946.46
Bard, Christopher	183.60	Cayer, Mark	784.89
Bard, Jason T. & Barker, Amy B.	563.04	** Chadwick, Raymond M.& Carolyn R.	1,856.81
Barkow, Cheryl D.	611.39	** Chadwick, Raymond M.& Carolyn R.	354.96
Barrera, Felix & Deborah E.	483.48	CIT Group, Inc	74.97
Barry's Auto Service	88.74	CIT Technology Financing Serv., Inc	792.54
Bartash, Andrew A.	2,591.82	* Chapman, Bonnie J.	1,498.84
* Barton, Frederick	577.73	* Chapman, Bonnie J.	1,862.64
Barton, Frederick, Holt, Martilda R.	410.01	* Chapman, Bonnie J.	2,016.38
* Bates III, Bernard D.	586.31	Chapman, Bonnie J.	1,880.37
Bates, Brian T.	943.40	* Chapman, Bonnie J.	2,314.58
Batzell, Joel S.	342.11	* Chapman, Bonnie J.	1,798.61
Baxter, Michael J. & Dana	1,947.08	* Chase, Joseph E. & Robin S.	947.90
Beal, David R. & Donna S.	1,113.84	* Chassie, Barbara R.	1,473.95
Bean & Smith Real Estate	96.39	Chassie, Lynn	9.78
** Beaumont, Scott & Banks, James	2,607.12	* Chin, Frank & Patricia Duane	824.03
Bell, Paul Randolph & Bette Louise	1,334.16	Chretien, Michael S.	588.44
Bellefeuille, James & Cory	156.98	Clark, Jr., Duane J.	651.17
Bennett, Charles H. & Carol A.	906.68	Cliche, Donald	278.46
Berry, Mark	250.92	Cliche, Donald	787.95
Berry, Mark W. & Nathanael W.	619.65	Coastal Enterprises, Inc.	41.31
Berry, Mark W. & Ladd, Timothy P.	432.99	Collins, Maria M.	2,230.74
Berry, Mark W.	273.87	Collins, Susan	7.65
* Besaw, Beverly A.	819.07	Collins, Susan E.	2,735.03
Binns, Robin A.	388.62	Colonial Valley Motel	535.50
Birmingham, Joshua & Maria L.	257.04	Community Concepts, Inc.	3,298.68
Blanchet, Michael W. & Renee M.	1,056.62	Connor, Robert P.	1,505.06
Blauvelt, Douglas S. & Sherry L.	1,330.49	Corbett, Charlene	92.72
Blodgett, Kendall R. & Misty R.	391.68	Coulombe, Craig M.	3,096.11
Bolduc, Michael A. & Julie A.	1,482.57	* Cousineau Properties, LLC	11,211.84
Booth Renter @ Hair Designs	4.59	Cousineau, Inc.	240.21
Boutillier, Betty A.	1,157.60	Couture, Peter J. & Stephanie J.	1,714.52
Boyker, Pamela & Smith, Christian	596.70	Cowie, Ellen R., Bartone, Robert	1,630.37
Brady's	21.42	Cowsert, Nathan J. & Evelyn M.	338.13
** Brackett, Michael R. & Donna J.	1,294.99	Croteau, Dennis C. & Anathalie E.	3,331.73
Brackett, Penny A., Pers. in Pos.	619.34	Cuddyer, Grace, Et Al	345.78
Brady, Steven & Betsy	4,242.69	Cummings, Jonathan & Benjamin	859.86
** Brady, Steven M. & Betsy H.	1,505.52	Cunningham, Kurt D.	920.45
Brady, Steven M. & Betsy H.	1,336.31	* Currier 1806 Limited Partnership	1,379.82
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academy	41.31	** Currier, Laura A.	363.53



Curtis, Laurel E.	813.35	Forbes, Darrell	1,246.95
Cushman, Melissa J.	108.02	Fortier, Daniel	139.23
D & JM Properties, LLC	2,873.34	Fortier, Daniel R.	869.96
D & JM Properties, LLC	3,216.06	Foss, Jayme E. & Heather	171.36
* Daku, Benjamin & Bridget	2,029.09	Foss, Neil C.	1,429.94
Daku, Ginger	154.53	Foss, Neil C. & Norman S.	174.42
Daku, Thomas J. & Janice E.	437.58	Foss, Neil C. & Norman S.	29.07
Daku, Thomas J. & Janice E.	853.74	Foss, Neil, Et Al	94.86
Daku, Thomas	449.82	Fournier, Marc	241.74
Dalrymple, Denis E. & Sarah H.	3,024.81	Fournier, Rebecca Ann	516.53
Daly, Julia & Reusch, Douglas	17.44	Fraley, Larry Michael	1,978.29
* Daniel, Betsy Rachel	1,153.07	Franklin Surgery	800.19
Davis, Nancy E.	625.16	* Frederick, Ami	1,113.88
Decker, Chris & Paulton, Tina	125.46	Fred's Auto Repair	35.19
Delphi Holdings I, LLC	7,651.53	Fronk, Keith & Rachael	4,339.08
Demarsh, Donald J. & Lorraine	1,712.99	* Front Street Investments	1,136.75
Diebold, Inc., Retail Division	1,234.71	Frost, Judith A.	1,180.55
Divine Inspirations	15.30	Frost, Kathleen	1,608.95
* DJO, LLC	3.35	Gajdukow, Katherine S.	392.60
Dorr, Irving G. & Joy B.	1,102.52	* Gay, Ted F.	944.84
Dowd, Patricia R.	237.15	Gay, Ted F.	820.08
Dubay, Shirley A.	1,055.09	Gianquinto, Nina	1,557.54
Dube, Lisa	191.25	Gilbert, Paul A. & Maxine	170.75
Duckett, Lesley R.	928.91	* Gilman, Jr., Nelson F.	491.14
Dunham, Sr., Joshua & Dunham, Betty	269.28	Given, Barry A.	1,563.05
Dunham, Sr., Joshua & Dunham, Betty	398.72	Given, Barry A. & Melinda	1,302.03
Dunham, Betty B.	259.49	Goldsmith, Dina M.	46.82
Dunkin Donuts	2,125.17	Goding's Tae Kwon Do	22.95
Dunton, Pamela	136.17	** Graff, Sharon, Pers. in Pos.	1,394.75
* Durrell, Dawn E. & David R.	1,020.76	** Graff, Sharon, Pers. in Pos.	143.82
Dustin, Paul A.	1,773.27	Grant, Shawn	1,731.96
Dyar, Alverta, Et Al	714.51	* Grant, Shawn & Whipple, Cara	3,390.22
Dyar, Rodney P.	576.81	Grant, Shawn A., Et Al	578.34
Eaton, Donna I.	122.40	Gray Wolf Assoc., Inc.	3,863.25
Eaton, James R. & Judith	108.63	Greenlaw Collectibles & Pawn	12.24
Eaton, Robert P. & Brinda P.	446.15	Greenlaw, Betty J.	970.94
Eaton-White, Sally, Pers Rep	783.36	Greenman, Mary	62.42
Egdall, David & Joan	3,105.90	Griffin, Brian N. & Sandra L.	1,477.37
Eldridge, Marsha & Thomas, K.	224.30	Griffin, Brian & Sandra L.	107.10
* Ellsworth, Ralph M.	852.49	Griffin, Sandra	172.89
Emerson, James W. & Diane	1,342.73	Grimanis, Rose V. & Michael	1,855.28
* Eubank, John R.	574.49	Grimanis, Rose, Pers. in Pos.	1,673.82
* Everett, Christopher & Alisa	246.47	Griswold, Richard A. & Martha J.	7,939.17
Fabric Inn, Inc.	27.54	Grover, Jon M. & Angela M.	65.79
Farmer, Glendon S. & Catherine	1,455.95	Grover, Jon M. & Angela M.	1,514.70
Farmer, Glendon S. & Catherine	21.42	Gund, John P.	2,873.34
Farmer, Margaret E. & Rodney	1,555.40	Gund, John P. & Greenwood, Lisa	968.49
Farmington Construction, Inc.	114.75	Gustafson, David & Naomi	397.80
Farmington Automotive Service	81.09	Hanlon Pet Haven	128.52
Farmington Martial Arts Academy	7.65	Haines, Carol A., Pers. in Pos.	452.27
Farmington Medical Supplies Serv.	749.70	Hall, Kamilla L.	1,683.92
Farmington Towing	15.30	Hall, William L. & Ruby C.	1,393.22
* Farnum, Et Al	249.39	Hallman, Kathleen S.	1,408.52
* Farrar, Candace & Saucier, Dawn M.	646.18	** Hamlin, Dale F. & Tammy S.	288.37
FCI Corporation	440.64	Hargreaves, Harold	12.24
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	1,699.83	Hargreaves, Harold & Pamela A.	58.14
Fernald Appraisal	26.01	Hargreaves, Harold & Pamela A.	1,662.50
Ferrari, Scott A. & Lynne A.	2,846.72	Harlow Financial Services	12.24
Ferrari, Scott A. & Lynne A.	410.04	Hartwell, Charles R.	880.97
Festa, Frank & Maria	1,211.15	Hayden, John	221.85
Filaroska, Joseph M.	224.30	Heap, James R.	450.74
Fitness Express	403.92	Heintz, Margaret	214.20

Helm, Adam F. & Andrea L.	62.69	Larrabee, Sr., Anthony & Larissa	3,201.68
* Henderson, Naomi & Plog, Susan M.	759.91	Lehigh's Customs	9.18
Hennings, Arlo M. & Pauline	1,157.90	Leddin, Frederick G., Et Al	1,214.82
Henry, Alan S.	86.60	Lesperance, Bruce D. & Penny	621.92
Henry, Harold & Naomi	3,149.66	Lewis, Joan A.	359.55
Heritage Ins. & Invest. Srv., LLC	32.13	Lidstone, Timothy & Wendy S.	159.12
* Hines, James & Rosemary A.	3,481.29	Loose Ends Hair Salon	13.77
Hiscock, Bessie L. & Gerald	423.81	Love, Kevin D.	915.86
Homestead Bakery & Deli	838.44	Love, Pamela J.	604.35
Horse Stuff	24.48	Lovejoy, Phyllis Ruth	98.84
House of Stillwater	21.42	Lovejoy, William, Et Al	2,232.27
Howard Sr., Cecil & Vicki	71.91	Lovejoy, William W.	1,440.65
Howard, Pheobe	20.81	Lovell, Kendra S.	106.49
Howard, Stuart	1,367.82	Luce, Jonathan R.	10,362.69
Howard, William K. & Kelly	1,605.89	Luce, Jonathan R.	1,566.72
Howe, Sandra J.	1,001.54	Luce Esq., Jonathan R.	108.63
* Hoyt, Kay & David P.	356.63	* M.S.B. Associates, Inc.	813.32
Hunter, James N.	761.33	MacDonald, William H. & Glenice	1,493.28
Hutchins, Daniel & Marlene	1,996.04	Mahar, Marilee	514.08
Hutchins, Shirley	1,306.01	Mahar, Stephen M.	580.79
* Hutchinson, Carl S.	96.49	Maine Real Estate Maintenance Srv.	61.20
Hutchinson, Priscilla J.	147.80	Maniatakos, Roula	3,281.24
Hyde, Mary A.	718.49	Marchetti, Michael & Karren	539.48
Inner City Auto Sales, Inc	21.42	* Marcotte, Thomas & Stephanie	874.88
Jackson, Jr., Fred & Ann E.	987.77	Marquis, Gregory & Mulford, Johanna	252.45
Jackson, Marjorie Ann	966.35	Marshall Beach Corp.	253.98
Jacobs, Patricia	1,033.67	Marshall, David & Vining, Kevin L.	665.15
Jalbert, Ronald D. & Cheri B.	1,636.49	Marshall, David & Subilla, Maurice	867.51
JGB Development Co., LLC	1,253.07	Maske, Dollie	108.63
Johnson, Dr. Jeffrey	122.40	Masselli, Arleen M.	5,524.22
Johnson, Erik	7.65	Maxham, Jr., George & Sheila	764.39
Johnson, Jeffrey D. & Valerie A.	2,187.90	McCabe, Sally G. & Barry P.	1,530.00
** Jones, Robert Sr. & Rose Marie	442.63	* McDonald, Martha J.	808.06
Jones, Ryan & Audrey	192.78	* McFarland, Mary D.	146.80
K.C.'s Village Smithy	26.01	Meadar, James F.	257.04
Keith, Philip & Sandra Z.	1,711.46	Meadar, James F.	12,380.76
Kemp, Mark S. & Katherine A.	645.66	Meadar, James F.	223.38
Kendall, David D.	764.39	Meadar, James F.	942.48
Kennedy, Madeline	213.59	Meadar, James F.	459.00
Kenney, Phyllis	705.02	Meadar, Shirley D. & Clyde	1,021.43
Kiernan, James P.	1,524.80	Meisner, Glenn	727.67
* Kimball, Catherine M.	2,118.44	* Merwin, F. Robert	624.59
King Apartments	9.18	MET Property Management, LLC	2,845.80
King, Jr., Clayton P. & Joyce M.	761.94	Metcalf, Jr., John L., Pers. in Pos.	284.58
King, Jr., Clayton P.	358.02	Michals, Arthur & Richard	1,152.14
King, Jr., Clayton P.	318.24	Millay, Rebecca T.	977.06
King, Jr., Clayton P. & Joyce M.	3,187.91	Mobile Home Assoc.	88.74
King, Jr., Clayton P. & Joyce M.	2,051.73	Mobile Home Assoc. II, LLC	8,525.16
King, Jr., Clayton P.	2,907.00	Mobile Home Assoc. II, LLC	716.04
* Klinko, Joseph & Sylvia	489.04	Mobile Home Associates	7.65
Knapp, Pauline, Heirs of	1,217.88	Moore, Bradford L., Heirs of	627.30
Knowlton Estates, LLC	244.80	Mount Blue Motel	592.11
Knowlton Estates, LLC	266.22	Mountain View Chocolate Shop	151.47
Knowlton Estates, LLC	194.31	* Naaykens, Cindy	360.00
Knowlton Estates, LLC	2,607.12	Nadeau, Melanie	1,125.47
Knowlton Estates, LLC	35.19	Nation Paving	566.10
Ladd, Valdora A.	1,239.30	Natural Relections	22.47
Lake, Robert S. & Rose D.	1,716.05	* Neagle, Jr., George & Barbara	1,987.78
Lambert Jr., Arthur, Pers. in Pos.	15.30	Nelson, Donald A. & Mary A.	817.94
Lambert, Jeffrey W. & Donna L.	364.14	* Nichols Custom Welding, Inc.	2,769.42
Lambert, Jeffrey W. & Donna L.	1,419.23	* Nickerson, Christain C.	988.67
* Laplant, Richard D. & Lori T.	1,155.67	Nile, Justin & Angela E.	393.21

Northern New England Telephone	6,497.81	Rogers, Aaron & Melissa	382.50
Northern New England Telephone	5,878.26	Rollins, Jason & Jeromie	266.22
O'Donnell, Bettina L. & James W.	1,757.36	Root 4 Pets	32.13
Olafson, Anders	3,991.77	Rowe, Kenneth & Tanya	2,213.30
Olafson, Anders & Karleen A.	1,175.04	Roy, Rhonda L.	1,796.22
Oliver, Burchard	76.50	Rundlett, Amber	113.22
Oliver, Jr., Robert & Diana C.	1,218.80	Sandy River Excavating	703.80
Oliver, Naomi & Charles, Et Al	198.29	Savage, Vivian A.	1,034.28
One of A Kind Tattoos By Jeremiah	41.31	Savage, Vivian A.	1,609.56
Orr, Jr., Raymond B. & Deborah	1,192.79	Savage, Vivian & Christine	1,918.62
Osborne, Frank O. & Cheryl	502.76	Savage, Vivian & Jamie V.	621.18
Pare, Michael	42.84	Sensi Side	84.15
Parker, George	15.30	Serendipity	3.06
Parker, Jay S.	1,147.50	Schanck, Vernon J. & Patricia	3,247.58
Parlin, David W. & Mae E.	1,488.08	Schanck, Vernon J. & Patricia	660.96
Parlin, Herbert J. & Mary P.	416.16	Schanck, Vernon J. & Patricia	108.63
* Parlin, Jerry R. & Bonnie J.	644.37	Schuler, Craig D. & Karen A.	1,886.49
Parlin, Michael A. & Denise C.	1,563.66	Scribner, Roy B. & Brenda	1,266.23
Parlin, Raymond E. & Raelene J.	791.93	* Seeley, Deborah L.	1,007.66
Peter's Seafood & Steak	50.49	Shea, Marilyn A.	3,320.10
Phillips, Susan J.	2,513.18	* Shipley, Linda J.	930.24
Piawlock, Terry T. & Linda	232.56	Shufelt, Robert	2,223.09
Piawlock, Terry T. & Linda	2,409.14	Shiretown Tire	174.42
* Pillsbury, Annie, Raymond & John	217.81	Slave, Sr., Joseph & Charlene	1,422.29
** Pillsbury, Don L.	579.26	* Small, Joan U.	746.26
** Pillsbury, Raymond & Kimberly	1,253.99	* Small, Joan U.	1,040.62
Pillsbury, Raymond	280.91	** Smith, II, Fred O. & Mabel	1,290.71
Pine View Homes Re: Boone	269.28	Smith, III, Thaniel C., Et Al	238.68
Pine View Homes Re: Powers	322.83	Smith, Lalar	187.31
Pins & Needles	546.21	Smith, Matthew & Caton, Cassandra	263.16
** Platt, Jarad W. & Gazette, Daniel	744.25	Snell, Jr., Charles H., Pers. in Pos.	228.89
** Platt, Nathan R.	1,100.00	Starbird, David A. & Diana	593.03
Pond, Douglas J. & Nancy J.	577.73	Stasiowski, William A.	5,908.86
Pond, Rosalie, Devises of	691.48	Stasiowski, William & Myers, Anne	238.68
Porter, Jr., Malcolm W.	226.44	Stearns, Jr., Drew T.	47.43
Porter, Sr., Malcolm W. & Nancy	1,148.42	Steele, Joan K.	1,144.44
Porter, Nancy & Malcolm	185.13	Steenburg, Patrick	1,040.40
Porter, Philip	1,471.25	Stevens, Guy E.	543.15
** Powers, Pamela J.	1,761.03	Stevens, Lincoln	278.46
Pratt, Curtis L., Pers. in Pos.	165.24	Stitsel, Joyce, Et Al	368.73
Pratt, Russell L. & Nancy C.	1,200.44	Stump, Kristin L. & Christopher	214.20
Presby, Scott, Et Al	137.09	Swett, Elva M.	1,400.87
** Preston, Katie S.	429.93	* Tejas Corp. & San Juan Tour	36,915.56
Purinton, Kathy	577.73	* Thomas, Anita	158.14
R & R Auto Sales	18.36	The Granary	786.42
RS Electric	30.60	Transformations	74.97
Radio Shack	117.81	TRM ATM Corporation	56.61
Rackliff, Jr., Herschel J. & Sharon	856.19	Thomas, Brandy, Pers. Rep.	158.51
** Rackliffe, Pamela D.	2,159.75	Thompson, Linda & Gordon Kapoula	2,187.90
** Rackliffe, Pamela D.	105.57	* Tinker, Lee Ann	1,137.53
Raymond, Maness & Macphee, H.	107.10	Tracy, Alberta	430.85
Reboot Computer Repair	26.01	** Tracy, Donna & Peter F., Trustee	1,324.37
Reiner, Karin M.	1,850.69	** Tracy, Donna & Peter F., Trustee	1,328.04
Reopell, Albert P., Pers. in Pos.	630.36	Traverso, Adria M.	521.73
* Reynolds, Matthew & Woodcock, S.	104.61	Tyler, Edward	198.80
Richard, Leon	1,815.50	Tyler, Cynthia J. & Edward	1,459.62
Richards, Daniel A.	381.89	Tyler, Darryl D. & Judith	1,699.22
Richards, Michael E. & Sheila	2,093.96	Tyler, Joshua A.	507.96
Richards, Michael E. & Sheila	146.88	Tyler, Tess Elizabeth	1,858.95
Robbins, Doris, Heirs of	169.83	Tyler, Toby W.	798.05
Robinson, Michelle, Western Me	319.77	Tyler, Tony S.	346.70
Robinson, Michelle P.	1,722.17	Underwood, Robert W. & Charlotte	1,477.37

Up Front & Pleasant Gourmet Upholstery	7.65	Wilbur, Judy	74.97
V. & M. Holdings, LLC	29.07	Wilde, John & Judith	1,220.33
Velazquez, Felix	821.24	Wilkins, Sonya T.	1,501.85
Verizon	56.61	** Williams, Ernest R. & Corliss G.	1,247.87
Violette, Kurt R.	289.17	Williams, Gerard K.	1,872.11
Walker, Sonja, Et Al, Pers. Rep.	801.11	Williams, Gerard K.	1,727.37
Walker, Sonja, Et Al, Pers. Rep.	4,851.63	Williams, Gerard K.	122.40
Walker, Todd O. & Cheryl A.	87.21	Williams, Patricia	209.61
* Walsh, Barry & Susan	449.21	Williamson, Burchard	74.36
Warren, Joy	51.29	Wilson, Keith & Debbie	783.36
Warren, Michael	1,985.63	** Wingo, Patti C. & Richard D.	1,180.55
Waters, Gary K.	175.95	Winters, Daniel & Karen	1,512.56
Weeks, George & Diane	786.42	Woodcock, Samuel A.	440.03
Weeks, George	3,985.04	Woodman, Kirt C.	714.51
Western Mountain Land Trust	84.15	Wuori, Guy P.	629.75
Western Mountain Ld Tr Rearick	122.40	Wuori, Guy P.	264.69
Western Mountain Ophthamology	437.58	* Wyman, Linda	374.00
Westgate, Edward & Doris	2,749.41	Xerox Lease Equipment, LLC	7.65
West Mount, Inc.	839.36	** Yamashiro, Lennie	300.30
White, Richard & Leslie	117.81	York, Charles, Heirs of	107.10
** White, Richard J. & Muriel S.	102.51	Yorks, Jeffrey Stewart	243.27
	609.86	Young, Russell, Pers. Rep.	1,049.58

**2009 TOTALS** 575,837.63

**TAXES RECEIVABLE 2008**

All About You	19.86	Cliche, Donald	279.62
Abbott, Pamela	170.45	Collins, Maria M.	1,937.70
Abbott, Pamela & Barry, Eric	629.68	* Collins, Susan E.	3,012.88
Adams, Anthony W. & Pamela	635.22	Community Concepts Alternative	27.50
Ames, Edward T.	661.84	Community Concepts, Inc.	3,630.17
Atwood, John	251.98	Corbett, Charlene	133.84
Ayer, Karen B.	889.24	Cowsert, Nathan J. & Evelyn M.	410.60
Barbara's Boutique	74.87	Cuddyer, Grace, Et Al	40.10
* Bard, Jason T. & Barker, Amy B.	368.94	Cummings, Jonathan & Benjamin	1,639.64
Barry's Auto Service	88.62	Cunningham, Kurt D.	1,045.07
Beal, Davis R. & Donna S.	614.54	* Cushman, Melissa J.	161.02
Bellefeuille, James & Cory	203.73	* Daku, Ginger	87.28
Bennett, Charles H. & Carol A.	544.16	Davis, Nancy E.	721.66
* Binns, Robin A.	459.96	Demarsh, Donald J. & Lorraine	1,842.63
Brackett, Penny A., Pers. in Pos.	804.38	Divine Inspirations	16.81
Bolduc, Joe	97.79	Dunham, Sr., Joshua & Dunham, Betty	330.18
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academy	42.78	Dunham, Betty B.	315.21
Brennick, Patricia A.	559.79	* Dunkin Donuts	117.75
Brennick, Peter H.	668.50	Dunton, Pamela	185.42
Brown, Lisa M.	421.69	Eldridge, Marsha & Thomas, K.	296.91
Bryant, Nancy L.	129.41	Fabric Inn, Inc.	25.98
Bryant, Nancy R.	1,177.69	Farmington Automotive Service	84.04
Bryant, Nancy, Pers. in Pos.	859.29	Farmington Martial Arts Academy	7.64
Bullen, Greg R.	1,568.65	Farmington Towing	15.28
Bullen, Timothy H.	1,212.03	FCl Corporation	516.53
C.E.D., Inc.	3,753.30	Fernald Appraisal	25.98
C.E.D., Inc.	2,940.78	Fournier, Rebecca Ann	808.51
Cape Lawson Trust	873.66	Franklin Surgery	760.94
Car Clinic	84.04	Frost, Judith A.	1,322.39
* Cassidy, James H.	1,061.44	* Gajdukow, Katherine S.	398.38
Cayer, Mark	828.71	Given, Barry A.	1,743.90
Chretien, Michael S.	678.48	Given, Barry A. & Melinda	1,458.83

** Graff, Sharon, Pers. in Pos.	1,551.46	Mount Blue Motel	589.81
** Graff, Sharon, Pers. in Pos.	193.74	Nadeau, Melanie	1,056.41
Grant, Shawn A., Et Al	671.82	Nation Paving	565.36
Greenlaw Collectibles & Pawn	12.22	* Northern Woods Energy, LLC	239.50
Greenlaw, Betty J.	1,088.91	Oliver, Naomi & Charles, Et Al	248.66
Grimanis, Rose V. & Michael	2,061.70	Orr, Jr., Raymond B. & Deborah	1,335.71
Grimanis, Rose, Pers in Poss	1,863.15	Pare, Michael	83.92
* Griswold, Richard A. & Martha J.	4,713.37	Parker, MD, Michael	423.26
Grover, Jon M. & Angela M.	119.96	Parker, George	15.28
Grover, Jon M. & Angela M.	1,690.11	Piawlock, Terry T. & Linda	67.22
Haines, Carol A., Pers. in Pos.	544.82	Piawlock, Terry T. & Linda	2,701.19
Harlow Financial Services	12.22	** Pillsbury, Raymond & Kimberly	1,407.80
Hayden, John	127.54	* Pine View Homes, Inc.	253.15
Hiscock, Bessie L.	498.23	Pins & Needles	556.19
* Horse Stuff	9.52	Porter, Sr., Malcolm W. & Nancy J.	1,281.91
Howard, Stuart	1,546.99	Porter, Nancy & Malcolm	238.67
Hunter, James N.	744.87	Quad M's Cabin Restaurant	255.18
Hutchins, Shirley	1,458.83	R & R Auto Sales	18.34
Huthinson, Priscilla J.	169.61	** Rackliff, Pamela D.	889.89
Hyde, Mary A.	312.12	** Rackliff, Pamela D.	157.68
Imperial Board Lords	13.75	Reopell, Albert P., Pers. in Pos.	722.86
Jackson, Jr., Fred & Ann E.	1,107.20	Richards, Daniel A.	448.32
* K.C.'s Village Smithy	10.42	* Roy, Rhonda I.	1,955.21
King, Jr., Clayton P. & Joyce M.	950.80	Rundlett, Amber	160.46
King, Jr., Clayton P.	432.22	Sandy River Excavating	702.88
King, Jr., Clayton P. & Joyce M.	3,487.08	* Savage, Vivian A. & Christine M.	605.45
King, Jr., Clayton P.	2,268.58	Shea, Marilyn A.	2,509.65
King, Jr., Clayton P.	3,198.68	* Shipley, Linda J.	757.97
Lambert, Jeffrey W. & Donna L.	438.88	Snell, Jr., Charles H., Pers. in Pos.	281.93
Lambert, Jeffrey W. & Donna L.	1,581.95	Starbird, David A. & Diana	683.47
Leddin, Frederick G., Et Al	1,358.45	Stasiowski, William A.	6,463.19
Lesperance, Bruce D. & Penny	258.50	Stasiowski, William & Myers, Anne	296.91
Lewis, Joan A.	428.35	Steenburg, Patrick	1,174.31
Lidstone, Timothy R. & Wendy S.	209.82	Stevens, Guy E.	182.29
Loose Ends Hair Salon	13.75	Stittsel, Joyce, Et Al	449.41
MacDonald, William H. & Glenice	1,661.27	Stump, Kristin L. & Christopher	270.28
Mahar, Marilee	596.40	T & G's BBQ Smokehouse	79.46
Mahar, Stephen M.	664.62	The Granary	776.22
Marchetti, Michael & Karren	498.23	Thomas, Brandy, Pers. Rep.	205.39
Maxham, Jr., George & Sheila	864.29	Tracy, Alberta	501.56
Meadar, James F.	316.86	* Tyler, Edward	198.64
* Meadar, James F.	5,213.19	* Tyler, Cynthia J. & Edward	1,630.29
Meadar, James F.	285.81	Tyler, Joshua A.	546.88
Meadar, James	165.02	* Tyler, Tess E.	2,058.94
Meadar, James F.	1,062.28	Tyler, Tony S.	309.04
Meadar, Shirley D. & Clyde	1,111.37	* Underwood, Robert & Charlotte F.	261.66
MET Property Management, LLC	3,143.21	Warren, Joy	2,190.38
Metcalf, Jr., John L., Pers in Poss	346.82	Waters, Gary K.	898.10
* Mobile Home Associates	10,269.34	White, Richard J. & Leslie	148.82
Mobile Home Associates	7.64	Wilbur, Judy	118.87
Moore, Bradford L., Heirs of	719.52	Woodcock, Samuel A.	511.54
Mountain View Chocolate Shop	165.02	Yorks, Jeffrey Stewart	301.89
		<b>2008 TOTALS</b>	<b>149,058.93</b>

#### TAXES RECEIVABLE 2007

Abbott, Pamela	169.25	** Adams, Anthony & Pamela J.	43.70
Abbott, Pamela & Barry, Eric S.	594.03	** Ames, Edward T.	382.75
* Ayer, Karen B.	854.43	** King, Clayton P. & Joyce M.	433.57

B & B Scrapping & Stamping	23.57	** King, Clayton P. & Joyce M.	1,680.96
Barbara's Boutique	70.70	* Leddin, Frederick G.. Et Al	868.29
Barry's Auto Service	86.91	* Lewis, Joan L.	387.17
Bellefeuille, James A. & Cory	199.39	Loose Ends Hair Salon	13.26
** Binns, Robin A.	350.84	* MacDonald, William & Glenice B.	1,371.46
Bolduc, Joe	97.22	Mainewest Business Technology	176.76
Brackett, Penny A., Pers in Poss	864.79	* Marchetti, Michael & Karren	32.11
* Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academy	6.57	Maxham, Jr., George & Sheila	824.25
* Brennick, Patricia A.	357.38	Meador, James	188.54
* Brown, Lisa M.	203.71	Metcalf, Jr., John L.	239.21
Bryant, Nancy L.	108.12	Moore, Bradford L., Heirs of	678.33
Bryant, Nancy, Pers. in Pos.	822.63	Mountain View Chocolate Shoppe	167.92
Bullen, Timothy H.	1,169.58	Nation Paving	545.01
** Cape Lawson Trust, D. McKellar	76.84	Oliver, Naomi & Charles, Et Al	238.97
** Cape Lawson Trust, D. McKellar	148.69	Orr, Jr., Raymond B. & Deborah	1,546.20
** Cape Lawson Trust, D. McKellar	219.51	Parker, George	14.73
** Cape Lawson Trust, D. McKellar	141.85	Piawlock, Terry T. & Linda A.	2,550.92
** Cape Lawson Trust, D. McKellar	157.20	** Pillsbury, Raymond & Kimberly	1,241.22
Car Clinic	53.03	Porter, Nancy & Malcolm	235.72
Cliche, Donald	273.98	Pins & Needles	556.79
Corbett, Charlene	133.58	Professional Computers	20.62
* Cummings, Jonathan & Benjamin	1,477.15	Quad M's Cabin Restaurant	257.77
* Cunningham, Kurt D.	833.31	R & R Auto Sales	20.62
* Cushman, Melissa J.	170.10	Reopell, Albert P., Pers. in Pos.	658.88
Divine Inspirations	4.42	Richards, Daniel A.	422.17
Dunham, Betty B.	294.09	Rundlett, Amber	159.52
Dunton, Pamela	183.85	Sandy River Excavating	677.58
* Dunkin Donuts	2,165.55	Snell Jr., Charles H., Pers in Pos	248.70
Eldridge, Marsha & Thomas, K.	311.92	Starbird, David A. & Diana B.	641.52
Fabric Inn, Inc.	25.04	Steenburg, Patrick	1,111.69
Farmington Automotive Service	78.07	* Stitsel, Joyce, Et Al	401.10
Farmington Martial Arts Academy	7.37	Stump, Kristin L. & Christopher I.	252.41
* Farmington Towing	2.66	Sturdia Company, Inc.	172.34
FCI Corporation	497.23	T & G's BBQ Smokehouse	76.60
Fernald Appraisal	25.04	Thomas, Brandy, Pers. Rep.	132.21
Given, Barry A.	1,671.03	Tracy, Alberta	475.68
Given, Barry A. & Melinda M.	1,332.19	** Tyler, Edward	191.49
** Graff, Sharon, Pers. in Pos.	1,485.74	** Tyler, Cynthia J. & Edward A.	1,281.17
** Graff, Sharon, Pers. in Pos.	166.01	** Tyler, Tess Elizabeth	216.13
Greenlaw, Betty J.	1,051.23	* Warren, Joy	1,416.88
Greenlaw Collectibles & Pawn	11.78	* Waters, Gary K.	549.67
** Haines, Carol A.	180.87	Western Mountains Cremation	172.34
Harlow Financial Services	11.78	White, Richard & Leslie	148.17
** Hutchins, Shirley	721.65	* Wilbur, Judy	104.17
Jackson, Jr., Fred L. & Ann E.	539.07		
		<b>2007 TOTALS</b>	<b>44,658.22</b>
** Paid in full by January 31, 2010		* Partial payment as of January 31, 2010	

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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

The 2009 Budget Committee, with the welcome addition of two new members, had a total of nine members. At the first meeting on January 7, 2009 the committee elected a chair, vice chair and secretary and moved immediately to the presentation of proposed budgets by Department Heads and the Town Manager. In subsequent meetings, remaining Department budgets, Capital Improvement and Reserve Accounts, and Public and Contracted Services were also presented for review. Finally, consideration and recommendations for Outside Agencies were made based on documentation submitted with their requests for funds. At the final meeting on February 4, 2009, the Committee recommended a final budget of \$4,350,109. This figure was essentially equal to the amount requested by town officials, which represented no increase over 2008.

With that in mind, the Budget Committee believes it is time for a reassessment of this approach in upcoming years. Committee members recognize the citizens of Farmington desire and expect the town to continue to provide the same level of services and attention to costs vs. benefits. We recognize there is much to be proud of in our recent budgets, in the people who develop and administer them, and in the services we have received. We also recognize there are economic realities we face, both as individuals and as members of this community. To that end, we recommend the next budget cycle be used to either increase department budgets and/or reserve accounts or to authorize a financial bond in order to at least prevent any deterioration in the services we have today. Please give this consideration as you think about where you want our town to be in the years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Stillman  
Chairman

## ASSESSING

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



The growth in taxable valuation for 2009 was \$7.1 million, a 1.80% increase from the prior year. The growth this year came from both the residential and commercial segments of our community.

The net amount the Town needed to raise from property tax increased by \$119,538.91 for 2009. As a result of the new taxable properties, budget changes, and without appropriating funds from the Undesignated Fund Balance (UFB), the Town's tax rate was set at \$15.30 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation (.01530).

The actual figures used to set the tax rates were:

ITEM	2008 TAX YEAR	2009 TAX YEAR
TAXABLE VALUATION	\$392,245,000.00	\$399,381,460.00
TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$ 5,993,503.60	\$ 6,110,536.34
TAX RATE	.01528	.01530

As of this writing, the tax abatements (reductions) and supplements (additions) for 2009 are:

ITEM	VALUATION	TAXES
ABATEMENTS (-)	\$420,792.81	\$6,438.13
SUPPLEMENTS (+)	\$127,437.30	\$1,949.79

The Assessor's Office is continuing to add digital pictures to the Town's database. Sketches are currently being added as a scanned image and attached to a property's digital record. These additions will allow the Town to digitally archive all of our property record cards. When people request these we will be able to e-mail instead of photocopying and faxing, which will save both time and materials.

The real estate market in Farmington continues to be slow and is producing fewer sales than in the past. Through October 2009 there were only 59 sales. Sales dropped most dramatically for



2008 with 85. The number of sales in 2007 was 131, and in 2006 there were 150 sales.

The Town's website can be accessed at [www.farmington-maine.org](http://www.farmington-maine.org). The Assessor's page contains the tax roll in both Excel or PDF format and copies of the tax maps. Included in this page are links to various forms and applications used for assessing programs. Additionally, there are several links that will bring you to the State's web site and directly to the laws that govern assessing.

Please read the section entitled *Programs that Could Affect Taxes* directly following this report. You might be interested in one or more of them. Please feel free to contact the Assessing Department for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Caldwell  
Town Assessor

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Strawberry Festival 2009



**2009 PROPERTY TAX RATE COMPUTATIONS**

**ASSESSMENT**

County tax	\$ 436,896.00	
Municipal appropriation	\$ 4,355,109.00	
TIF financing plan amount	\$ 18,488.85	
School appropriation	\$ 3,436,872.06	
Overlay	\$ 10,044.15	
TOTAL ASSESSMENT		\$ <u>8,257,410.06</u>

**ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS**

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 715,418.00	
Other revenue	\$ 1,287,097.77	
Homestead Reimbursement	144,357.95	
UFB appropriation	\$ -	
TOTAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS		\$ <u>2,146,873.72</u>

**NET ASSESSMENT FOR COMMITMENT** \$ 6,110,536.34

**VALUATIONS**

Taxable Personal Property Valuation	<u>27,597,300</u>	
Taxable Real Estate Valuation	<u>371,784,160</u>	
Total taxable valuation		<u>399,381,460</u>

**RATE CALCULATIONS**

Net Assessment for Commitment divided by Total Valuation = Tax Rate  
 $\$6,110,536.34 \div \$399,381,460 = .01530$

**GROSS ASSESSMENT CALCULATIONS**

Total Taxable Valuation	399,381,460	
X Tax Rate	\$ 0.01530	
Equals Net Assessment for Commitment		\$ <u>6,110,536.34</u>

## PROGRAMS THAT COULD AFFECT YOUR TAXES



***For the following programs the application must be submitted to the Assessor by April 1, 2010. Applications and brochures are available at the Municipal Office or they can be downloaded from our web site at [farmington-maine.org](http://farmington-maine.org) on the Assessors page. For further information on these programs, please contact the Assessors Office at 778-6530.***

**VETERAN'S EXEMPTION FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES** - 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, 2010 and served during a federally recognized war period; or if you are a veteran who receives federal funds for 90-100% disability.

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION** – This program exempts up to \$12,740 of the taxpayer's residential assessed value before the tax rate is applied. 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** - A property owner who is legally blind as determined by a properly licensed doctor is eligible to receive a \$3,920 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.***

**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 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT (BETR)** – If you purchased or transferred taxable business property to a Maine location after April 1, 1995, you may be eligible for the Maine Property Tax Reimbursement 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 with the tax assessor by May 1<sup>st</sup> annually.

**PROPERTY TAX AND RENT REFUND PROGRAM** – If your 2008 property taxes were more than 4% of your 2008 income or if the rent you paid in 2008 was more than 20% of your 2008 income, you may be eligible for the “Circuit Breaker Program”. Applications must be filed by June 1, 2010.

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**Preschool Playtime at the Community Center**



**Town of Farmington, Maine  
Building Notification Form**

MAP _____	LOT _____
TRIO # _____	
DATE _____	/ _____ / _____

PROPERTY OWNER \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTOR \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

**Is any part of this property or project located in any of the following?**

**Shoreland Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Floodway \_\_\_\_\_ Floodplain \_\_\_\_\_**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\*\*Public Sewer: YES or NO (please circle)

Number of plumbing fixtures: Presently \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed \_\_\_\_\_

Number of bedrooms: Presently \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Start Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Estimated Completion Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**\*Please draw a sketch of the project showing dimensions and placement of building(s).\***

**The Town now has building setback requirements that could affect your project.  
Please check with the Code Enforcement Officer concerning the standard.**

*The above information provides accurate information concerning the project described.*

**SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF NOTIFICATION \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_**

## TOWN CLERK

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



This was the year of elections for the Town of Farmington. With elections in January, February, March, May, June, September, and November the office was in constant election mode. There were 1,949 absentee ballots processed for the elections. Of that number, 1,740 were returned to the office to be processed and cast on election days. The bulk of the ballots were for the February Special Election and the November Referendum Ballot Election. I anticipate this number will only continue to increase as more and more voters take advantage of the opportunity to vote in this manner before Election Day. With the increased participation there is also added cost. This year \$579.18 was spent on postage to mail out ballots, and there was an added cost in ballot clerk help with processing the ballots. The Centralized Voter Registration (CVR) program is working smoothly, and is a great help in processing elections, new voter registrations, and changes. Diane Dunham is currently working on updating and cleaning up the voter list by going through all the voter cards and cross-referencing them with the current voter list. The State of Maine recently did a statewide voter purge in the summer to help clean up the list, and deleted inactive voters who hadn't voted in the past two general elections. The office will be scanning the entire voter card file into the CVR in the next few months. This will help the office when certifying petitions and verifying voter signatures. I would like to thank Daryl, Diane and Mavis for their assistance in running the special elections in January and February while I was out. They did an excellent job making sure everything ran smoothly for the voters.

On September 10, 2009, I was saddened to hear Pat Roberts, a long-time ballot clerk, had passed away. I had the pleasure of working with Pat for the past ten years. Though a quiet lady, during the down time of an election she was always entertaining with a story of times past and was very gracious to all voters who passed through her line. Many commented in November about how out of the ordinary it was not to see Pat at her station on Election Day.

As usual, I would like to remind all dog owners who have not renewed their dog(s) licenses for the year 2010 to come in to the office to do so. The law changed in that there is no longer a \$25 warrant fee nor a warrant to be processed. The late fee now is a straight \$15. Please remember to bring in the current rabies certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne E. Pinkham  
Town Clerk

### 2009 Town Meetings / Elections

January 22, 2009	SAD #9 Referendum
February 3, 2009	Special State Election
March 9, 2009	Annual Town Meeting
May 19, 2009	SAD #9 Budget
May 27, 2009	SAD #9 Budget Referendum
June 9, 2009	Special Town Meeting
September 15, 2009	SAD #9 Referendum

### 2009 Licenses

Dog	628
Inland Transactions	1,556

### Vitals

Birth	356
Marriage	46
Death	204

### BALLOT CLERKS

Ruby Allen, Beverly Besaw, Shane Cote, Deputy Diane Dunham, Marion Durrell, Erlane Dyke, Emily Floyd, Donna Kenney, Clare Liwski, Paul McGuire, Nancy Porter, Clyde Ross, and Deputy Daryl Schramm

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



The Farmington Police Department welcomed two Farmington natives to the force this year. Ted Neil and William Tanner, IV. This brought the Department to full staff. Both Officer Neil and Tanner left to attend the 18-week Maine Criminal Justice Academy in June and will return to full time duty in mid-December. Officer Matthew Brann resigned to become a full time deputy for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, and the Department will be working to fill that position.

The Police Space Needs Committee, made up of citizens, recommended the construction of a new police building to solve space issues. A proposal was drawn up, put on the November ballot, and turned down by the voters of Farmington. The Board of Selectmen and the Committee will look to the citizens of Farmington for input on how to proceed with a solution to the Department's space needs. We ask anyone interested to please take a moment when you are at the Town Office to stop in and take a look at our current space. It will take only a minute, literally.

In an effort to reduce traffic crashes and receive the side benefits that aggressive traffic enforcement provides, traffic enforcement remains a high priority for the Department. A reduction in traffic crashes saves property damages, personal injuries and fatalities. In 2009, the Farmington Police Department investigated 455 traffic crashes for an estimated total of \$731,822 in property damages, and an untold amount of costs in personal injuries. Even though vehicular traffic is heavier and there are more distractions to drivers today, for the past four years traffic crashes have been below 1991 traffic crash numbers. We attribute these numbers directly to the efforts of our department members' commitment to traffic enforcement.

The Farmington Police Department participated once again in Maine's Law Enforcement Traffic Challenge, which is sponsored by the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety, where our traffic enforcement initiatives were documented and compared to other Maine police departments' efforts. The winner of the Challenge is submitted to a



national competition. Although Farmington did not win, the Department was awarded four rechargeable LED flashlights and a battery operated flare kit for our efforts.

In June, members of the Department and their families formed Team Blue Heat, and participated in the American Cancer Society's 2009 Relay for Life held at the Mt. Blue High School. The team raised just under \$6,000 for the relay by receiving donations from local businesses, area residents, friends and family members. Team Blue Heat looks forward to another season of raising funds and awareness for a cause that touches so many in our community.

The Department received over \$55,000 in grants during 2009. The various grants gave us money for seatbelt enforcement, OUI enforcement, and other equipment.

The Farmington Police Department maintains a website at [www.farmingtonpd.org](http://www.farmingtonpd.org) that contains public service announcements and other helpful information. Please take a minute and check the site from time to time for the most up to date information.

I would like to thank Farmington Fire Rescue, Farmington Public Works, NorthStar Ambulance, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Maine State Police, Maine Drug Enforcement, Wilton Police Department, Jay Police Department, Livermore Falls Police Department, and all other agencies that assisted us in the last year. I also want to thank the community of Farmington and all of our community partners for their continued support. Special thanks go to the men and women who serve on the Farmington Police Department for their dedicated service.

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

Respectfully submitted,

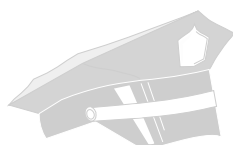
Richard E. Caton, III  
Chief of Police



**Team Blue Heat: Relay for Life**  
A special Thank You to Franklin Savings Bank  
for their support of our pig roast fundraiser.  
Pictured: David Galvan

## Members of the Farmington Police Department

Chief Richard E. Caton, III	Lt. Jack D. Peck, Jr.
Sgt. Peter A. Barton	Sgt. Shane P. Cote
Det. Marc R. Bowering	Off. Bridgette L. Gilbert
Off. Darin S. Gilbert	Off. Brian A. Ross (MDEA)
Off. Michael C. Adcock	Off. Matthew J. Hunt
Off. David I. Galvan	Off. Ted P. Neil
Off. William S. Tanner, IV	
Sec./Disp. Bonnie S. Pomeroy	Sec./Disp. Rachel A. Heseltine
Res. Off. Conley R. Gould	Res. Off. Mary P. Hastings
Res. Off. Kyle P. Ellis	Traf. Guide Robert D. Hallman
Traf. Guide David A. Lewis	Animal Control Off. Wayne B. Atwood
Traf. Guide and Parking Enforcement Cindy L. McCully	



### Officer of the Year 2009



**Darin S. Gilbert**

**Congratulations !**

### Employees of the Quarter

Winter	2009	Bonnie S. Pomeroy & Michael C. Adcock
Spring	2009	Michael C. Adcock
Summer	2009	Peter A. Barton
Fall	2009	William S. Tanner, IV

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

<b>Crime</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>%Change</b>
Rape	15	20	14	13	-7%
Assault	79	85	73	56	-23%
Burglary	29	20	23	18	-22%
Thefts (combined)	271	231	230	248	8%
Criminal Mischief	127	101	104	160	-42%
Criminal Trespass	89	80	62	65	5%
Drug Cases	124	112	61	43	-30%
Domestic Disturbance	49	52	53	83	57%
Traffic Crashes	494	499	496	455	-8%
Arrests	326	266	200	207	4%
OUI Arrests	88	74	43	46	7%
Summons	975	773	693	1,035	49%
Speeding Summons	247	399	394	391	-1%
Traffic Warnings	4,722	4,413	2,823	5,253	86%
Parking Tickets	1,464	1,204	1,234	1,167	-5%
Missing Persons	27	20	5	12	140%
Harassment Calls	210	190	151	123	-19%
Security Checks	1,029	919	1,054	972	-8%
<u>Other Service</u>	<u>3,013</u>	<u>2,964</u>	<u>3,182</u>	<u>8,160</u>	<u>156%</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,049</b>	<b>12,156</b>	<b>10,895</b>	<b>18,200</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>Total Traffic Stops</b>	<b>5,569</b>	<b>5,202</b>	<b>4,234</b>	<b>5,953</b>	<b>41%</b>

	<b>Stolen Property</b>	<b>Recovered Property</b>	<b>% Recovered</b>
2006	\$ 79,211	\$ 27,897	35.21%
2007	\$ 82,582	\$ 13,582	16.45%
2008	\$ 74,461	\$ 14,721	19.77%
2009	\$ 66,941	\$16,202	24.00%

### Police Revenues

	2007	2008	2009
Parking Tickets	\$ 14,746.00	\$ 17,170.00	\$ 24,225.00
Police Reports	\$ 2,130.00	\$ 2,185.50	\$ 2,091.00
Court Fee & Outside Extras	\$ 2,537.78	\$ 3,878.68	\$ 3,878.68
Misc. & Gun Per.	\$ <u>977.00</u>	\$ <u>1,173.00</u>	\$ <u>1,168.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 20,390.78	\$ 2,407.18	\$ 27,484.00

### Farmington Police Department 2009



**Front L to R:** Secretary Rachel Heseltine, Sgt. Peter Barton, Lt. Jack Peck, Chief Richard E. Caton III, Sgt. Shane Cote, and Secretary Bonnie Pomeroy.

**Middle L to R:** School Resource Officer Bridgette Gilbert, Reserve Patrolman Conley Gould, and Detective Marc Bowering.

**Back L to R:** Patrolman David Galvan, Patrolman Darin Gilbert, Patrolman Michael Adcock, and Patrolman Theodore Neil.

**Absent from photo:** Patrolman William Tanner, Reserve Patrolman Kyle Ellis, Reserve Patrolman Mary Hastings, Parking Enforcement Cindy McCully, Crossing Guard Robert Hallman, and Crossing Guard David Lewis.

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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



The Safety Committee met seven times this past year to review the Town's Safety Policies, conduct employee accident investigations, discuss training and equipment needs, and to monitor the condition of workplace safety.

The Fire Rescue Department was awarded the Safety and Health Award for Public Employers (SHAPE) by the Maine Department of Labor (MDOL) and the Bureau of Labor Standards. The SHAPE award is to recognize public sector employers who are striving to provide a safe and healthy workplace for employees.

The Committee has been working and meeting with each Town Department and the MDOL to help bring the departments into compliance to meet the requirements of the SHAPE award. Each department that receives this award could possibly reduce the Town's Workers Compensation rate, as has happened in other towns in Maine that have received the SHAPE award.

Over the years the Town has applied for and has been approved for various Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Workers Compensation Funds, including the Safety Enhancement Grants and Scholarship Grant Programs. When approved for these grants, the funds cover two-thirds of the cost of the award, which is a savings for the Town. During the 2009 coverage year, the Town received a value of \$10,247 in benefits.

The Town continues to promote safety in the workplace, and participates in the Leader Program through the Maine Municipal Association to keep workers compensation claims to a minimum. I want to thank the Safety Committee members and the Town employees for their continued efforts to provide a safe work place.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief Terry S. Bell  
Chairman

## FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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



I submit my annual report for the Farmington Fire Rescue Department for 2009. The Department participated in 36 training classes, which included 1,415 man-hours. The Department also responded for mutual aid 18 times, and received mutual aid 4 times. The Department responded to 278 calls for assistance which are broken down as follows:

2008	2009	Calls for Assistance
39	44	Fire related calls
15	19	Rescue, extrication and emergency Medical Incident
122	94	Hazard conditions with no fire
56	49	Service calls
38	35	Good Intent Call
49	37	Alarm Malfunction/False Alarms
4	0	Severe Weather/Natural Disaster
1	0	Special Incident Type

On August 8, 2009, the Department lost a veteran firefighter when my brother Mike and I lost our father, Captain John "Jack" Bell. He was a member of the Department for 49 years and Captain for the last 31 years. "Captain Jack", as he was known, was always there to help any way that he could, and he led by example. On September 15, 2009, the Department lost another member, Captain Harold "Stub" Hemingway. Stub was a member of the Department for 67 years and Captain for 31 of those years. Jack and Stub's combined service totaled 116 years. The loss of their experience along with their mentoring of the newest members of the Department will be deeply felt. I would like to thank their families for the many years of dedication to our community and the fire service.

This year the Department was awarded the Safety and Health Award for Public Employers (SHAPE) from the Maine Department of Labor and the Bureau of Labor Standards. The SHAPE award was originally conceived in 2005 as a way to recognize public sector employers who strive to provide safe and healthy workplaces for employees. This award is given **only** to exemplary employers after a thorough review and inspection of the employer's Safety and Health Policies and Procedures by a "SafetyWorks!" consultant.

We applied for and received grants from the Maine Municipal Association Workers Compensation Fund, which provided us with firefighter safety equipment to help rescue lost or injured firefighters, and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) safety vests.

Roster of the Department and years of service to the town;

Jonathan Alexander 10 yrs.	Phillip Allen 30 yrs.
Stephen Almquist 2 yrs.	Kyle Baker 3 yrs.
Scott Baxter 4 yrs.	Theodore Baxter 3 yrs.
Michael Bell 20 yrs.	Terry Bell 32 yrs.
James Brown 23 yrs.	Stephan Bunker 31 yrs.
Richard Chabot 21 yrs.	Patty Cormier 2 yrs.
Jason Decker 13 yrs.	Jon P. Fortier 5 yrs.
David Fronk 18 yrs.	Timothy A. Hardy 31 yrs.
Timothy D. Hardy 12 yrs.	Anthony Larrabee 3 yrs.
Richard Knight 30 yrs.	Michael Melville 2 yrs.
Douglass Oliver 46 yrs.	Jennings Pinkham 3 yrs.
S. Clyde Ross 38 yrs.	Greg Roux 15 yrs.
Junior Turner 38 yrs.	Peter Wade 7 yrs.
Stanley Wheeler 15 yrs.	

I personally would like to thank all members and officers of the Department for their dedication to the community. In addition to responding to calls, it takes many extra hours of training to maintain the high level of service that the Department provides. With the current economic hardships, we are fortunate to have such dedicated members working for the Town.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the families of our firefighters, all the mutual aid departments and their Auxiliary members, the Franklin County EMA office, our Ladies Auxiliary, Farmington Police and Public Works Department, Franklin County Sheriff's Department and their dispatchers, and the members of NorthStar Ambulance.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry S. Bell, Sr.  
Fire Chief

## FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

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



The Fire Rescue Department has once again been very busy with a variety of training programs and exercises. As most of you know from past reports, it is a never-ending challenge to keep up with the ever-changing demands being made on the Department. New legislation, mandates and local needs make continued training exercises necessary.

Economics and social changes have to be taken into consideration when making decisions on what and how much training can be held.

Some of the training topics in 2009 included the following: Confined Space Rescue, Tower #3 operation, Vehicle Extrication, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (use, maintenance and updates), Ladders, Search and Rescue Techniques, Building Ventilation and the use of proper equipment, Pumping/Rural Hitch uses, Rapid Intervention Team (R.I.T), Truck Seating Assignment Duties, Lock Out/Tag Out and Hose Advancement into multi story buildings. Once again we held county offerings for First In Company Operations (guest instructors) and Rural Water Shuttle (held in Strong). Each of these classes helps strengthen our mutual aid responses. As you can see, training is never ending.

The "Company" training nights, which started a year ago, continue to offer more "hands on" opportunities for each fire fighter. This allows each participant to ask questions, demonstrate methods, do "walk thru" evaluations, and take a more active part in training than is sometime possible in large group settings.

Fire Prevention Programs are being carried out in the local schools, nursing care centers, day care centers and some congregate housing units. Often the groups come to the fire station to view apparatus and listen to safety discussions. It is important to maintain contact with our youth and older citizens. Once again this year we conducted evacuation drills with the University of Maine at Farmington in their dormitory units.



The Department continues to assist the Foster Tech Fire Fighter Program with instructors and the use of our facilities. This program has, over the past years, trained a number of local fire fighters. The communities around us have also received the benefit of the Tech Program. Speaking of working with young people, we have participated in the Career Day Program at the Mount Blue Middle School for the past two years discussing fire fighting and the Foster Tech Program.

Mutual aid continues to be of great help to us in a time of need. We can get trained personnel from the neighboring towns at a moment's notice and it is appreciated by all.

In closing I wish to thank all the instructors, businesses and persons who have supported our training programs, and the citizens for their understanding and support.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Clyde Ross  
Deputy Fire Chief

Timothy D. Hardy  
Lieutenant



## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

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



With administration and coordination provided by the Code Enforcement Office, during 2009 there were 12 Planning Board meetings held and three Planning Board site-walks conducted. During its meetings, the Planning Board reviewed 39 applications under the following ordinances: Site Review, Subdivision, Shoreland Zoning, Floodplain Management, Soil Erosion Control/Stormwater Management, and Non-Conformance Expansion. The Board usually meets on the second Monday of every month, and at this time there is one vacancy for an alternate board member.

The Planning Board is presently working on “Wind Energy Performance Standards” to be considered for addition to the Town of Farmington Zoning Ordinance in the near future.

The Code Enforcement Office is currently working on a Building Permit Ordinance in preparation for State-mandated code adoptions in 2012, and a draft of this has had an initial review with the Board of Selectmen.

Updates of the Town of Farmington Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and Map have been drafted, as required by the State, and are ready for Town Meeting consideration.

The Zoning Board conducted its annual administrative meeting in July. There were no applications regarding zoning issues this year. There are three vacancies for regular members, and two vacancies for alternate members.

The Appeals Board held its administrative meeting in July and also conducted ten additional meetings throughout the year. There is one vacancy for a regular member and two vacancies for alternate members.

Please check the Town’s website ([www.farmington-maine.org](http://www.farmington-maine.org)) for Board meeting dates and times. All meetings are open to the public.

During 2009, 45 project registration forms, 22 business registration forms, and four home occupation registration forms were filed with the Code Enforcement Office, and 25 sign permits were issued by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Two septic systems were constructed in 2009 under the Small Community Grant Program (SCGP), funded by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Limited funds may be available in 2010 through this program for septic systems posing environmental and/or health threats.

Community Rating System (CRS) re-certification for the Federal Emergency Management Agency/National Flood Insurance Program (FEMA/NFIP) was filed again in 2009. The purpose of the CRS is to continue stabilization of flood insurance rates through the Town's ongoing efforts to mitigate flood damage and losses.

In 2009, the Code Enforcement Office applied for and received designation as a Preserve America Community, through which matching grants are available for eligible historic preservation and education efforts.

*Reminder – Please call the Code Enforcement Office before beginning any new business venture, sign installation, home occupation, residential building project, major construction, earth moving, or any activity in shoreland or floodplain areas, for information on the required permits that may be applicable to your project.*

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

Respectfully submitted,

J. Stevens Kaiser  
Code Enforcement Officer

## **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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



Calendar year 2009, the 30th under the direction of this Director of Parks & Recreation, will be remembered for several noteworthy highs and lows. The Recreation Department tried to do its part to control municipal spending by submitting and working within operating budgets that were under those of the preceding year.

Not only were the fiscal constraints challenging, but also from a health perspective, I had to take several weeks off throughout the year that culminated in surgery in late July. Due to the performance of Assistant Director Joe Nelson, the programs and facilities that we schedule and maintain continued as expected.

On the positive side of the ledger, the Bjorn Family made another significant contribution to the Town. This time they paid for new curtains to be made and installed in the gymnasium named after them in the Community Center. The gazebo at Meetinghouse Park had the lead paint issue addressed by encapsulating it in a specialty primer, and then repainting in its entirety, giving it a new and fresh look. Over 200 feet of five-foot high green vinyl coated chain link fence was erected along Beaver Brook beside the new Community Playground to prevent small children from wandering down to the flowing water at Hippach. Both baseball fields received extensive attention over the course of the year. The Little League Field had a new mound installed, new seating planks for the bleachers and the infield/outfield line was re-cut to make it symmetrical and improve its appearance. The Major League Field was completely re-edged and new sod was added to improve playability of the infield. A fishing derby for developmentally challenged adults was sponsored by Coca Cola Bottling of Farmington and was another opportunity to use our area's recreation resources by this special group of citizens. In October we received word that a grant application written and compiled by Joe Nelson to receive matching federal funds to rebuild the aging tennis courts at Hippach Field had been approved. The Town will receive \$ 20,000 in 2010 to renovate the two courts that are used

so extensively by area players. The construction work is tentatively scheduled for next June.

From our programming side of things, we had gains and losses. Thanks to the efforts of our staff the skating rink had great ice throughout the month of January, but as soon as February arrives our ice quality disappears. "Someplace" Teen Center, a fixture on Saturday nights during the school year at the Community Center for over 10 years, closed due to lack of interest. It gave way to a Pre-Teen Center at the same times for children in grades 4, 5 and 6. When it ended in April and then resumed in November an average of over 30 kids were showing up every Saturday evening to enjoy the facilities. In the spring, the girls' Softball Program was discontinued because a new Babe Ruth sponsored program was created and many of our players were being recruited to play in their league. Since the Little League field was not being used for softball, a new Lacrosse program was begun and 13 elementary school students played each Monday and Wednesday night. We were unsuccessful in attracting a Water Safety Instructor to direct our swimming programs in the summer. As a result, we chose to forego offering the Sumner P. Mills Swim Program at the UMF Fitness Center. The Wading Pool lessons for entry levels I and II were still available to the public. Despite the rainiest summer on record, our maintenance staff kept the fields groomed and our parks mowed and trimmed. The Playground Program rebounded from three subpar seasons in terms of attendance to have its best turnout in years. In the fall, "Prep" Soccer had 25 kindergarten age participants while the Instructional Soccer League for Grades 1 to 6 expanded again by another team for the second straight season.

In conclusion, I'd like to thank all of our seasonal staff and volunteer coaches for their important contributions to our department. I'd like to recognize custodian Neal Des Roches, who retired in May, for his efforts day after day in maintaining the appearance of our valuable facilities. And I would like to publicly commend my assistant Joe Nelson for handling the added responsibilities of Director during the weeks of my forced absences.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Shible  
Director of Parks & Recreation

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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



As the Public Works Department prepares for another winter, we should note that the crew has had a very busy summer. Torrential and record breaking rainfalls were constant through June and July and part of August. With no road washouts, we were more fortunate than most towns. However, shoulder and driveway culverts were in need of constant repair. In August, FEMA declared Franklin County for disaster relief, which helped for work completed, and also for two mitigation projects. One was on Bailey Hill to properly repair eroded ditches with riprap. The other was to replace and upgrade a culvert on Porter Hill Road. Mitigation projects are an attempt by towns and FEMA to repair damages to a better than before condition, and to prevent future damages.

FEMA also helped with the engineering of a new deck on Prescott Bridge. The Public Works crew repaired the bridge in record time and under budget using a new type of road material. We should thank the complete crew for this. Even with the new deck, MDOT engineers suggest we keep the 17-ton posted weight on this bridge. We thank Steve Mitchell and the Maine School of Masonry for donating mortar work on the bridge, along with rebuilding a brick sidewalk on Court Street.

Over the past two years we have been able to do over \$70,000 of work on our gravel roads. This includes culvert replacement, ditching, adding gravel and brushing, and most were graded several times through the summer because of heavy rains.

Paving included another 4,500 feet of the Whittier Road. Although the State has cut our Urban Rural Initiative Project (URIP) money, we are hoping to complete the project this coming summer. Because of sharp increases in paving costs and the State cutting our paving money, we have to decide how to upgrade our roads with fewer funds, and are faced with cutting our paving plans.

Last winter was kind to us with only 27 storms to treat. Our overtime and material use were down from the previous winter even with another record-breaking snowfall. The crew did an excellent

job of cutting our material use and keeping costs down for winter treatment, and still kept roads in very good condition. Our plowing equipment had very few breakdowns. This is a direct reflection on our experienced plow operators and excellent maintenance by our shop manager. With rising costs we are challenged to keep the same level of service, and also keep costs down, and a lot of planning and estimates are responsible for this. **Please note: we have provided our new Winter Roads Operating Procedure in this Town Report.**

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, Tim Schanz retired from the Public Works Department. I would like to thank Tim for 24 years of service. Also, on February 8<sup>th</sup> David Hobert retired after 22 years in public service. We wish Tim and David good luck in their retirement.

With funds approved at 2009's Town Meeting we replaced our aging backhoe with a new loader backhoe. This has improved our ability to do more ditching and roadwork. Our goals for the coming year are to find a used wheeler plow truck and replace a few very old plows, which can only be repaired so many times.

Although municipalities did not receive any stimulus money, MDOT received stimulus money to pave from the west side of Center Bridge through town, and Route 2 and 27 from the Center Bridge to High Street, and the Town Farm Road. This will be a tremendous help with plowing and cutting winter material costs. This spring we received a \$500 grant from the State Planning Office for promoting recycling, which we used toward a new sign at the entrance to the Farmington Recycling Facility.

As we bring a new budget to the Town Meeting, we are faced again, as is every Public Works Department in the State, with holding costs down but continuing the same level of service. Eight years ago our guide was to consider necessity, needs, and then wants. With continued pressure for budget cuts we now consider necessity only, and we hope to continue the same level of service.

I again thank everyone for their understanding and support in these financially hard times.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Castonguay  
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. 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.

**WINTER ROADS CONTINUED**

**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 will be 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 will be cleared as soon as possible. We have over seven miles of sidewalks. Again, depending on the storm intensity more than one day may be needed to accomplish clearing the sidewalks.

**SNOW REMOVAL** - The PWD recognizes that businesses in the downtown area rely on clean streets for parking. So, within 48 hours of a major storm, the snow is removed in the downtown area during the hours between midnight and 7:00 AM. Side streets such as Quebec and Middle, and parts of other in-town streets will be 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, will also be done during the nighttime snow removal hours. The public needs to be aware that there is a parking ban in Farmington and any vehicles parked on the streets or sidewalks during the ban hours may be towed at the owner's expense.

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

**CATCH BASINS** - Most of us forget about the catch basins in the height of winter. But should we get any rain, those catch basins are needed for drainage and to prevent the streets from icing. So, if you have a catch basin near your property, would you please keep it

clear? That would be a tremendous help to the Public Works crew as our Department is responsible for over 600 basins.

#### WINTER ROADS CONTINUED

**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. However, mailboxes that are located in the Town right-of-way are there at the owner's risk.

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

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



L to R: Tim Schanz, Jim Kiernan and Dave Hobert repairing Prescott Bridge

De-icing Vs. Anti-icing		
<b>De-icing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mostly sand</li><li>● Higher operational costs</li><li>● Snow pack</li></ul>		<b>Anti-icing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mostly salt</li><li>● More technical approach</li><li>● Bare pavement sooner after storms</li></ul>

## SANDY RIVER RECYCLING ASSOCIATION



The Member Towns of the Sandy River Recycling Association (SRRA) recycled 1,202 tons of material in 2009, which was down 442.6 tons from 2008. The economic downturn continued through most of 2009 with prices for material starting to rise in the 3rd quarter. Revenue for 2009 was \$61,103 down from \$202,429, which is a drop of \$141,326. With this loss of revenue the Directors decided to raise the tonnage cap from \$35 from \$45 for 2009.

Operating costs in 2009 were \$230,019, which is \$10,981 less than the budget of \$241,000. We also spent \$11,321 from the Capital Reserve for container repair and to reinstall the shredder that had to be moved when the new baler was purchased last year.

The Food Residual composting project is still working well. We composted 36.4 tons of material from Aramark (UMF) and the Mallett School. This tonnage does not include the horse bedding or leaves used as an amendment. We actually sold \$115 worth of compost to area residents this year and will have a fair amount to sell in the spring. As always, we will support area civic groups and non-profits that use compost for gardens or other activities.

We also received a small matching grant from the State Planning Office to build a website to keep you better informed. It should go online late this winter. We are working with a Mt. Blue student to design and build the site.

Please feel free to call the SRRA off at 778-3254, or e-mail [srra@megalink.net](mailto:srra@megalink.net) if you have any questions about recycling, composting, or solid waste.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Slater  
Manager

## WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

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



2009 was probably the busiest year we have had since the plant upgrade in 1992. We have continued to upgrade and improve our aging sewerage system.

Two important projects were started and completed in 2009. Although planning for replacement of the West Farmington Pump Station began in the fall of 2007, the construction and completion of this pump station took place from February 2009 to June of 2009. E. L. Vining, Inc. performed and completed the work while having to wade through the bad economy, as well as regulatory agencies. This station is now operational. The new pumps use the siphon principle, and often don't come on for 16 hours.

The other project completed was the removal of our worn influent screw pumps. The engineers from Woodard and Curran designed this project, and Sargent Construction installed the new wet well and three Vaughn Chopper Pumps. The cost was much less than we anticipated and we received a Rural Development grant. Also this year, our operators rebuilt the recessed impellor grit pumps, and rotor assemblies in the pump station pumps, and replaced seals in aeration gearboxes.

Planning is now under way to replace 1,800 feet of the aging cross-country sewer line located between Middle and Lincoln Street. Construction will start in 2010, and we will receive grant money to do the majority of this project.

Planning is also underway for two miles of sewer and water lines to accommodate the Mt. Blue High School expansion. The present antiquated biological treatment plant at the high school was built in 1969, and discharges into the Sandy River. DEP wants to eliminate this discharge point. It will be less expensive to connect to the Town's Sewer System than to construct a new plant or a subsurface system.

Our Town Manager has applied for a grant to build a SolarWall® on the south side of the Dewatering Building. This will cut our oil

consumption dramatically by using the sun for heat. Over the years there have been great strides in wastewater technology, but energy savings have not been matched.

As always we invite town residents to visit our “Gift Shop” here at the plant. Some of our slightly used items include towels, crochet balls, false teeth, watches, money and tropical fish.

I would like to thank my dedicated staff for their efforts as well as the Town Manager, Public Works and the Office Staff.

Respectively submitted,

Steven S. Moore  
Superintendent

**Out with the old screw pumps...**



**in with the new...**



**New West Farmington Pump Station**

## SEWER DEPARTMENT

Past Due Receivables as of December 31, 2009

ACCOUNT	BALANCE	EARLIEST YEAR DUE
Brackett, Penny	1444.32	2007
CED INC	1986.86	2009
Chretien, Jeffrey	37.90	2009
Cox, Belinda	82.24	2009
Cummings, Jonathan T	2323.18	2008
Cunningham, Kurt	563.03	2009
Cushman, Melissa J	1392.78	2008
Davis, Nancy	205.11	2009
Fraser, Bruce M	311.47	2008
Galouch, Earl N	502.67	2009
Gay, Ted	101.86	2009
Grant, Shawn	1711.14	2009
Grimanis, Rose V	3454.74	2008
Gund, John P	258.75	2009
Hutchinson, Priscilla J	441.13	2008
Lake, Lauren K	631.45	2009
Lakin, Linda & David	856.05	2008
Meador, Shirley D	126.77	2009
Pillsbury, Raymond G	535.87	2009
Porter, Malcolm W	789.62	2008
Provenzano, James	26.96	2009
Rackliffe, Pamela D	549.18	2009
Riddle, Virginia	448.87	2008
Robinson, Michelle	141.48	2009
Shufelt, Robert	39.47	2009
Smith, Fred O II & Mabel	221.68	2009
The Granary Brew Pub & Rest	4467.50	2009
Thomas, Arthur	138.68	2009
Thomas, Brandy, Pers Rep	228.13	2009
White, Corey A	453.40	2008

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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



The Farmington Conservation Commission had a productive growing season in 2009.

Farmington's Arbor Day was celebrated on May 20<sup>th</sup> with dozens of Cascade Brook School students, staff, and community volunteers pitching in to clean up and provide maintenance for the public gardens at Hippach Field, the Community Center, and the West Farmington traffic island.

The Commission's spring work included general maintenance on the many trees planted in town by the group over the years and replacing two tree lilacs on Main Street that had been damaged over last winter.

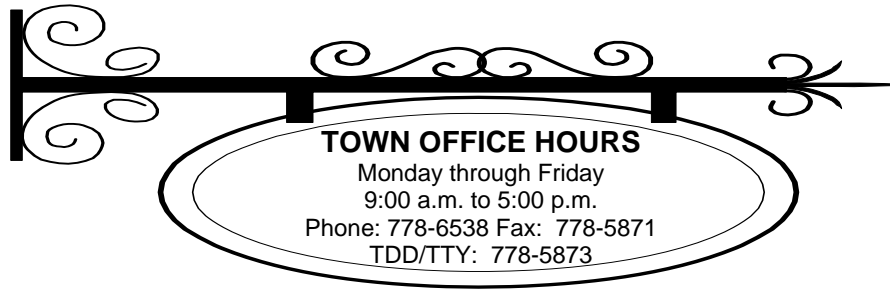
For the 32nd consecutive year, the Town of Farmington was awarded a Tree City USA designation by the National Arbor Day Foundation. At the State's Arbor Day celebration held in Augusta on May 18<sup>th</sup>, a maple tree was given to the town and was planted on Church Street.

In addition, the town received a Tree City Growth Award for demonstrating higher levels of tree care as part of its community forestry program. Activities by Commission members included attending a two-day Project Learning Tree workshop, planting participation in the new Hippach Playground Project and initiatives in planting by community members and businesses downtown.

The Farmington Conservation Commission would like to recognize the Farmington Downtown Association for providing flower plantings and maintenance of the ten tree lilacs planted in sidewalks on Main Street and lower Broadway. The addition of these plantings and continued care of the trees make downtown Farmington truly one of the prettiest in Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Hanstein  
Farmington Conservation Commission



## **IMPORTANT NOTICES**

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

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

### **VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

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

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



## TRANSFER STATION PERMITS

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

## BURN PERMITS

Burn Permits may be obtained at no cost Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Fire Rescue Office which is located on the second floor of the Municipal Office Building; or for a \$7 fee, a permit may be purchased on the State of Maine website at [www.maineburnpermit.com](http://www.maineburnpermit.com). Permits will be issued subject to safe weather conditions as set forth by the Maine Forest Service.

## TOWN ORDINANCE AND STATE LAW COMPLIANCE

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

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

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

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### Students Celebrating Arbor Day



Photo courtesy of Daily Bulldog

From near left: Haylee Hallman, Oceanna Jasper and Ashley Bouchard

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February 18, 2010

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Farmington, Maine  
Farmington, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Farmington and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Farmington as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2009 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	Statement E
Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budgetary Basis Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Schedule of Departmental Operations – General fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet – Non Major Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Non Major Governmental Funds	Schedule C

*RHR Smith & Co.*

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## STATEMENT C

## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$ 2,979,516	\$ 402,674	\$ 3,382,190
Investments	-	944,227	944,227
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)			
Taxes	603,039	-	603,039
Liens	201,018	-	201,018
Other	1,396	200,301	201,697
Prepaid expense	437	-	437
Tax acquired property	2,331	-	2,331
Due from other funds	910	164,680	165,590
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 3,788,647</u>	<u>\$ 1,711,882</u>	<u>\$ 5,500,529</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 119,287	\$ -	\$ 119,287
Accrued expenses	150,069	-	150,069
Prepaid taxes	241	-	241
Due to other funds	1,582,438	57,705	1,640,143
Deferred revenues	686,495	-	686,495
Other liabilities	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>2,538,530</u>	<u>57,705</u>	<u>2,596,235</u>
<b>Fund Equity</b>			
Reserved reported in:			
Special revenue funds	-	947,245	947,245
Permanent funds	-	721,304	721,304
Unreserved, reported in:			
Special revenue funds	-	(14,372)	(14,372)
General Fund:			
Designated	-	-	-
Undesignated	1,250,117	-	1,250,117
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<u>1,250,117</u>	<u>1,654,177</u>	<u>2,904,294</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 3,788,647</u>	<u>\$ 1,711,882</u>	<u>\$ 5,500,529</u>

## STATEMENT E

## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 6,112,707	\$ -	\$ 6,112,707
Excise taxes	789,526	-	789,526
Intergovernmental	938,800	-	938,800
Miscellaneous revenues	269,040	434,013	703,053
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>8,110,073</u>	<u>434,013</u>	<u>8,544,086</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	761,377	-	761,377
Public safety	1,570,736	-	1,570,736
Health and welfare	26,858	-	26,858
Recreation and culture	295,758	-	295,758
Education	3,436,872	-	3,436,872
Public works	1,200,097	-	1,200,097
County tax	436,896	-	436,896
TIF	11,531	-	11,531
Community services	142,399	-	142,399
Unclassified	57,127	367,122	424,249
Debt service:			
Principal	134,460	-	134,460
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>8,074,111</u>	<u>367,122</u>	<u>8,441,233</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>35,962</u>	<u>66,891</u>	<u>102,853</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers from fiduciary funds	-	315,655	315,655
Transfers in	11,026	56,008	67,034
Transfers (out)	(56,008)	(11,026)	(67,034)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(44,982)</u>	<u>360,637</u>	<u>315,655</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(9,020)	427,528	418,508
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>1,259,137</u>	<u>1,226,649</u>	<u>2,485,786</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 1,250,117</u>	<u>\$ 1,654,177</u>	<u>\$ 2,904,294</u>

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

## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 1,259,137	\$ 1,259,137	\$ 1,259,137	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	6,129,036	6,129,036	6,112,707	(16,329)
Excise taxes	791,604	791,604	789,526	(2,078)
Intergovernmental	1,112,655	1,112,655	938,800	(173,855)
Miscellaneous revenues	224,115	224,115	269,040	44,925
Transfers from other funds	-	-	11,026	11,026
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>9,516,547</u>	<u>9,516,547</u>	<u>9,380,236</u>	<u>(136,311)</u>
Charges to Appropriation (Outflows):				
Current:				
General government	803,334	803,334	761,377	41,957
Public safety	1,646,724	1,646,724	1,570,736	75,988
Health and welfare	15,000	15,000	26,858	(11,858)
Recreation and culture	260,696	260,696	295,758	(35,062)
Education	3,436,872	3,436,872	3,436,872	-
Public works	1,240,385	1,240,385	1,200,097	40,288
County tax	436,896	436,896	436,896	-
TIF	18,489	18,489	11,531	6,958
Community Services	142,400	142,400	142,399	1
Unclassified	66,144	66,144	57,127	9,017
Debt service:				
Principal	134,462	134,462	134,460	2
Transfers to other funds	56,008	56,008	56,008	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>8,257,410</u>	<u>8,257,410</u>	<u>8,130,119</u>	<u>127,291</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 1,259,137</u>	<u>\$ 1,259,137</u>	<u>\$ 1,250,117</u>	<u>\$ (9,020)</u>
Utilization of designated fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Utilization of undesignated fund balance	-	-	-	-
Totals	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Budget	Applied Revenues	Total Available	Actual	Lapsed	Carried
<b>General government:</b>						
Administration	\$ 234,555	\$ -	\$ 234,555	\$ 225,740	\$ 8,815	\$ -
Assessor	109,356	-	109,356	107,370	1,986	-
Clerk Treasurer	227,779	-	227,779	211,795	15,984	-
Municipal building	84,386	-	84,386	76,998	7,388	-
CEO	141,358	-	141,358	134,623	6,735	-
Committees	5,900	-	5,900	4,851	1,049	-
	<u>803,334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>803,334</u>	<u>761,377</u>	<u>41,957</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Public safety:</b>						
Police department	1,000,452	-	1,000,452	945,606	54,846	-
Fire department	270,621	-	270,621	252,261	18,360	-
Hydrants	256,415	-	256,415	255,884	531	-
Street lights	68,000	-	68,000	71,824	(3,824)	-
Traffic lights	10,000	-	10,000	3,926	6,074	-
Ambulance	41,236	-	41,236	41,235	1	-
	<u>1,646,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,646,724</u>	<u>1,570,736</u>	<u>75,988</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Health and welfare:</b>						
General assistance	15,000	-	15,000	26,858	(11,858)	-
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>26,858</u>	<u>(11,858)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Recreation and culture:</b>						
Parks and recreation	152,916	-	152,916	144,679	8,237	-
Community center	107,780	-	107,780	98,654	9,126	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	52,425	(52,425)	-
	<u>260,696</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260,696</u>	<u>295,758</u>	<u>(35,062)</u>	<u>-</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Appropriations	Applied Revenues	Total Available	Actual	Balance	
					Lapsed	Carried
Education	3,436,872	-	3,436,872	3,436,872	-	-
Public works:						
Highway department	989,358	-	989,358	944,603	44,755	-
Recycling department	65,739	-	65,739	70,207	(4,468)	-
Tipping fees	15,261	-	15,261	15,260	1	-
Local roads	170,027	-	170,027	170,027	-	-
	<u>1,240,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,240,385</u>	<u>1,200,097</u>	<u>40,288</u>	<u>-</u>
County tax	436,896	-	436,896	436,896	-	-
TIF	18,489	-	18,489	11,531	6,958	-
Debt service						
Principal	134,462	-	134,462	134,460	2	-
	<u>134,462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,462</u>	<u>134,460</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>
Community Services						
Animal shelter	10,711	-	10,711	10,710	1	-
Public library	117,989	-	117,989	117,989	-	-
Abused Women's Advocacy Project	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
Red cross	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	-	-
No Lites & New Sharon	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Shiretown riders snowmobile	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Gay cemetery	700	-	700	700	-	-
Chamber of Commerce	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-	-
	<u>142,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,400</u>	<u>142,399</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Appropriations	Applied Revenues	Total Available	Actual	Balance	
					Lapsed	Carried
Unclassified						
TAN	4,100	-	4,100	2,633	1,467	-
Insurances	52,000	-	52,000	54,494	(2,494)	-
Legal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overlay	10,044	-	10,044	-	10,044	-
	<u>66,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,144</u>	<u>57,127</u>	<u>9,017</u>	<u>-</u>
Transfers to other funds						
Special revenues	56,008	-	56,008	56,008	-	-
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>56,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,008</u>	<u>56,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 8,257,410</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,257,410</u>	<u>\$ 8,130,119</u>	<u>\$ 127,291</u>	<u>\$ -</u>



## SCHEDULE B

## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Special Revenues	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$ 172,009	\$ 230,665	\$ 402,674
Investments	454,498	489,729	944,227
Notes receivable	200,301	-	200,301
Due from other funds	154,363	10,317	164,680
Total assets	<u>\$ 981,171</u>	<u>\$ 730,711</u>	<u>\$ 1,711,882</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	48,298	9,407	57,705
Total liabilities	<u>48,298</u>	<u>9,407</u>	<u>57,705</u>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>			
Fund balance:			
Reserved for endowment	-	-	-
Reserved:			
Designated for subsequent years' expenditures	947,245	721,304	1,668,549
Unreserved:			
Undesignated	<u>(14,372)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,372)</u>
Total fund equity	<u>932,873</u>	<u>721,304</u>	<u>1,654,177</u>
Total liabilities and fund equity	<u>\$ 981,171</u>	<u>\$ 730,711</u>	<u>\$ 1,711,882</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

## SCHEDULE C

## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
 FUND BALANCES – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Special Revenues	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES	\$ 334,432	\$ 99,581	\$ 434,013
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	357,442	9,680	367,122
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(23,010)	89,901	66,891
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfer from fiduciary funds	-	315,655	315,655
Transfers In	56,008	-	56,008
Transfers Out	-	(11,026)	(11,026)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	56,008	304,629	360,637
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	32,998	394,530	427,528
FUND BALANCE, JANUARY 1	899,875	326,774	1,226,649
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31	\$ 932,873	\$ 721,304	\$ 1,654,177

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

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

**2010 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 Friday, the NINETEENTH DAY OF MARCH, 2010, at 8:45 o'clock in the morning to act upon Articles 1 and 2. The polls will open at 9:00 o'clock in the morning and close at 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon Article Second.

And also notify and warn the said Inhabitants to meet at the Community Center at 127 Middle Street in said Town on Saturday, the TWENTIETH DAY OF MARCH, 2010 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, then and there to hear the results of the secret ballot on Articles 1 and 2 and to act on Articles 3 through 46, 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.A., Section 2528 as amended, two Selectmen and two School Directors, each for a term of three 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 2010, to reduce the taxes committed, in the amount of \$1,609,300.

**FOURTH** - To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. section 5721-A.7, to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,481,991.20 established for Farmington by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following Articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS:** The budget that is presented below meets the 2010 property tax limit. Because, however, the Town Meeting process is active, interactive, and unpredictable, the Selectmen cannot know with certainty whether the municipal budget being proposed will be increased or decreased by the Town Meeting. Therefore, it is advisable to include this Article if there is any chance that the Town Meeting will raise and appropriate sums in excess of the property tax levy limit. It is also possible that unanticipated reductions in non-property tax revenues will result in a tax commitment that exceeds the limit. In such cases, State law requires voter action to authorize an increase in the limit. A vote on this Article requires a written ballot.

**FIFTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$681,876	\$685,553
Selectmen Recommended	681,876	685,553
Budget Committee Recommended	681,876	685,553
Town Meeting Approved	681,876	

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

	Appropriated <u>2009</u>	Requested <u>2010</u>	Selectmen & Budget Committee <u>Recommended</u>
1. Administration	\$234,555	\$237,015	\$237,015
2. Assessor	109,356	113,946	113,946
3. Treasurer / Clerk	227,779	228,069	228,069
4. Committees & Events	6,700	6,700	6,700
5. Municipal Building	84,386	81,535	81,535
6. Tax Anticipation Note	4,100	3,288	3,288
7. General Assistance	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
TOTAL	\$681,876	\$685,553	\$685,553

The Administration Budget includes personnel costs for the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Town Secretary, 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. Decreases include a 0.683% pay cut for employees, based upon the average of the consumer price index from October 1 to September 30. Increases include half of an 8% increase in health insurance premiums. All Town employees who participate in the Town-provided health plan share the other half of the premium increase.

The Assessor's Department personnel consist of one full-time contracted Assessor and a non-benefit 25-hour per week assistant position. Changes in this budget include 0.683% pay cuts and half of an 8% health insurance increase for the Assessor. This budget includes \$5,000 for the Revaluation Reserve, the balance of which is currently \$65,268.29.

The Treasurer/Clerk Budget includes pay cuts of 0.683% and half of health insurance premium increases of 8%.

Committees and Events includes Memorial Day Flags (\$2,100), Planning Board (\$800), Conservation Commission (\$800), and Special Projects (\$3,000) which is a discretionary account for the Selectmen through which they may authorize expenditures for notification mailings, permanently binding historical records, hosting regional municipal officials' workshops, or other special projects deemed appropriate.

The Municipal Buildings budget includes funds to maintain and operate the Town Office and various outbuildings and structures not covered by other departments. Included is

\$6,060 to replace nine windows.

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 2009 appropriation was \$15,000. Expenditures totaled \$26,857 for the year, but are expected to be lower in 2010. Half of this expenditure is reimbursed by the state.

**SIXTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CODE ENFORCEMENT** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$141,358	\$141,284
Selectmen Recommended	141,358	141,284
Budget Committee Recommended	141,358	141,284
Town Meeting Approved	141,358	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: 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 0.683% pay cuts and half of an 8% increase in health insurance premiums.

**SEVENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **POLICE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,004,452	\$1,017,944
Selectmen Recommended	1,004,452	1,017,944
Budget Committee Recommended	1,004,452	1,017,944
Town Meeting Approved	1,004,452	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Police Department budget includes 0.683% pay cuts and half of an 8% increase in health insurance costs.

**EIGHTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$284,656	\$279,970
Selectmen Recommended	284,656	279,970
Budget Committee Recommended	284,656	279,970
Town Meeting Approved	284,656	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Fire Department's request includes a 0.683% decrease in stipends, wages, and salaries, as well as half of an 8% increase in health insurance premiums for the Chief, who is the only full-time member. Also included in the request is a \$16,481 appropriation to the Fire Equipment Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$62,836.14.

**NINTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **OTHER PROTECTIONS** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$427,651	\$432,884
Selectmen Recommended	427,651	432,884
Budget Committee Recommended	427,651	432,884
Town Meeting Approved	427,651	

STATEMENT OF FACTS:	Appropriated	Requested
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
1. Street Lights	\$ 68,000	\$ 68,000
2. Fire Hydrants	256,415	256,415
3. Insurances	52,000	56,000
4. Ambulance	41,236	44,469
5. Traffic Light Maintenance	<u>10,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
TOTAL	\$427,651	\$432,884

The Street Light budget remains unchanged, based on 2009 expenditures. The cost of Fire Hydrants is governed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission, and is based on a percentage of the Water Company's total operating expenses. The Insurance category is increased by \$4,000 based on 2009 expenditures. It includes 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 increase in that category is due to a new subsidy formula, which should remain stable over the next few years. The Traffic Light Maintenance budget is decreased based on 2009 actual expenditures and 2010 projected costs.

**TENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PARKS AND RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER DEPARTMENTS** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$270,596	\$264,357
Selectmen Recommended	270,596	264,357
Budget Committee Recommended	270,596	264,357
Town Meeting Approved	270,596	

STATEMENT OF FACTS:	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>
Parks and Recreation	\$162,816	\$157,135	\$157,135
Community Center	<u>107,780</u>	<u>107,222</u>	<u>107,222</u>
TOTAL	\$270,596	\$264,357	\$264,357

The Parks and Recreation Budget includes operational expenses for all recreational activities, including personnel costs for twelve part-time seasonal employees and stipends for nine program directors and coaches. Changes include 0.683% pay cuts and half of an 8% increase in health insurance costs for the Director and Assistant Director. The Community Center budget includes personnel costs for one full-time Assistant Director and one part-time custodian.

**ELEVENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,001,358	\$993,419
Selectmen Recommended	1,001,358	993,419
Budget Committee Recommended	1,001,358	993,419
Town Meeting Approved	1,001,358	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Public Works Department budget includes a portion of the operational expenses required for maintaining and improving the Town's 120 miles of roads. Additional funding for the Public Works Department is received from the State (see Article 14). This budget covers the personnel costs for eight full-time employees and two seasonal employees. Included are 0.683% pay cuts and half of an 8% increase in health insurance premiums.

**TWELFTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **RECYCLING DEPARTMENT** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$65,739	\$70,182
Selectmen Recommended	65,739	70,182
Budget Committee Recommended	65,739	70,182
Town Meeting Approved	65,739	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: This budget covers all operating expenses for the transfer station, including personnel costs for two part-time employees. The increase is in anticipation of disposal costs for higher volumes of bulky waste.

**THIRTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CEMETERIES** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$59,512	\$61,877
Selectmen Recommended	59,512	61,877
Budget Committee Recommended	59,512	61,877
Town Meeting Approved	59,512	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: In 2008, the Farmington Cemetery Association dissolved after transferring ownership of the Riverside and Fairview Cemeteries, along with perpetual care funds of approximately \$334,000, the balance of its operating account, and miscellaneous personal property to the Town of Farmington. The 2010 request represents the amount needed to maintain the cemeteries in the current year. This will be offset by a small amount of investment income from the trust funds.

**FOURTEENTH** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate State of Maine Urban Rural Initiative Program (URIP) funds in the amount of \$160,000 for the year 2010, and to authorize the expenditure of said funds for road improvements.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$175,000	\$160,000
Selectmen Recommended	175,000	160,000
Budget Committee Recommended	175,000	160,000
Town Meeting Approved	175,000	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The amount indicated in this Article is the amount the Town is projected to receive from the Maine Department of Transportation for 2010 funding. This allocation will be used to complete the rehabilitation of the portion of the Whittier Road for which the Town has responsibility.

**FIFTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PUBLIC WORKS RESERVE** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$5,000	\$5,000
Selectmen Recommended	2,000	5,000
Budget Committee Recommended	2,000	5,000
Town Meeting Approved	2,000	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Public Works Reserve Account was established several years ago for use in planning and building the new Town Garage, which was completed in 2002. The current balance in the account is \$33,596.16. The amount requested for 2010 will be added to the balance. A portion of these funds will be use to upgrade the electrical and heating systems in the garage. The remainder will be held in reserve for future garage-related expenses.



**SIXTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **DEBT SERVICE** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$134,462	\$130,103
Selectmen Recommended	134,462	130,103
Budget Committee Recommended	134,462	130,103
Town Meeting Approved	134,462	

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

	Appropriated <u>2009</u>	Requested <u>2010</u>	Recommended <u>2010</u>
Municipal Garage Debt	\$73,497	\$71,584	\$71,584
Fire Truck Debt	<u>60,965</u>	<u>58,519</u>	<u>58,519</u>
TOTAL	\$134,462	\$130,103	\$130,103

The amount indicated in this Article represents the debt service (principal and interest) for bonds for the public works facility and the 2007 fire truck. The public works facility debt will be retired in 2022, and the fire truck debt will be retired in 2016.

**SEVENTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **LEGAL RESERVE ACCOUNT** for the purpose of funding costs associated with actual or potential litigation for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$8,300	\$16,000
Selectmen Recommended	8,300	16,000
Budget Committee Recommended	8,300	16,000
Town Meeting Approved	8,300	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Administration Budget includes \$5,000 to cover routine legal costs, such as those associated with personnel issues, contracts, general liability, zoning, etc. It does not provide funds for ongoing legal proceedings and any unforeseen legal expenses. The Legal Reserve Account provides for these expenses. The account balance as of December 31, 2009 was \$4,992.06. The increase is requested in order to achieve a target balance of approximately \$20,000 for legal expenses each year.

**EIGHTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FARMINGTON LIBRARY** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$117,989	\$122,708
Selectmen Recommended	117,989	122,132
Budget Committee Recommended	117,989	122,132
Town Meeting Approved	117,989	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The amount requested represents a portion of personnel costs for the library staff. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend reducing the amount requested by \$576 because they disagree with the Library Directors' plan to provide dental insurance to the Librarian.

**NINETEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **GAY CEMETERY** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$700	\$700
Selectmen Recommended	700	700
Budget Committee Recommended	700	700
Town Meeting Approved	700	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: 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.

**TWENTIETH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$10,711	\$11,056
Selectmen Recommended	10,711	11,056
Budget Committee Recommended	10,711	11,056
Town Meeting Approved	10,711	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: 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. In 2010, the shelter will assess all participating communities \$1.60 per capita. The shelter, however, agreed in 2004 to adjust Farmington's population figure downward by 500 to 6,910 in order to partially reflect the presence of the University students who reside on campus, and are therefore prohibited from keeping animals in the residence halls.

**TWENTY-FIRST** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **SANDY RIVER RECYCLING** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$15,261	\$9,599
Selectmen Recommended	15,261	9,599
Budget Committee Recommended	15,261	9,599
Town Meeting Approved	15,261	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Sandy River Recycling Association, located adjacent to the Farmington Recycling Center, serves eighteen communities in Franklin, Kennebec, and Somerset Counties. The Town of Farmington's 2010 assessment is based on the tonnage of recyclable materials from Farmington that was processed in 2009 (222.4 tons) multiplied by the current processing rate of \$43.16 per ton. By comparison, the cost to citizens to dispose of non-recycled waste is \$64.42 per ton. Each ton of material that is recycled saves \$21.26.

**TWENTY-SECOND** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **AMERICAN RED CROSS** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$3,500	\$3,500
Selectmen Recommended	2,500	2,000
Budget Committee Recommended	3,500	0
Town Meeting Approved	3,500	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: In an effort to keep the municipal budget as low as possible in these difficult economic times, the Selectmen recommend that the Red Cross be funded at \$2,000, rather than the \$3,500 requested. A majority of the Budget Committee believes that donations to charitable organizations should be by individual choice rather than through an involuntary property tax. The Budget Committee therefore recommends not funding the Red Cross.

**TWENTY-THIRD** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$5,000	\$5,000
Selectmen Recommended	0	3,000
Budget Committee Recommended	0	0
Town Meeting Approved	0	
Special Town Meeting Approved	\$5,000	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Selectmen and Budget Committee applied the same approaches described in the Statement of Facts for the previous Article to arrive at their recommendations with regard to funding for the Abused Women's Advocacy Project.

**TWENTY-FOURTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **SHIRETOWN RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,000	\$1,000
Selectmen Recommended	1,000	1,000
Budget Committee Recommended	1,000	1,000
Town Meeting Approved	1,000	

**TWENTY-FIFTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **NORTHERN LITES and NEW SHARON SNOW RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUBS** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,000	\$1,000
Selectmen Recommended	1,000	1,000
Budget Committee Recommended	1,000	1,000
Town Meeting Approved	1,000	

**TWENTY-SIXTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** for the year 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	\$2,500	\$2,500
Selectmen Recommended	2,500	2,500
Budget Committee Recommended	2,500	2,500
Town Meeting Approved	2,500	

**TWENTY-SEVENTH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to take from the Undesignated 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-EIGHTH** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Undesignated 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 2010 budget in an effort to stabilize the tax rate in a manner consistent with prudent fiscal management.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Undesignated Fund Balance (UFB) as reported by the Auditors as of the end of the 2009 budget year is \$1,250,117. The auditors recommend carrying a minimum UFB level that is adequate to cover two months' expenditures, which would be approximately \$1,376,235. Approval of this Article would allow the Selectmen to utilize whatever amount of UFB, if any, that they deem to be advisable in order to reduce the property tax commitment while maintaining adequate reserves.

**TWENTY-NINTH** - To see what amount, if any, of the Year 2010 Bee Line Cable Contract Franchise Fee and equipment and facilities fund the Town will vote to appropriate for the **CABLE FRANCHISE FEE RESERVE FUND** for the benefit of BeeLine Cable subscribers, to be expended or allocated at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Amount Requested	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Selectmen Recommended	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Budget Committee Recommended	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Town Meeting Approved	Full Franchise Fee	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: 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 2009, that amount was \$46,426.96. This payment is used to support the operations of the Public, Educational, and Governmental channel, Mount Blue TV (Channel 11). The Franchise Agreement also allows for a \$5,000 annual payment for Mount Blue TV's equipment and facilities. The full franchise fee for 2010 is expected to be an amount similar to that received in 2009.

**THIRTIETH** - To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes due and payable on Thursday, November 4, 2010 and, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505(4), charge interest on overdue taxes at the rate of 7.00% per annum after November 4, 2010.

**THIRTY-FIRST** - To see if the Town will vote to pay interest on tax refunds at the rate of 7.00% per annum after Thursday, November 4, 2009.

**THIRTY-SECOND** - 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-THIRD** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a Foreclosed Property Policy and further authorize the Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes and/or sewer charges thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute the appropriate deed for such property, or to waive or delay disposition of foreclosed property as may be deemed appropriate on a case by case basis.

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

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

Federal funds include the following categories: Community Development Block Grant funds, Federal Emergency Management Agency funds, Housing and Urban Development funds, Economic Development Administration funds, Rural Development (formerly Farmers' Home Administration) funds, federal grants and other federal funds.

**THIRTY-SEVENTH** - 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 2010 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2011 until the Town Meeting in March, 2011.

**THIRTY-EIGHTH** - 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, solid waste disposal, equipment purchasing, leasing and maintenance, and collective bargaining agreements.

**THIRTY-NINTH** - Shall The Town of Farmington vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application under the Housing Assistance (HA) Program for the "82 High St." Project in the amount of \$250,000, and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and, if said program is approved, to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, to assume such responsibilities, and to exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS:** The above funds will be used in conjunction with \$115,000 from other sources for the rehabilitation of seventeen housing at the "82 High St." housing development.

**FORTIETH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, federal financing assistance under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, Public Law 88-578 for The Town of Farmington's Tennis Court Reconstruction Project; and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement with the State subsequent to federal approval of the project.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The estimated cost to rebuild the tennis courts at Hippach Field is \$45,550. There is currently \$25,722.56 available in the Hippach Field Projects Reserve Account. The amount of the grant for which this Article seeks authorization is \$20,000. That amount, combined with the Reserve Account, should be sufficient to complete the project.

**FORTY-FIRST** - Shall the Ordinance entitled Town of Farmington Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, current version adopted March 12, 2007, (Chapter 11, Land Use, Article 1 of the Town's Code of Ordinances), be amended to incorporate revisions in the current State model Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS: When the Town last did a complete redraft and update of its Shoreland Zoning Ordinance in the early 90's, the State model was used, as it has been this time again, to maintain consistency with State requirements. The proposed changes provide more specificity in the requirement language and greater latitude in land use.

**FORTY-SECOND** - Shall Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 10.D. of the Town of Farmington Board of Appeals Ordinance be amended to reduce the notification area of property owners within 500 feet to 250 feet within urban lots, regarding notification of appeals applications.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: All physically abutting properties, as well as those across streets, roads, and other public ways, are always notified via Certified Mail regarding the filing of an appeals application. The notification of additional properties beyond 250 feet of the subject property in urban areas, is excessive and out of the vicinity of any potential impact. Such notification creates needless worry and confusion to the recipient, as well as adding an unnecessary postage expense to the Town. In addition, all Board of Appeals meetings are published in the Franklin Journal, added to the Meeting Agenda section of the Town's website ([www.farmington-maine.org](http://www.farmington-maine.org)), and Board of Appeals meeting notices are also posted in three locations in the municipal building.

NOTE: Urban lots are indicated on Town Tax Maps with a "U" before the map number.

**FORTY-THIRD** - Shall the Ordinance entitled, Town of Farmington Animal Control Ordinance, current version adopted July 19, 2004, (Chapter 4 of the Town's Code of Ordinances), be amended to add Article 2, Dog Barking.

NOTE: Copies of the proposed amendment pertaining to dog barking (Chapter 4, Article 2) are available in advance at the Municipal Building and will be available at the Community Center during the Town Meeting.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: In response to complaints about chronic dog barking, this amendment has been drafted, which would impose more specific criteria to be used by the Town's Police Officers and Animal Control Officer in evaluating dog barking and enforcing against same.

**FORTY-FOURTH** - Shall the Ordinance entitled Town of Farmington Budget Committee Ordinance adopted July 23, 2003 and amended June 23, 2009 be further amended to describe the manner in which alternate members are appointed, clarify that they have no voting rights until such time as they are designated by the Chairman, and indicate that they are subject to removal for failure to attend three (3) consecutive Budget Committee meetings without being excused.

NOTE: Copies of the proposed amendment with additions underlined are available in advance at the Municipal Building and will be available at the Community Center during the Town Meeting.

**FORTY-FIFTH** - Shall Section 10-1.7, "Authorization of Selectmen to Accept Streets and Ways" of the Ordinance entitled Town of Farmington Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance (Chapter 10 of the Town's Code of Ordinances) be repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: Section 10-1.7 of the Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance states that "Upon satisfaction by the Board of Selectmen that all of the standards and conditions for acceptance contained herein have been complied with, the Board of Selectmen are (sic) authorized to accept said street or road for public purpose". State law (23 M.R.S.A. Section 3025), however, prescribes that "A municipality may accept a dedication of property or interests therein [for highway purposes] by affirmative vote of its legislative body". (The legislative body is the duly assembled Town Meeting). The Maine Municipal Association has issued a legal opinion that "the language of 23 M.R.S.A. Section 3025, "together with other statutory requirements and procedures governing the acquisition and disposition of local highways, represents a uniform legislative scheme that preempts municipal home rule authority to deviate from it". Since the authority to accept streets and ways rests with the Town Meeting, authorizing the Selectmen to do so constitutes an improper delegation of that authority. Therefore, it is advisable that this section of the Ordinance be repealed.

**FORTY-SIXTH** - Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. Sections 3421 to 3428, in order to regulate the connection of private drains to public drains and



abate the nuisance create by malfunctioning domestic wastewater disposal units.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: In summary, the sections of the statute referenced allow property owners to connect their private drains with a public drain or common sewer after paying an assessment and obtaining a written permit from the municipal officers or the sewer board in charge of the construction of the public drain or common sewer. If any person violates any condition of the permit, the municipal officers may disconnect their drain from the public drain and revoke the permit. When a person pays the expenses of laying a common drain or sewer, anyone who joins or connects with it shall pay their proportion of that expense. Anyone benefited by the drain or sewer shall pay the expense of opening and repairing the drain or sewer. The municipal officers shall determine the amount of the payment in each case, subject to appeal to the county commissioners. If a private drain becomes obstructed or out of repair and causes damage to any street or highway, and the persons using the drain, after notice by the road commissioner, neglect to repair the drain and the damage to the street or highway, the Town shall repair the drain and the damage to the street or highway, and may recover the expense of these repairs in a civil action against any one or more of the persons using the drain. In the case of malfunctioning wastewater disposal units including septic tanks, drainage beds, drains, sewer lines and pipes, etc. the municipal officers shall serve an order upon the owner thereof to remedy the nuisance created by the malfunction. If the nuisance is not abated within a period of up to 30 days as allowed by the municipal officers, the municipal officers or their agents may enter the premises and have the malfunction remedied. To recover any expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, the Town may file a civil action against the owner or assess a special tax against the land on which the malfunctioning wastewater disposal unit is located.

NOTE: Copies of 30-A M.R.S.A. Sections 3421 to 3428 are available in advance at the Municipal Building and will be available at the Community Center during the Town Meeting.

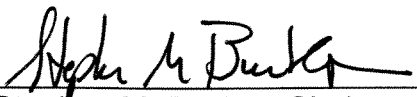
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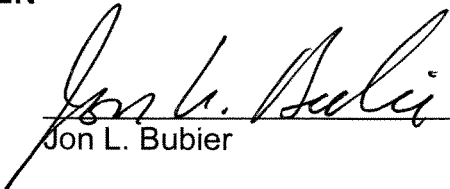
The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Community Center on March 20, 2010 at the time of the meeting to add new names to the voting list or make changes to the voting list.

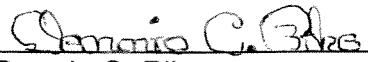
Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk intends to begin the process of casting absentee ballots at 2:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 19, 2010.

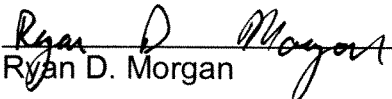
Given under our hands at Farmington, Maine this 9th day of February, A.D. 2010.

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

  
Stephan M. Bunker, Chairman

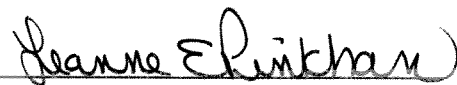
  
Jon L. Bubier

  
Dennis C. Pike

  
Ryan D. Morgan

  
Nancy J. Porter

**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 March \_\_\_\_, 2010, which is a least 7 days prior to the day of said meeting.

Dated at Farmington, Maine this \_\_\_\_ day of March 2010.

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

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





# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## Lance E. Harvell

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February 2010

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I appreciate this opportunity to be able to thank you, the citizens of District 89, for the confidence you have placed in me to serve as your voice at the Capitol. This is an honor I take very seriously and I will continue to work diligently on behalf of the communities of Farmington and Industry.

My tenure on the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has proven to be a wonderful learning experience. During the First Regular Session the Committee considered 81 bills with 27 of those eventually being enacted as either public laws, resolves or private and special laws. I have been a part of deliberations concerning the popular election of the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, the size of the legislature, term limits and requiring state employees to pay a portion of their health insurance costs. Topics of interests that will come before us in the coming months include the Informed Growth Act, state contracts and county budgets.

The Legislature addressed a shortfall of approximately \$1 billion when it enacted a two-year budget in June of last year. Unfortunately, with revenues streaming in at a much slower pace than expected, additional adjustments need to be made as we examine the Governor's recent supplemental budget proposal. The current shortfall is estimated at more than \$430 million, which is likely to grow prior to our scheduled adjournment in April. Major structural change is needed to get our state through these times of fiscal uncertainty. I am confident that we, as policymakers, will join forces and craft sensible solutions that will not only ensure economic security but will continue to care for those who cannot care for themselves.

I encourage you to browse Maine's website at [www.state.me.us](http://www.state.me.us). You will find a wealth of information regarding state government and online services such as travel and recreation ideas, government news releases, license renewals and voting records of all legislators.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my position as State Representative is helping folks with state government-related issues. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you encounter an impasse with a state agency. It would be a pleasure to assist you. Furthermore, your thoughts, comments and ideas are always welcomed as it is through your input that I am better able to serve you, my constituency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lance E. Harvell'.

Lance E. Harvell  
State Representative

*District 89 ~ Farmington and Industry*



**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON**  
Message from Senator Walter Gooley

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the people of Farmington in the Maine Senate. This is my 2<sup>nd</sup> term and this session is, without doubt, the most challenging.

We faced many difficult decisions in the First Regular Session of the 124th, and I expect the same for the second session of the Legislature. State revenues have continued to fall far below projected amounts, resulting in a massive projected budget shortfall of \$483 million through the end of the current biennium of June 30, 2011.

Unlike last session where we had a massive infusion of one-time stimulus dollars, this session we can expect little help from the federal government. Augusta must solve the problem on its own. Maine families have been forced to make tough economic decisions and the time has come for state government to do the same.

This economic downturn gives lawmakers in Augusta the opportunity and the mandate to look closely at state government and engage in the responsible budgeting and decision-making process that Maine people want and expect from their elected officials. If we have learned anything from the economic upheaval, it is that spending unwisely in the good times only makes it more difficult to weather the bad times. As difficult as these times are, they provide the catalyst to force the tough decisions that will “right-size” state government.

I will continue to seek long-term sustainable change that will position Maine to emerge from this downturn, stronger than when it began.

Thank you again for the honor of representing you in Maine Senate. Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts, concerns or if you are having an issue with a state agency. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. You can reach me in Augusta at 287-1505 or at home at 778-2368.

Sincerely,

Walter Gooley  
State Senator  
District 18

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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

January, 2010

COMMITTEES:  
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SUBCOMMITTEE ON RURAL AND URBAN  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAX AND FINANCE

Dear Farmington residents and friends,

This past year, Mainers have faced many challenges. Yet as I travel across our state, I am inspired by the stories I hear of people coming together to help their friends, families and communities. I also continue to hear from many people who are worried about losing their jobs, heating their homes, putting food on the table and getting affordable health care. Although there are a few hopeful signs that our nation's economy is beginning to recover, there is much more we need to do to help Maine's economy.

As an example, I am very pleased that late last year the newly-created Northern Border Regional Commission received funding and will now be able to start working to create economic development and job creation projects in the most economically distressed areas of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and northern New York.

I am also pleased that Congress authorized a pilot program that would exempt Maine's interstate highways from the 80,000 pound federal truck weight limit and help get larger trucks off our back country roads. This is a good first step in addressing this issue, and I will continue to work to find a lasting solution that will improve road safety and increase productivity.

Our country has also taken important steps forward in protecting and improving veteran's benefits and health care. In October, I joined a number of my colleagues at the White House as President Obama signed the Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act. The legislation, which I helped introduce earlier this year, authorizes funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical care programs one year in advance of the start of each fiscal year, helping to end decades of uneven budget cycles and funding shortfalls that have contributed to the rationing of VA health care and inadequate access to treatment for our veterans.

Finally, my staff and I remain committed to providing quality constituent services whether it is help with cutting through red tape or a question about federal programs and benefits. If my office may ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at my Lewiston office at 207-782-3704 or by emailing me through my web page at [www.house.gov/michaud](http://www.house.gov/michaud). While on my website, I also encourage you to sign up for occasional e-mail updates on issues important to Mainers.

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you in Congress.

With warmest regards,



Michael H. Michaud  
Member of Congress

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Recycling Facility Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00AM to 2:00PM  
Saturday 7:30AM to 2:30PM

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

<b>ALL EMERGENCY CALLS</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
POLICE (ALL OTHER BUSINESS)	778-6311
POLICE (IF NO ANSWER)	778-2680
FIRE (ALL OTHER BUSINESS)	778-3235
TTY-TDD (EMERGENCY CALLS)	9-1-1
FRANKLIN CTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	778-5892
TOWN MANAGER	778-6538
TREASURER/TOWN CLERK	778-6539
ASSESSOR	778-6530
VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	778-6539
TAX/SEWER INQUIRIES	778-6539
CODE ENFORCEMENT	778-5874
RECYCLING FACILITY	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
CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY (PUBLIC)	778-4312
FRANKLIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	778-6031
FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER	778-2638
FARMINGTON WATER COMPANY	778-4777
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	645-4918

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

## Farmington's Schools of the Past



Moshier Hill School



Union School in Farmington Falls



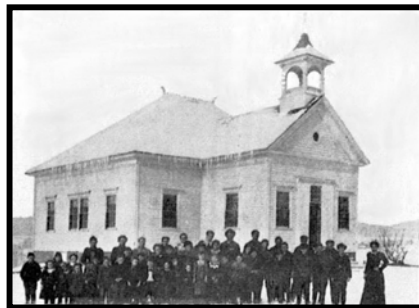
Red Schoolhouse



Titcomb Hill School



West Farmington School



\*Fairbanks School

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