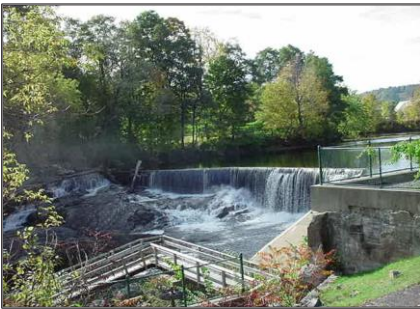


Town of Farmington

Metcalf Mill 1950s



**Walton's Mill Pond Park
1980 – 2023**



Photos courtesy of FHS and ASF

**Walton's Mill Park
Dedicated 09/29/2023**



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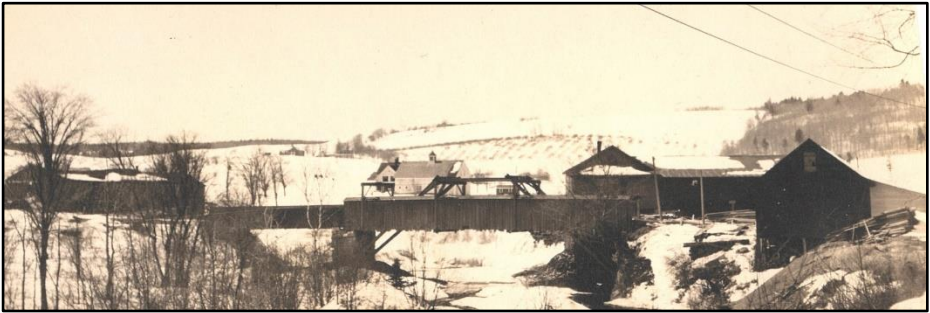
Walton's Mill Pond



Metcalf's Mill 1950s



Walton's Mill - Circa 1918



Bringing logs to the Mill in winter



Metcalf's Mill fire Circa 1919



FARMINGTON, MAINE

ANNUAL REPORT



FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

Municipal Building Address:

153 Farmington Falls Road, Farmington, Maine 04938

Town Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Phone: (207) 778-6538 FAX: (207) 778-5871 TTY: (207) 778-5873

Website: www.farmington-maine.org

Recycling Facility/Transfer Station Hours:

Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

| | |
|--|--------------|
| ALL EMERGENCY CALLS | 9-1-1 |
| POLICE (ALL OTHER BUSINESS) | 778-6311 |
| POLICE (IF NO ANSWER) | 778-2680 |
| FIRE (ALL OTHER BUSINESS) | 778-3235 |
| TTY-TDD (EMERGENCY CALLS) | 9-1-1 |
| FRANKLIN CTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR | 778-5892 |
| TOWN MANAGER | 778-6538 |
| TREASURER/TOWN CLERK | 778-6539 |
| ASSESSOR | 778-6530 |
| VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS | 778-6539 |
| TAX/SEWER INQUIRIES | 778-6539 |
| CODE ENFORCEMENT | 778-5874 |
| RECYCLING FACILITY / TRANSFER STATION | 778-3525 |
| PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR | 778-2191 |
| TOWN GARAGE | 778-5875 |
| WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY | 778-4712 |
| PARKS & RECREATION | 778-3464 |
| TDD/TTY TELEPHONE (NON-EMERGENCY) | 778-5873 |
| PUBLIC LIBRARY | 778-4312 |
| FRANKLIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL | 778-6031 |
| FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER | 778-2638 |
| FARMINGTON WATER COMPANY | 778-4777 |
| ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER | 491-1412 |

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

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WALTON'S MILL 1779-2018

By Taffy Davis of the Farmington Historical Society

Located in West Farmington on Temple Stream, Walton's Mill is the site of Farmington's first mill built in 1781. The site was involved in lumber, grains and wood products for 186 years, ending in 1967. The dam was constructed of boulders circa 1820. The mills were destroyed many times by freshets (floods) and fire.

"The Sandy River Valley explorers arrived in 1776 and by 1778, arrangements (were able) to open the road laid out the previous winter, from John Stearns' land to the mill stream on which Titcomb's (Walton's) Mills now stand. Salmon were formerly plenty in the Sandy River and were the only fish of much consequence to the inhabitants. They were taken by seines and spears to advantage as late as 1792 or 1793, after which date, they decreased rapidly in consequence of the erection of mills. Few if any now get above the Falls at the lower extremity of town. Alewives were formerly taken as high up as Titcomb's Mills on the Davis Mill Stream but have now become extinct in the region. The salmon, trout and pickerel are the principal fish now taken from the Sandy River and its tributary waters, and with which many of the ponds and streams abound." (Parker, 1846).

| Walton's Mill Timeline | |
|--|---|
| 1781 | Titcomb's Mill built by Reuben Colburn/Stephen Pullen Assoc. |
| 1782 | A grist mill was added. The 1-1.5-ton stones hauled from Winthrop in the winter of 1781. |
| 1785 | A freshet (flood) destroyed the mills and operations suspended until 1790. |
| 1790 | Eaton and Starling rebuilt mills. |
| 1820 | A freshet possibly destroyed the mill. A carding mill may have been rebuilt by Captain Abner Davis. |
| 1836 | Butterfield and Witham rebuilt. |
| Various owners: 1839 Jotham & Jonathan Graves, 1842 Solomon Adams, 1842 Leis & Albert Titcomb, 1846 Abial Abbott | |
| 1845 | "It now has four run of stones, one of them burr stone with a superior cleanser." (Parker, 1846). |
| 1858-1871 c. | Walton (possible grist mill). |
| 1873 | Amos Hobbs and Son – rake maker. |
| 1884 | Joseph Gould "250,000 feet of lumber are sawed yearly." (Butler, 1885). |
| 1912-1967 | Metcalf lumber |
| 1967 | LC Andrews Inc. razed the mill. |

In 1977, the Farmington voters accepted the property at a Town Meeting, and in 1980 a public park, boat launch, and walkway ramp were built by E. L. Vining & Son with federal funds. For over 35 years, Ron Greenwood, who was the great grandson of Chester and Isobel Greenwood, assisted with dam repairs that were mostly due to flood damage. A granite bench (see below) was dedicated to Mary Wright in 2008, who was a long-time Select Board member and a strong supporter of Walton's Mill Pond Park.



IN MEMORY OF
MARY WILLIAMS WRIGHT
1933 ~ 2007
ACTIVIST CIVIC LEADER MATRIARCH FRIEND

Beginning in 2016, residents and Town officials held meetings to discuss whether to remove the dam or create a fish way for salmon to continue their way up the Temple Stream. In 2018, voters approved the dam removal and park improvement work, which included the replacement of two stream crossings along Clover Mill Road, in partnership with the Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF). The Local Project Committee was formed, and numerous meetings were held with Town Staff, and engineers, designers, and contractors who were all local or based in Maine.

On September 29, 2023, Walton's Mill Park was opened to the public. The new improvements include an accessible restroom, trails, parking lot, a covered pavilion, a play area for children, an improved overlook, granite steps to the stream, and a display of the waterwheel that was once used for the mill. All of these, along with the many trees/perennials/shrubs planted, make this a user-friendly and inviting park to visit.

DEDICATION

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we dedicate the
2023 Annual Town Report to

Jeffrey Michael Wright



Every community values people who have a genuine desire to help others move forward and get things done in a kind, open and energetic way. Jeffrey Wright is one of them.

When Jeff's father retired from the U. S. Air Force in 1966, he moved the family to New Sharon. Before that, his parents and five siblings spent many happy years visiting his grandparents in Stratton, Maine. Jeff worked several summers at Day's Store in Belgrade, and he graduated from Mt. Blue High School in 1969. He then went to the University of Maine at Orono (UMO) where he received an B.S. and majored in Animal and Veterinary

Science, which is where he met and later married his zoology lab partner, Cindy Hazelton in 1972. Through the ROTC program there, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Jeff and Cindy raised two boys, Justin and Jason, who had many adventures at his numerous postings in the States and overseas. During his 25-year career, the last five were spent as Professor of Military Science at UMO, where he taught ROTC cadets the importance of family, and service to their country and communities. "Jeff mentored many young men and women, preparing them to enter the career he truly loved," Cindy said. Through hard work and perseverance, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Jeff and Cindy returned to Farmington in 1998, where he worked at the Farmington Farmers Union and then at Northern Lights, "retiring" a second time in 2013.

Jeff has long been an active and tireless volunteer. He is superintendent of the Starbird Building at the Farmington Fairgrounds and is on the Board of the Franklin County Agricultural Society, making sure vendors are happy, checking in on booth renters, and seeing that the building is in tip-top shape. As a result of his oversight, there is a waiting list for booth rentals, which are a major source of revenue for the non-profit organization. "Jeff sees way beyond what is expected of someone. He is very organized, manages people well and is a great guy. Everything he does, he does full-on," said one fellow volunteer. "There are always a few key people in an organization who get things done no matter how difficult it might be."

As a member of the Farmington Historical Society, Jeff volunteered to manage the old North Church building on High Street that is rented out to groups for events. "Jeff takes personal ownership for managing the building with an eye on detail and upkeep," said a co-worker. He also oversees the group's huge annual summer yard sale and stepped up to help the society's major holiday wreath sale. "He is extremely valuable to us and to the community," said one society member. "And on top of it all, he has a wonderful sense of humor."

Jeff is a funeral attendant, and serves on the Farmington Planning Board, the Farmington Farmers Union board of directors, and the Nordica Museum Board. He is a Civil War enthusiast, sketches airplanes, raises chickens, honeybees, and turkeys, loves gardening, working on old cars, and fixes whatever needs fixing.

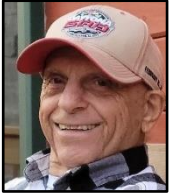
As a member of the Farmington Lions Club, Jeff has mentored students at the Mt. Blue High School and Maine Lions' sponsored speaking competitions and is involved in other club events and programs. "Jeff is a take-charge kind of guy with a gentle touch," said a fellow Lions member.

IN MEMORIAM

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

David A. Ferrari

03/01/1934 – 03/21/2023



David was born in Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School in 1952 as class president. In 1965, he joined his brothers Norman and Richard at the Ferrari Brother's Clothing Store until it was sold in 1980. David also ran an insulation business and worked as a custodian in the RSU #9 district. He served as a Farmington volunteer firefighter for 15-years, a sexton for the Catholic Church, and Grand Knight and Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. David raced stock cars at Oxford Plains Speedway, which developed into his love of NASCAR. He enjoyed playing cards, bowling and tennis, traveling in his motor home, and was a contestant on the "The Price is Right".

Fay B. Adams

02/18/1934 – 06/02/2023



Fay grew up and went to school in New Vineyard and graduated from Farmington High School. She worked at G.H. Bass in the cutting room, and she served as Farmington Town Clerk for 20 years. Following her retirement, Fay moved back to New Vineyard where she served the town in many capacities. She enjoyed basket-making, antique sales, bingo, and connecting with family and friends.

David W. Robbins

09/14/1955 – 07/11/2023



David was born in Farmington and graduated from Mt. Blue High School where he was a high school athlete. He loved local and national sports and athletic events, and he coached teams in his community. David served on the Farmington Planning Board for three years, and he worked at Knowlton & McLeary Printing, and Franklin Memorial Hospital. David loved his gardens and dogs and being with family.

Melvin Bard**07/07/1941 – 08/24/23**

Melvin was born in Fort Kent and attended Fort Kent High School before enlisting in the U.S. Army. Melvin worked for the Farmington Water Department and served as a volunteer Farmington firefighter for 28 years. He enjoyed four wheeling, snowmobiling, hunting, and fishing.

Judith F. Bjorn**04/12/1934 – 10/25/23**

Judy was born in Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School. She attended Becker Junior College and shortly after married Richard Bjorn whose job took them around the Northeast. Judy and her family moved back to Farmington in 1968, where she worked at the Mt. Blue High School as secretary to the principal for 21 years. After retirement, she volunteered at W.G. Mallett School and her philanthropy focused on the youth. Judy cared deeply for her family, community, and friends.

Dennis C. Pike**04/03/1938 – 11/01/2023**

Dennis was born in Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves for six years. In 1966, Dennis took the job as a full-time officer for the Farmington Police Department, until he retired in 1989, while also working as a part-time Deputy for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department. Dennis served in law enforcement for 46 years, with the final 12 years serving as High Sheriff from 2001 – 2012. Dennis served as a Town of Farmington Selectman from 1998 through 2013. He also served on the following Town committees: Y2K; Safety; Ordinance; Transportation Advisory; and Recycling. Dennis was part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and monitored local weather for over 50 years. He was a member of the American Legion and the Farmington Elks Club, and he was the parade marshal for Franklin County. Dennis was a model train enthusiast.

Randall C. Voter

03/09/1962 – 12/12/23

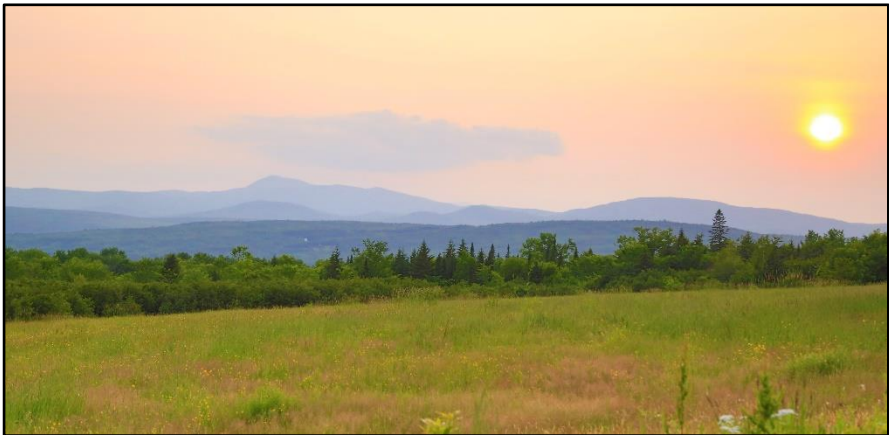


Randy graduated from Mount Abram and received an associate degree in Dairy Farming and Agriculture from the University of Maine at Orono. He worked at IP/Verso Paper Mill for 29 years and was a member of the Farmington Fire Rescue Department for 25 years. Randy volunteered for the American Rally Association events and enjoyed anything to do with being outside.

Larry E. Dubord

08/10/1934 – 10/31/23

Larry was a long-time resident of Farmington and served on the Budget Committee.



Photos courtesy of the Daily Bulldog and Scott Landry

*Please return this required form to the
Town of Farmington's Assessing Office*

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 _____

**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 _____

ELECTED OFFICIALS

SELECT BOARD

3 Year Term

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Matthew Smith, Chairperson | (March 2024) |
| Stephan Bunker, Vice Chairperson | (March 2026) |
| Joshua Bell | (March 2025) |
| Dennis O' Neil | (March 2026) |
| Byron Staples | (March 2025) |
| Scott Landry (Term ended) | |

RSU #9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FARMINGTON MEMBERS

3 Year Term

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Janice David | (July 2025) |
| Scott Erb | (July 2026) |
| Todd "Will" Jones | (July 2026) |
| Wayne Kinney | (July 2024) |
| Gloria McGraw | (July 2024) |
| Alexander Creznic (Resigned) | |

APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Board of Appeals

3 Year Term

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Galen Dalrymple, Chairperson | (June 2025) |
| Robert Yorks, Vice Chairperson/Secretary | (June 2024) |
| John Clark | (June 2025) |
| Michael Deschenes | (June 2026) |
| Aileen Kennedy | (June 2026) |
| Peter F. Tracy | (June 2025) |
| Dennis O'Neil (Term ended) | |

Regular – 3 Year Term
(1) Seat Vacant

Alternate – 1 Year Term
(2) Seats Vacant

Board of Assessment Review
3 Year Term

Michael Moffett, Chairperson (June 2024)
Gloria McGraw (June 2026)
Michael Otley (June 2025)
Michael Deschenes (Term ended)
Dennis O'Neil (Resigned)
Town Manager - Ex-Officio
Regular – 3 Year Term (2) Seats Vacant

Planning Board
3 Year Term

Judith Murphy, Chairperson (June 2026)
Michael Otley, Vice Chairperson (June 2025)
Craig Jordan (June 2024)
Clayton King, Jr. (June 2024)
Gloria McGraw (June 2025)
Lloyd W. Smith (June 2024)
Jeffrey Wright (June 2026)
Alternate - 1 Year Term
Michael MacNeil (June 2024)
Michael Guerrette (June 2024)

Zoning Board
3 Year Term

Paul Mills, Chairperson (June 2026)
Terry Bell, Vice Chairperson/Secretary (June 2025)
Jennifer Bjorn (June 2026)
Edwin Provencher (June 2024)
Kyle Terrio (June 2024)
John Moore (Resigned)
Alternate - 1 Year Term
Regular – 3 Year Term Alternate - 1 Year Term
(2) Seats Vacant

Revolving Loan Board

Joshua Bell
Stephan Bunker
John Moore (Resigned)

Byron Davis
Aileen Kennedy

Ex-Officio

Town Manager

Steve Kaiser

2023 Budget Committee

3 Year Term

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Judith Murphy, Chairperson | (June 2026) |
| S. Clyde Ross, Vice Chairperson | (June 2025) |
| Ed David | (June 2025) |
| Beth Edwards | (June 2024) |
| Fenwick Fowler | (June 2026) |
| Michael Guerrette | (June 2024) |
| Betty Jespersen | (June 2025) |
| Wayne Kinney | (June 2025) |
| Lloyd W. Smith | (June 2026) |
| Peter F. Tracy | (June 2024) |
| Michael MacNeil | (June 2026) |
| Regular – 3 Year Term | Alternate – 1 Year Term |
| | (2) Seats Vacant |

Conservation Commission

3 Year Term

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| William Haslam, Chairperson | (June 2026) |
| Patty Cormier | (June 2025) |
| Sally Speich | (June 2024) |
| Peter F. Tracy | (June 2025) |
| Jane Woodman | (June 2025) |
| Robert Zundel | (June 2024) |
| Byron Davis (Term ended) | |

Associate – 1 Year Term – Unlimited Vacancy

Kyle Terrio

Downtown TIF Advisory Committee

Byron Davis, Chairperson
Joshua Bell
Jennifer Bjorn
Laurie Gardner

Derek Hayes
Paul Mills
Pete Roberts
John Moore (Resigned)

Town Manager

Odor Panel

Kate Foster
Adrian Harris
Betty Jespersen

Steve Kaiser
Scott Landry
Judith Murphy

Parking Ordinance Committee

Kenneth Charles
Byron Davis
Tim D. Hardy

Philip Hutchins
Paul Mills
Pamela Poisson

John Moore (Resigned)
Town Manager, Ex-Officio

Recreation Committee

3 Year Term

Tom Bissell
Sheryl Farnum
Aileen Kennedy
Troy Luther
Kim Richards (Term ended)
Katie Fournier (Term ended)

(June 2025)
(June 2024)
(June 2026)
(June 2025)

(1) Seat Vacant

Recycling Committee

Stephan Bunker
Cindy Gelinas
Town Manager

Andrew Hufnagel
Philip Hutchins
Dennis Pike (11/01/23)

Safety Committee

Tim D. Hardy, Chairperson
Shane Cote, Vice Chairperson
Cindy Gelinias, Secretary
Scott Baxter
Kenneth Charles
Shane Cote
Diane Dunham

Matthew Foster
Leah Giusti
Timothy A. Hardy
Philip Hutchins
James Kiernan
Steve Millett
S. Clyde Ross

Town Manager and Select Board

Town Report Committee

Cindy Gelinias
Betty Jespersen

Janet Paul
Linda Smith

Farmington Transportation Advisory Committee

Kenneth Charles
Dennis O'Neil
Michael Otley

Lloyd W. Smith
Matthew Smith
Dennis Pike (11/01/23)

Ex-Officio: Town Manager and Philip Hutchins

Administration



L to R: Mavis Gensel, Ed Provencher, and Leah Giusti.
Not pictured is Dena Rackliffe.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

| | | |
|---|--|----------|
| Interim: Town Manager Tax Collector Road Commissioner Public Access Director | Cornell Knight Stephen Eldridge | 778-6538 |
| Treasurer, Finance Director Deputy Tax Collector | Tammy L. Bureau | 778-6539 |
| Town Clerk Registrar of Voters Deputy Welfare Director | Diane L. Dunham | 778-6539 |
| Executive Assistant | Leah E. Giusti | 778-6538 |
| Motor Vehicle Agent Sewer Department Clerk Welfare Director | Mavis A. Gensel | 778-6539 |
| Accounts Payable | Edwin J. Provencher, Jr. | 778-6539 |
| Assessing | Dirigo Assessing Group | 632-9395 |
| Code/Planning Officer | J. Stevens Kaiser | 778-5874 |
| Fire Chief | Timothy D. Hardy | 778-3235 |
| Parks & Recreation Director | Matthew L. Foster | 778-3464 |
| Police Chief | Kenneth A. Charles | 778-6311 |
| Public Works Director | Philip C. Hutchins | 778-2191 |
| Wastewater Superintendent | Stephen M. Millett | 778-4712 |
| Local Plumbing Inspector | Andrew R. Marble | 778-4858 |

INTERIM TOWN MANAGER

To the Citizens and Select Board:



As your 2nd Interim Town Manager since August 2023 (Cornell Knight serving from February until August), I will try to highlight my time here and the accomplishments of the staff and elected officials. The Town of Farmington Municipal Government has gone through a tumultuous time over the 2023 calendar year. We saw the departure of some very seasoned employees and the exit of the Town Manager at the start of the year. Despite this chaotic period, the remaining staff pulled together, and the Select Board worked hard to assist in the replacement of critical personnel. Staff never missed a beat providing the citizens with the services they needed. With Cornell at the helm, the new staff hired got up to speed in a very short time and they have been a valuable addition. We are still looking for an assessor, which appears to be a long wait. One of the internal office staff has been asked to train for the assessor position and will work with our part-time company Dirigo Assessing Group. We are excited that we have someone who would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

The Town of Farmington continues to have a healthy unassigned fund balance. I have recommended to the Select Board they should look at changing the fiscal year to collect taxes twice annually. It helps the citizens budget more easily and makes the cash flow better for the Town. It will put us in the same financial calendar as the county and school department. The department heads and the Select Board continue to be very conservative in looking at the future needs of the Town.

Farmington has excellent Police and Fire Rescue Departments that maintain a full roster of well-trained officers and firefighters and a healthy number of on-call staff and volunteers. Many Maine communities struggle to find staff/volunteers, so Farmington does well in this regard. The Fire Rescue Department assists the outlying communities with mutual aid and contracts with the Town of Industry.

The Public Works Department continues to tackle the difficulty of maintaining roads as the cost of asphalt and salt are increasing every year. They have a good Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which includes road paving and heavy equipment replacement. The Transfer Station is managed by Public Works and has a good handle

on waste and recycling. The Wastewater Management Department runs smoothly and stays on track with its infrastructure needs.

Not being that familiar with the Franklin County communities, I am surprised that the growth in Southern Maine has reached Farmington and the surrounding communities. The Code/Planning Office and committees are very busy managing the new growth, which can be difficult with the many projects happening here. Farmington has been very successful applying for Community Development Block Grants and other grant opportunities that benefit the town and its businesses. This has helped to keep a thriving downtown and region.

The Parks and Recreation Department has great all-year-round programs. The completion of Walton's Mill Park, with the assistance of the Atlantic Salmon Federation, State and federal Parks and Recreation funding, and Land and Water Conservation Funds just to name a few, provides the community and region with a new outstanding recreation area.

From my years in local government, I have learned the many characteristics that are needed to make a community successful. Fortunately, Farmington has a very large community of volunteers that work with the municipal government in many capacities, and who have had many years of excellent management from the Town Manager, department heads and elected officials. They are all very active and this group stays on top of what is going on and recognizes the needs of the community. They recognize that the municipal staff are professionals and strive to provide quality service to the citizens.

The Town Manager search process has been very challenging, and many Maine communities struggle to find quality applicants. The Select Board has hired Erica LaCroix, a native Mainer who grew up in the Western Maine region. She brings a strong public service background to the community with an excellent reputation from her peers in the business. Make sure you welcome Erica when you get a chance. Please take the time to read the department head reports, these will provide you with insight into each department and all that they do.

I want to thank the Select Board and citizens for the opportunity to work in Farmington and help the community and staff to keep things moving forward. I have had the pleasure of working with its excellent municipal staff and active elected officials. I wish Farmington well.

Respectfully,
Stephen G. Eldridge

SELECT BOARD

To My Fellow Citizens:



I would like to thank all the employees, board, and committee members who helped us through this challenging year to return to a stable and thriving community. We have much to be thankful for. This year's proposed budget offers a modest change that addresses increases in prices for supplies and materials, and provides continued high-level municipal services that our taxpayers expect and deserve.

One perpetual challenge we have in developing our budget is that the Town uses a January 1 - December 31 calendar year, while the State, County, and RSU #9 all use a July 1 - June 30 fiscal year. The Board and Town Manager, with the encouragement of the Budget Committee, may have further discussions as to the benefits of transitioning to a July 1 - June 30 fiscal year for budgeting.

In 2023, weather conditions caused major flooding to low-lying areas including the Intervale with major damage to local businesses, Hippach Field buildings, and the loss of wastewater treatment plant vehicles. We thank our fire, police, and highway departments for working long hours to redirect traffic due to the many road closures.

Following an intensive search, the Board was pleased to hire Erica E. LaCroix as our new Town Manager. Given her comprehensive experience in municipal government, she hit the ground running and worked diligently to prepare a very responsible budget for 2024.

Moving forward, we continue to make progress with local road improvements, with resurfacing projects set for Bailey Hill Road, Weeks Mills Road, and Davis Road. With annual approval of additional funds, we will continue rebuilding our street infrastructure.

Other challenges in the coming year include the repair or replacement of the venerable Community Center's roof, which is necessary to meet modern day structural standards including snow loads. The remaining ARPA funds will be used to partially assist in the cost.

We find the Town in a solid financial position with the help of the undesignated fund balance and low levels of indebtedness. Our

municipal buildings and fleets are in good shape, and our work force is stable and motivated to serve.

In the coming months, the Town is preparing for a mandatory property revaluation which is required every 10 years. This necessary step will ensure that valuations on all properties are equitably applied. The resulting revaluations will be applied to the 2025 tax assessments.

Upon this Town Meeting, we say goodbye to veteran Selectman Stephan Bunker, who has served on the Board for over 30 years. Steve will continue to serve us in his 45th year as a volunteer firefighter.

In the coming year, our Town Manager, with the assistance of the Board, will be evaluating our employee wage and benefit offerings in order to strengthen our recruitment efforts and retention levels to ensure quality employees.

In closing, we encourage citizens to be involved in our community by volunteering for one of our many boards, commissions, and committees. They provide an invaluable contribution to the Town.

I am honored to have served you as the Select Board Chair and look forward to another prosperous and successful year for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Smith
Chairman

REAL ESTATE TAXES RECEIVABLE 2023

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| 107 CHURCH STREET PROPERTIES, LLC | 9,311.91 | BRYANT, NANCY R. | 1,285.19 |
| 136 BOX SHOP, LLC | 3,494.21 | BRYANT, NANCY R. | 99.55 |
| 489 FARMINGTON FALLS, LLC | 8,738.50 | BRYANT, NANCY R. | 1,268.27 |
| ** ADAMS, ANTHONY & GRISWOLD, PAMELA | 420.95 | BRYANT, NANCY R. | 189.15 |
| ** ADAMS, GREGORY | 298.65 | CALLAHAN, ANDREA & KENNEDY, ALTON | 266.12 |
| ** ADAMS, GREGORY | 1,051.25 | CAPE LAWSON TRUST | 79.64 |
| ADAMS, RANDY W. & BONITA F. | 543.54 | CASELLO, JACQUELINE | 2,642.06 |
| ADAMS, REBEKAH J., ET AL | 308.61 | * CATALDO, MICHAEL V. | 1,148.57 |
| ADAMS, REBEKAH J., ET AL | 1,741.14 | CHANDLER, JOEL A. & REBECCA J. | 4,217.93 |
| AISHTON, RICHARD W. & PATRICIA K. | 1,910.36 | CHAPMAN IRREVOCABLE TRUST | 1,528.32 |
| ALBERT, DEBBIE HOGAN | 238.92 | CHAPMAN IRREVOCABLE TRUST | 2,604.23 |
| ALBERT, DEBBIE HOGAN | 354.40 | CHARETTE, ALFRED & ELSA | 310.60 |
| ** ALLEN PROPERTY RENTALS, LLC | 5,373.71 | * CHASE, SCOTT & ANDREA | 2,541.95 |
| ALLEN, CHELSEA & MEGHAN E. | 2,572.37 | CHC TMC FARMINGTON, LLC | 290.69 |
| ALLEN, MEGHAN & CHELSEA | 4,109.42 | ** CHICK, PATRICIA H. & WILLIS L. | 583.36 |
| ** ALLEN, MONICA | 2,954.64 | ** CHICK, PATRICIA H. & WILLIS L. | 1,095.05 |
| AMES, EDWARD T. | 483.12 | CHRETIEN, JEFFREY S. & TERRY L. | 1,140.84 |
| ANGELAKIS, JACOB E. | 282.72 | CHRETIEN, MICHAEL S. | 683.91 |
| ATWOOD, MARILYN A. | 3.00 | CHRISTIAN, ALEXANDRA J. | 262.81 |
| ATWOOD, MICHAEL A., HEIRS OF | 438.02 | ** CLARK-UTANS, SALLY | 3,672.40 |
| AYER, KAREN B. | 751.60 | CLARK, ROY H. | 311.59 |
| * AZERI PROPERTIES, LLC | 4,077.17 | CLARKE, ROBIN M. | 2,877.00 |
| * BAKER, DONALD B. & JUDITH | 539.56 | CLARY, MATTHEW | 1,346.91 |
| BANKS, JAMES & BEAUMONT, SCOTT | 3,733.13 | COCO, LLC | 5,234.34 |
| ** BARRERA, FELIX & DEBORAH E. | 156.29 | ** COLLINS, MICHAEL P. & LINDA P. | 1,439.10 |
| BARTON, FREDERICK & HOLT, MATILDA | 569.34 | COOLIDGE, MARVIN K. & LUCILLE | 4,678.85 |
| BARTON, FREDERICK | 35.84 | COOLIDGE, MARVIN K. & LUCILLE | 2,419.07 |
| BARTON, FREDERICK | 694.42 | COOLIDGE, MARVIN K. & LUCILLE | 2,583.32 |
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| ** BASS/WILSON PROPERTIES, LLC | 1,099.38 | COUSINEAU, INC. | 398.20 |
| ** BASS/WILSON PROPERTIES, LLC | 2,403.14 | COUSINEAU, INC. | 298.65 |
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| ** BATES, III, BERNARD D. | 366.34 | COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC. | 641.10 |
| BATES, BRIAN T. | 843.19 | COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC. | 342.45 |
| BEEDY, JEFFREY PRATT | 629.16 | COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC. | 163.26 |
| BEEDY, JEFFREY PRATT | 3,749.40 | COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC. | 280.73 |
| BELL, JENNIFER & JORDAN, LUKE | 932.78 | COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC. | 388.25 |
| ** BERKNER, PETER | 1,405.65 | COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC. | 199.10 |
| ** BERNARD BATES ENTERPRISES, LLC | 4,238.84 | COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC. | 2,476.80 |
| BERNIER, ROBERT | 382.87 | ** COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC | 5,544.94 |
| BESSEY, JAMES D. & LAURA C. | 262.81 | ** COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC | 6,622.07 |
| BESSEY, JAMES D. & LAURA C. | 432.05 | ** COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC | 8,621.03 |
| BESSEY, TANNER | 292.68 | ** COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC | 2,470.83 |
| * BEST, CHERYL | 2,179.79 | ** COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC | 1,981.05 |
| BOLDUC, II, MICHAEL A. & JULIE A. | 644.10 | CROCKETT, CHRIS | 894.95 |
| BOOTH, JR., ROBERT A. | 1,467.37 | CURRIER, LAURA A. | 1,918.33 |
| BOURGALT, SHIRLEY HILL | 1,698.32 | CURRIER, LAURA A. | 328.52 |
| BOWMAN, TANYA LABELLE | 53.68 | CURRIER, LAURA A. | 1,013.42 |
| ** BOYKER, CAROLYN M. | 186.54 | CUSHING, RICHARD J. | 89.60 |
| BOYKER-SMITH, PAMELA | 1,424.56 | DAELLENBACH, KIM M. & MICHAEL J. | 1,480.47 |
| BRACKETT, PENNY A. | 440.61 | ** DAGGETT, RYAN J. & COURTNEY L. | 507.71 |
| BRADLEY, LEVI | 800.38 | ** DAGGETT, RYAN J. & COURTNEY L. | 778.48 |
| BRETON, BLAINE L. & NIKKI L. | 50.77 | DAKU, BENJAMIN R. | 2,676.90 |
| BRIN, ANNIE | 113.49 | DAKU, JACOB G. & GINGER A. | 33.85 |
| BRINKMAN, CHRIS D. & DEBORAH A. | 7.09 | DAKU, JACOB G. & GINGER A. | 145.34 |
| ** BROOKS, RICHARD F. & AGNES S. | 1,953.17 | ** DAKU, LEVI | 3,882.45 |
| ** BROWN, AVIS L. | 2,612.19 | ** DAKU, LEVI | 131.41 |
| BROWN, LISA M. | 1,310.08 | DALRYMPLE, DENIS E. & SARAH H. | 2,151.28 |

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| GRIMANIS, ANTHONY | 2,048.74 | GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 543.54 |
| GRIMANIS, ANTHONY M. | 3,313.02 | GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 933.78 |
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| GRIMANIS, ROSE V. | 1,197.59 | GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 350.42 |
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| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 1,019.39 | HAINES, FRANK E. & PHYLLIS M. | 12.04 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 324.53 | * HAINES, LINDA L. & STEPHEN L. | 516.27 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 350.42 | HANSON, WENDY & MEADER, MICHAEL | 145.34 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 115.48 | HARDY, IV, WILLIAM | 1,873.53 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 113.49 | HARGREAVES, HAROLD F. & PAMELA A. | 2,282.68 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 141.36 | HARRIS, EUGENE H. & SANDRA J. | 1.43 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 356.39 | ** HART, ALAN P. & DULONG, HEIDI | 1,916.10 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 346.43 | HATCH, JR., ALAN B. | 555.49 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 2,379.25 | HAYDEN, JOHN | 235.93 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 2,237.88 | HAYJACK VENTURES, LLC | 533.59 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 2,385.22 | ** HAYWOOD, ERIC J. & ERICA C. | 434.04 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 326.52 | ** HEAP, JAMES R. | 251.86 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 320.55 | HEATH, CHRIS D. | 3,384.70 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 157.29 | HEATH, DANIEL S. | 415.12 |
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| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 127.42 | ** HICKEY, MICHAEL & PATRICIA | 272.51 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 127.42 | HISCOCK, BESSIE L. | 339.47 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 121.45 | HITCHCOCK & COMPANY, LLC | 2,126.39 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 123.44 | HITCHCOCK & COMPANY, LLC | 37.83 |
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| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 159.28 | HITCHCOCK & COMPANY, LLC | 51.77 |
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| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 153.31 | HITCHCOCK & COMPANY, LLC | 292.68 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 161.27 | * HOGAN, DEBORAH S. | 1,640.58 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 139.37 | HOLMES, SHAWN P. | 1,002.47 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 119.46 | HOWARD, JULI | 439.02 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 336.48 | HOWARD, PHEOBE | 461.91 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 575.40 | HOWARD, STUART | 918.85 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 487.80 | HOWARD, STUART | 1,779.95 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 481.82 | HOWARD, WILLIAM K. | 2,242.86 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 457.93 | HUIISH, WENDY A. | 749.70 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 426.07 | HUIISH, WENDY A. | 360.37 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 445.98 | HUNTER, JAMES N. | 473.97 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 26.88 | ** HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A. | 258.26 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 344.44 | HURLBURT, ELLEN J. | 1,808.25 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 125.43 | JACKSON, DANIEL | 272.77 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 111.50 | JACOBS, LOU | 1,973.08 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 119.46 | JALBERT, CHERI B. & RONALD D. | 427.69 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 438.02 | JEANNETTE, CHRISTOPHER L. & BECKY L. | 1,014.41 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 119.46 | JONES, RYAN & AUDREY | 224.98 |
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| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 740.65 | KAMINSKY, JOSHUA | 2,768.49 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 585.35 | KEMP, MARK S. | 6,007.06 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 655.04 | KEMPTON, SETH J. | 2,936.73 |
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| KENNEDY, MADELINE, HEIRS OF | 712.78 | MADORE, RYAN J. & CYNTHIA M. | 2,167.20 |
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| ** KENNEDY, SR., ALTON L. & JANET I. | 147.07 | MAHAR, JEREMY | 950.70 |
| KILGANNON, NOLAN K | 366.34 | MAHAR, JEREMY | 585.35 |
| KILLGREN, KEVIN, DEWISEES OF | 424.08 | MAINE WEST CONSTRUCTION, LLC | 682.91 |
| KINGS PINES, LLC | 258.83 | ** MAINWESTRENTALS, LLC | 2,638.08 |
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| KINGS PINES, LLC | 445.98 | MARBLE, RICHARD & WESLENE TRUST | 65.70 |
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| KINGS PINES, LLC | 394.22 | MARIANA, JOHN J. | 5,270.18 |
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| KINGS PINES, LLC | 394.22 | MARSHALL BEACH CORP. | 308.61 |
| KINGS PINES, LLC | 394.22 | MARTIN, KAREN L. | 2,006.93 |
| KINGS PINES, LLC | 394.22 | MAYO, TERRI L. | 313.58 |
| KINGS PINES, LLC | 451.96 | MCCLEARY, ANN J. | 642.10 |
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| KINGS PINES, LLC | 571.42 | MCDONALD, JEANNINE D. | 236.93 |
| KINGS PINES, LLC | 398.20 | * MCMANUS, MARIA TRUSTEE | 1,027.36 |
| KINGS PINES, LLC | 398.20 | MELANSON, RUTH L. | 1,811.91 |
| KINGS PINES, LLC | 390.24 | MELVIN, KEVIN L. | 2,068.65 |
| KNAPP, PAULINE, HEIRS OF | 1,716.24 | MERCIER, PATRICIA A. | 802.37 |
| KNIGHT, KYLE G. | 1,164.74 | METCALF, JR., JOHN L. | 693.86 |
| ** KNIGHT, THOMAS R. | 819.30 | MILLER, GILBERT | 2,371.28 |
| KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC | 20.73 | MITCHELL, SHAWN ADAM | 1,796.88 |
| ** KNOWLTON, THOMASA D. | 449.97 | MOLONEY, WILLIAM F. & JOANNE E. | 2,824.23 |
| KOEHLING, JR., EMIL F. & MERTA MARIE | 578.39 | MOORE, BRADFORD L., HEIRS OF | 816.31 |
| KOHLENBERGER, ALAN LEN | 465.89 | MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS L. | 1,443.48 |
| LADD, MARYANN | 404.17 | MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS L. | 3,098.00 |
| LAKE, THOMAS, DEWISEES & SHARON E. | 1,220.08 | MORRIS, MICHAEL | 751.60 |
| LAMBERT, GLADYS B., DEWISEES OF | 165.10 | MOSHER, BASIL W. & LORI S. | 119.46 |
| LAMBERT, PAMELA J. & GREGORY T. | 342.45 | MOTES, JAMES C. & BUCHANAN, SAMANTHA | 426.07 |
| LAVOIE-KERBO, KIMBERLY & MARK D. | 833.23 | MT BLUE FORESTRY ENTERPRISES, INC. | 276.75 |
| ** LEHTO, OLGA | 501.73 | MT BLUE FORESTRY ENTERPRISES, INC. | 1.99 |
| LEPPALA, COREY & ST PIERRE, REBECCA | 1,324.02 | ** MURPHY, JOSEPH S. | 294.95 |
| * LEWIS, EDMUND H. & JANICE J. | 1,082.45 | NATALE, SHANNON | 3,500.18 |
| LIWSKI, MARGARET A. | 300.64 | NEMI, SANDRA L. | 1,000.00 |
| LOVE, PAMELA J. | 265.56 | * NICHOLS, II, ROBERT F. & RACHEL A. | 1,570.71 |
| LOVEJOY, GERALDINE A. | 881.02 | NICOLSON, BARBARA C. | 2,368.29 |
| LOVEJOY, WILLIAM W. | 1,013.47 | NIGHTINGALE, CHRISTOPHER M. | 1,883.49 |
| LOVEJOY, WILLIAM W. & MELISSA | 1,896.43 | NILE, JUSTIN N. & ANGELA E. | 622.19 |
| LOVELL-VOTER, KENDRA S. | 105.52 | ** NILE, OWEN | 664.99 |
| LOWELL, JENNIFER C. & LEE E. | 322.54 | NOEL, DAVID J. & VICKI M. | 1,210.53 |
| LOWELL, LEE & JENNIFER | 128.42 | NORTHERN NE TELE. OPERATIONS, LLC | 1.74 |
| LUGER, CHARLES P. | 199.10 | NYBOE, MARK E. | 428.88 |
| * MACDONALD, WILLIAM H. & GLENICE B. | 1,275.41 | OLIVADOTI, TREVOR & ZENA | 1,626.65 |
| MADORE, CYNTHIA M. & KEVIN J. | 2,783.42 | OLIVER, NAOMI L. & CHARLES A. | 1,144.83 |
| MADORE, CYNTHIA M. | 2,956.64 | OPPENHEIMER, VICTOR D. | 7,201.45 |
| MADORE, CYNTHIA M. | 4,485.72 | ORR, RAYMOND B., DEWISEES OF | 4,216.94 |
| MADORE, JODY | 399.31 | ORR, DEBORAH L. & RAYMOND B. | 1,433.70 |

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| OSGOOD, DAMIAN L. | 412.49 | SCHUMACHER, ERIKA C. | 10,353.20 |
| OSGOOD, DAMIAN L. | 342.45 | ** SHEA, JOAN F. & RONALD L. | 3,755.62 |
| OSGOOD, DAMIAN L. | 390.24 | SHEA, MARILYN A. | 4,714.69 |
| PALING, NATHAN & RACHEL | 2,811.98 | SHEA, MICHAEL & CHRISTOPHER | 1,766.72 |
| PALING, NATHAN & RACHEL | 597.30 | SHIPLEY, LINDA J. | 2,610.20 |
| PARKER, JAY S. | 1,991.00 | SHM REALTY, LLC | 6,267.67 |
| PARKER, MARCIA J. | 17.30 | SHULTZ, DAVID S. & ANN A. | 376.30 |
| PARLIN, HERBERT J. & MARY P. | 7.96 | SIMONEAU, BRENDA L. | 1,836.25 |
| * PARLIN, JERRY R. & BONNIE J. | 1,460.40 | SIMONEAU, RONALD E. & DENISE R. | 368.34 |
| PARLIN, MICHAEL A. & DENISE C. | 2,200.06 | SIMONEAU, JR., RONALD E. & DENISE R. | 366.72 |
| ** PAUL, BARBARA L. & LAWRENCE F. | 1,324.02 | ** SIMPSON, DAVID & SHERRALYN D. | 240.66 |
| PAYNE, SARAH | 1,257.31 | SIROIS, LUCAS J. | 3,424.52 |
| PEARSON, SUSAN B. | 10.00 | SLOANE-BARTON, ANDREW M. & SARAH A. | 16.80 |
| ** PERHAM, STEPHEN W. & ANNA M. | 764.30 | SMITH, ANNE PRISCILLA | 392.23 |
| PERRY, ANTHONY G. & DILL, DONNA | 418.11 | SNELL, JR., CHARLES H. | 148.33 |
| ** PHILLIPS, KURT W. | 1,864.57 | SNYDER, ROBERT N. | 330.51 |
| PIAWLOCK, ASHLEY L. ROY, ISRAEL | 1,441.48 | ** SPAULDING, THOMAS E. | 1,291.16 |
| ** PICA, THOMAS | 734.68 | STANLEY LESTER REALTY, LLC | 2,793.37 |
| PIERSON, GLORIA J. & HAND, EDWARD R. | 1,338.95 | STANLEY, JAMIE M. & LUSHIE L. | 980.44 |
| PILLSBURY, ANNIE M. & NICHOLE R. | 755.19 | STAPLES, JOSEPH E. & ELIZABETH | 3,457.04 |
| PILLSBURY, DON LEON | 2,662.96 | STARBIRD, DAVID A. & DIANA B. | 222.80 |
| ** PILLSBURY, NATHAN G. & NANCY J. | 539.56 | STASIOWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE | 298.65 |
| PLATT, NATHAN R. | 1,729.18 | STASIOWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE | 6,536.45 |
| POND, SONYA L. | 771.51 | STEARNS, JR., DREW T. | 59.73 |
| POND, TERESA L. | 1,217.50 | STEBBINS, JODI M. | 527.62 |
| POWERS, ANNA | 344.44 | STEVENS, CHRISTINE V., HEIRS OF | 509.70 |
| PRATT, CURTIS L. | 228.97 | STITSEL, JOYCE & GREEN, KITTY | 449.97 |
| PRATT, MARION J., HEIRS OF | 1,216.50 | ** SWAN, LESLIE JEAN | 1,426.55 |
| PROBERT LIVING TRUST | 2,129.40 | ** SWEETSER, JERRY S. | 505.50 |
| PURINGTON, CORA M. | 495.76 | SWETT, ELVA M. | 1,814.80 |
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| QUIMBY, JESSICA L. | 380.28 | T & J, LLC | 199.10 |
| ** RACKLIFFE, G., ET AL | 12.61 | T & J, LLC | 199.10 |
| RAMU, PHILIP M. & CAROL M. | 2,757.54 | TAPPAN, TENNYSON | 553.50 |
| RANCO, JACQUELINE | 612.23 | THEBEAU, NANCY Y. & BLANCHE, MICHAEL | 184.17 |
| ** REID, JASON | 192.13 | ** THOMAS, ANITA | 1,135.88 |
| REOPELL, ALBERT P., PERS. IN POS. | 674.95 | * THOMPSON, MARIKA E. & GRAY, ASHLEY E. | 779.38 |
| RICHARDS, DANIEL A. | 375.30 | THORNDIKE, LESLIE J. | 318.78 |
| RICHARDS, JESSE L. & ELLIOT, LAURA M. | 662.01 | TINSMAN, JR., LONNIE W. | 9,678.25 |
| RICHARDS, MICHAEL E. & SHEILA L. | 2,595.27 | TRASK, ALLAN C. | 50.00 |
| RICHARDS, SARAH B. | 267.79 | TROLL VALLEY, INC. | 5,841.59 |
| RICHARDS-COLON, KATHERINE | 105.52 | TYLER, CYNTHIA J. & EDWARD A. | 2,287.66 |
| RIVER GIRL, LLC | 243.72 | TYLER, EDWARD | 802.37 |
| ROBINSON, MICHELLE P. | 350.42 | TYLER, JOSHUA A. | 810.34 |
| ROWE, TERESA L. | 1,011.43 | TYLER, RUSTY D. | 3,311.03 |
| ROWE, YVONNE R. & WILLIAM R. | 5,609.64 | TYLER, TONY S. | 2,648.03 |
| ROY, ISRAEL & ASHLEY | 388.20 | UNDERWOOD, ROBERT & CHARLOTTE | 1,593.80 |
| RUNDETT, RICK ALLAN | 335.48 | VELAZQUEZ, FELIX, HEIRS OF | 63.71 |
| SANDY RIVER PLAYERS | 933.78 | VELEZ, DAVID | 69.09 |
| SANDY RIVER PROPERTIES, LLC | 20,168.83 | VERBECK, ROBERT M. & PAMELA J. | 59.73 |
| SARGENT, HARLEY V. & JOAN A. | 8.96 | ** VINING, KENNETH H. | 311.59 |
| ** SAVAGE, JILL M. | 414.13 | VIOLETTE, MONA R. | 1,803.85 |
| ** SAVAGE, VIVIAN A. | 1,871.54 | WAGNER, WILLIAM & DENISE | 1,910.69 |
| SAVAGE, VIVIAN A. & CHRISTINE M. | 1,124.92 | WALKER, BETH M. | 1,181.66 |
| SAVAGE, VIVIAN A. | 3,800.82 | WALKER, NORMAN | 320.49 |
| SAVAGE, VIVIAN A. & JAIME V. | 810.34 | WALLACE, TJ | 95.57 |
| ** SAVAGE, VIVIAN A. | 3,036.28 | WALSH, BARRY E. & SUSAN A. | 115.48 |
| SAYWARD, GALEN R. & VIRGINIA E. | 2,098.51 | WALSH, CARRIE B. | 70.09 |
| SAYWARD, MICHAEL J. | 416.12 | ** WALTONEN REALTY TRUST | 384.26 |
| SCHLETTNER, DAVID G. | 1,927.29 | WARREN, JOY M., HEIRS OF | 806.36 |

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| WATERS, CAROL CHANEY | 525.62 | WOOD, STEVE | 2,233.90 |
| WATERS, CAROL CHANEY | 587.35 | ** WUORI, GUY P. | 299.65 |
| WEBER, BRIAN M. | 4,753.51 | ** WUORI, GUY P. | 282.72 |
| WELCH, MARK C. | 1,063.19 | ** YETTER, LUANN | 10.41 |
| WELCH, MARK C. | 5,176.60 | YORK, L HERBERT | 893.96 |
| WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST | 124.44 | YORK, LINWOOD H. | 812.33 |
| WESTGATE, EDWARD T. | 1,488.27 | YORK, LINWOOD H. | 830.25 |
| WHIPPLE, CARA D. & GRANT, DAVID L. | 4,318.48 | YORK, LINWOOD H. | 6,802.25 |
| WHITE, SALLY A. & CHRISTOPHER J. | 552.50 | YORK, LINWOOD H. | 169.24 |
| WILBUR, MICHAEL T. | 400.72 | ** YORKS, JEFFREY S. | 376.30 |
| WINTER, LIBBY W. | 4.58 | | |

2023 REAL ESTATE TOTAL 714,517.71

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE 2023

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| 3D GAMES | 240.91 | MADORES MARKET | 802.37 |
| AT&T MOBILITY, LLC | 1,262.29 | MAINE MOUNTAIN MUSTANG | 155.30 |
| ** BATES, III, BERNARD D. | 173.22 | MAINECOM SERVICES | 613.23 |
| BETTER LIVING CENTER | 306.61 | MAPLE HILL FARM | 242.90 |
| BRICKYARD CAFE | 232.57 | MARVINS AUTO BODY | 571.42 |
| CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. | 55.75 | MT BLUE FORESTRY ENTERPRISES | 240.91 |
| CAR CLINIC | 109.51 | NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEMS, INC. | 37.83 |
| COASTAL ENTERPRISES, INC. | 33.85 | NUCO2 SUPPLY, LLC | 177.20 |
| COMPLETE DENTURE CENTER | 79.64 | OUTPOST | 240.91 |
| COTE & DUNTON, LLC | 352.41 | PINS & NEEDLES | 302.63 |
| ** COUNTY SEAT REALTY | 59.73 | PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION, INC. | 83.62 |
| ** DAVIS, LAURIS SCOTT | 659.02 | ** PYRO CITY MAINE | 400.19 |
| DEEP ROOT TREE SERVICE, LLC | 139.37 | RAINS, PHD, MARK | 31.86 |
| EKATERRA TEA MSO USA, LLC | 9.96 | RICHARDS FLORIST, INC. | 87.60 |
| EYE CARE OF MAINE ASSOCIATION | 4,097.48 | ROOST PUB & WINGERY | 1,027.36 |
| FARMINGTON AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE | 149.33 | RS ELECTRIC | 47.78 |
| FARMINGTON CONGREGATE ASSOC. | 49.78 | SHIRETOWN TIRE | 290.69 |
| FARMINGTON MOTEL | 1,268.27 | STATE FARM INSURANCE | 246.43 |
| FARMINGTON TOWING | 121.45 | ** TAX RESOLUTION SPECIALISTS, INC. | 123.44 |
| GETCHELL BROTHERS, INC. | 73.67 | THE DOWNTOWN PRESS | 89.60 |
| GLOBAL TOWER PARTNERS | 816.31 | THE HOMEGROWN CONNECTION | 13.94 |
| ** GRANTLEES RESTAURANT | 183.17 | TIMBERLAND BUILDERS, INC. | 47.78 |
| HILLMAN GROUP, INC. | 185.16 | TIMEPAYMENT CORP. | 102.56 |
| HOMESTEAD BAKERY & DELI | 1,626.65 | TROLL VALLEY, INC. | 163.26 |
| HORN & COMPANY, LLC | 356.39 | TUMBLEDOWN BREWING, LLC | 65.70 |
| HOUSE OF STILLWATER | 21.90 | TYLER, EDWARD A. | 314.58 |
| JACKS TRADING POST | 234.75 | WEST MOUNT, INC. | 234.94 |
| KEMP ENTERPRISES, INC. | 61.72 | WESTERN MAINE ELECTRIC & EXCAVATION | 2,419.07 |
| KENNEBEC HOME BREW SUPPLIES | 27.87 | WILES FUNERAL HOME, INC. | 187.15 |
| LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC. | 3.98 | | |

2023 PERSONAL PROPERTY TOTAL 22,354.97

REAL ESTATE TAXES RECEIVABLE 2022

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| 136 BOX SHOP, LLC | 3,336.11 | ** BASS/WILSON PROPERTIES, LLC | 2,307.13 |
| 489 FARMINGTON FALLS, LLC | 8,240.98 | BERNIER, ROBERT | 250.46 |
| AISHTON, RICHARD W. & PATRICIA K. | 1,446.18 | BESSEY, JAMES D. & LAURA C. | 44.89 |
| ALBERT, DEBBIE HOGAN | 4.52 | BESSEY, JAMES D. & LAURA C. | 35.46 |
| ALLEN, CHELSEA & MEGHAN E. | 2,534.07 | BOYKER-SMITH, PAMELA & CHRISTIAN | 1,363.18 |
| ALLEN, MEGHAN & CHELSEA | 3,928.57 | BRACKETT, PENNY A. | 867.70 |
| BANKS, JAMES & BEAUMONT, SCOTT | 3,551.04 | BRADLEY, LEVI | 706.77 |

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| BRADLEY, LEVI | 706.77 | KEMPTON, SETH J. | 2,823.24 |
| BROWN, LISA M | 1,301.88 | KEMPTON, SETH J. | 539.96 |
| BRYANT, NANCY R. | 1,683.61 | KENDALL, ISAAC J. | 769.15 |
| BRYANT, NANCY R. | 1,262.77 | KILGANNON, NOLAN K. & ASHLEY J. | 402.16 |
| BRYANT, NANCY R. | 253.49 | KILLGREN, KEVIN, DEWISEES OF | 456.17 |
| CHC TMC FARMINGTON, LLC | 311.04 | KNAPP, PAULINE, HEIRS OF | 1,664.69 |
| CHRISTIAN, ALEXANDRA J. | 305.33 | LAKE, THOMAS, DEWISEES OF | 1,208.77 |
| COOLIDGE, MARVIN K. & LUCILLE | 4,435.55 | MCDONALD, JEANNINE D. | 281.12 |
| * COOLIDGE, MARVIN K. & LUCILLE | 2,320.97 | METCALF, JR., JOHN L. | 671.24 |
| COOLIDGE, MARVIN K. & LUCILLE | 2,438.00 | MILLER, GILBERT | 2,285.87 |
| CROCKETT, CHRIS | 1,301.58 | MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS L. | 1,418.11 |
| CURRIER, LAURA A. | 508.67 | MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS L. | 1,494.62 |
| DALRYMPLE, DENIS E. & SARAH H. | 2,034.33 | OLIVADOTTI, TREVOR & ZENA | 1,589.43 |
| DOUGHTY, DANA L. | 58.47 | PERRY, ANTHONY & DILL, DONNA | 1.33 |
| DUNN, LATARA L. | 1,057.15 | PILLSBURY, ANNIE M. & NICHOLE R. | 728.19 |
| EUBANK, POPPY JOY & JOHN R. | 711.24 | POND, SONYA L. | 249.08 |
| FLATLANDERS PROPERTIES, LLC | 2,373.39 | POWERS, ANNA | 390.21 |
| FLYNN, KELLY J. & TUCCI, MICHAEL A. | 2,241.95 | PRATT, CURTIS L. | 282.21 |
| GAGE, NILES | 347.38 | PRATT, MARION J., HEIRS OF | 694.26 |
| GAGE, II., NILES H. | 474.79 | REOPELL ALBERT P., PERS. IN POS. | 679.34 |
| GAY, TED F. | 136.12 | RICHARDS, DANIEL A. | 373.30 |
| GIVEN, BARRY A. | 2,213.09 | RICHARDS, MICHAEL E. & SHEILA L. | 2,449.58 |
| GODDARD, BREANNA & LAVERS, MASON | 2,319.38 | RICHARDS, SARAH B. | 257.56 |
| GOMES, ROGER | 1,285.90 | RUNDETT, RICK ALLAN | 786.84 |
| GREENMAN, MARY | 649.83 | ** SANDY RIVER PROPERTIES, LLC | 4,607.14 |
| GRIMANIS, ANTHONY | 1,098.00 | SAYWARD, GALEN R. & VIRGINIA E. | 1,102.58 |
| * GRIMANIS, ANTHONY M. | 3,166.66 | SCHUMACHER, ERIKA C. | 9,482.20 |
| GRIMANIS, ROSE V. & MICHAEL | 639.10 | SHEA, MARILYN A. | 163.58 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 1,012.94 | STASIOWSKI, WILLIAM & MYERS, ANNE | 338.85 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 606.22 | STASIOWSKI, WILLIAM & MYERS, ANNE | 6,172.93 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 915.33 | STEARNS, JR., DREW T. | 1,175.39 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 790.57 | STEVENS, CHRISTINE V., HEIRS OF | 536.24 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 611.80 | STITSEL, JOYCE & GREEN, KITTY | 480.37 |
| GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC | 760.77 | TINSMAN, JR., LONNIE W. | 9,119.91 |
| HARDY, IV., WILLIAM | 1,311.60 | TROLL VALLEY, INC. | 2,566.58 |
| ** HART, ALAN P. & DULONG, HEIDI P. | 1,133.01 | TYLER, JOSHUA A. | 825.95 |
| HAYDEN, JOHN | 693.74 | TYLER, TONY S. | 2,553.23 |
| HOWARD, PHEOBE | 491.55 | UNDERWOOD, ROBERT & CHARLOTTE | 1,955.19 |
| HOWARD, WILLIAM K. | 2,066.00 | VERBECK, ROBERT M. & PAMELA J. | 115.39 |
| JEANNETTE, CHRISTOPHER & BECKY | 1,413.30 | ** VIOLETTE, MONA R. | 963.01 |
| JONES, RYAN & AUDREY | 16.93 | WALLACE, TJ | 148.91 |
| JONES, RYAN & AUDREY | 16.93 | WALSH, BARRY E. & SUSAN A. | 137.87 |
| JONES, RYAN & AUDREY | 16.93 | WARREN, JOY M., HEIRS OF | 822.23 |
| JONES, RYAN & AUDREY | 16.93 | | |

2022 REAL ESTATE TOTAL

142,125.26

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE 2022

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| AT&T MOBILITY, LLC | 144.00 | NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEMS, INC. | 34.20 |
| CAR CLINIC | 104.40 | PINS & NEEDLES | 262.80 |
| COMPLETE DENTURE CENTER | 72.00 | ** PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION, INC. | 70.20 |
| DEEP ROOT TREE SERVICE, LLC | 133.20 | RAINS, PHD, MARK | 32.40 |
| DISTEFANO, MICHAEL P. | 491.40 | RDM ELECTRIC, LLC | 36.00 |
| FARMINGTON AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE | 127.80 | RICHARDS FLORIST, INC. | 86.40 |
| FARMINGTON COCA COLA BOTTLING CO., INC. | 846.00 | ROOST PUB & WINGERY | 916.20 |
| FARMINGTON DENTAL | 241.20 | RS ELECTRIC | 48.60 |
| FARMINGTON MOTEL | 1,236.60 | THE DOWNTOWN PRESS | 84.60 |
| FARMINGTON TOWING | 118.80 | THE HOMEGROWN CONNECTION | 14.40 |

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| FIRST AMERICAN COMMERCIAL, INC. | 516.60 | TROLL VALLEY, INC. | 3.33 |
| GETCHELL BROTHERS, INC. | 61.20 | TUMBLEDOWN BREWING, LLC | 79.20 |
| HOUSE OF STILLWATER | 3.46 | TYLER, EDWARD A. | 307.80 |
| KEMP ENTERPRISES, INC. | 3.06 | WAYPORT, INC. | 18.00 |
| MAINECOM SERVICES | 525.60 | WEST MOUNT, INC. | 2.99 |
| * MARVINS AUTO BODY | 496.80 | | |

2022 PERSONAL PROPERTY TOTAL 7,119.24

REAL ESTATE TAXES RECEIVABLE 2021

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| BANKS, JAMES & BEAUMONT, SCOTT | 3,958.17 | KEMPTON, SETH J. | 626.15 |
| BOYKER-SMITH, PAMELA & CHRISTIAN | 1,962.24 | KENDALL, ISAAC J. | 1,083.07 |
| BRACKETT, PENNY A. | 936.18 | KILLGREN, KEVIN, DEWISEES OF | 494.44 |
| BROWN, LISA M. | 74.00 | ** KNAPP, PAULINE, HEIRS OF | 1,871.91 |
| BRYANT, NANCY R. | 1,829.21 | LAKE THOMAS DEWISEES | 758.39 |
| BRYANT, NANCY R. | 281.78 | MCDONALD, JEANNINE D. | 303.96 |
| BRYANT, NANCY R. | 1,371.25 | METCALF, JR., JOHN L. | 703.15 |
| CAPE LAWSON TRUST | 101.32 | OLIVADOTI, TREVOR & ZENA | 1,725.51 |
| CHRISTIAN, ALEXANDRA J. | 330.30 | PILLSBURY, ANNIE M. | 758.58 |
| CROCKETT, CHRIS | 1,414.40 | POWERS, ANNA | 62.63 |
| GIVEN, BARRY A. | 2,677.75 | RICHARDS, DANIEL A. | 381.00 |
| ** GREENMAN, MARY | 452.52 | ** RICHARDS, MICHAEL E. & SHEILA L. | 1,395.90 |
| ** GRIMANIS, ANTHONY M. | 2,636.45 | RUNDLETT, RICK ALLAN | 873.18 |
| HAYDEN, JOHN | 534.27 | STASIOWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE | 366.77 |
| JEANNETTE, CHRISTOPHER & BECKY | 1,553.63 | STASIOWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE | 6,848.14 |
| JONES, RYAN & AUDREY | 52.12 | STEARNS, JR., DREW T. | 123.61 |
| JONES, RYAN & AUDREY | 52.12 | TINSMAN, JR., LONNIE W. | 9,921.79 |
| JONES, RYAN & AUDREY | 52.12 | ** TYLER, TONY S. | 419.40 |
| JONES, RYAN & AUDREY | 52.12 | * UNDERWOOD, ROBERT & CHARLOTTE | 332.53 |
| KEMPTON, SETH J. | 3,069.35 | WARREN, JOY M., HEIRS OF | 909.96 |

2021 REAL ESTATE TOTAL 53,351.37

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE 2021

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| AT&T MOBILITY, LLC | 1,409.28 | NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEMS, INC. | 38.40 |
| CAR CLINIC | 115.20 | PINS & NEEDLES | 435.84 |
| CLEARWATER VETERINARY HOSPITAL | 691.20 | RAINS, PHD, MARK | 34.56 |
| COMPLETE DENTURE CENTER | 76.80 | ROOST PUB & WINGERY | 1,025.28 |
| DEEP ROOT TREE SERVICE, LLC | 149.76 | RS ELECTRIC | 53.76 |
| FARMINGTON AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE | 132.48 | THE DOWNTOWN PRESS | 94.08 |
| FARMINGTON DENTAL | 270.72 | THE HOMEGROWN CONNECTION | 1.83 |
| FARMINGTON TOWING | 132.48 | TUMBLEDOWN BREWING, LLC | 109.44 |
| FIRST AMERICAN COMMERCIAL, INC. | 600.96 | TYLER, EDWARD A. | 343.68 |
| ** MARVINS AUTO BODY | 5.47 | | |

2021 PERSONAL PROPERTY TOTAL 5,721.22

Please note these amounts do not include interest

* Partial payment as of January 31, 2024

** Paid in full as of January 31, 2024

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.

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| 2023 End of Year Taxes Receivable | |
| 2023 | \$ 714,517.71 |
| 2022 | \$ 142,125.26 |
| <u>2021</u> | <u>\$ 53,351.37</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 909,994.34 |
| Properties Liened | 140 |
| Properties Foreclosed | 25 |

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.

| PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) | |
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| University of Maine at Farmington PILOT Contribution* | \$ 18,069 |
| <p>*Additionally, UMF provides many in-kind contributions. A few examples include, but are not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full property tax on the President's house at 104 Lake Avenue • One half property tax on 242 Main Street • One half property tax on 274 Front Street • Mount Blue TV (provide free facilities and utilities) • Snow removal and sanding of town sidewalks adjacent to campus • Providing lawn care, parking and plowing for Farmington Public Library • Sharing Prescott Fields at no charge with the community – includes bathroom facilities and maintaining playing surfaces • UMF/Town of Farmington/RSU #9 combine for a compost program where UMF transports all materials to the compost facility and absorbs all costs associated with the program | |

REVENUE HISTORY AND PROJECTION

| Revenue Category | 2022 Estimate | 2022 Actual | 2023 Estimate | 2023 Actual | 2024 Estimate |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Vehicle Excise | \$1,110,000.00 | \$1,155,536.67 | \$1,100,000.00 | \$1,192,766.79 | \$1,100,000.00 |
| Watercraft Excise | \$4,500.00 | \$5,758.74 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,017.90 | \$5,000.00 |
| Victualers, Liquor Licenses | \$1,250.00 | \$598.00 | \$0.00 | \$832.00 | \$600.00 |
| Code Fees | \$45,000.00 | \$34,919.50 | \$30,000.00 | \$51,122.86 | \$35,000.00 |
| State Revenue Sharing | \$1,411,960.00 | \$1,723,916.71 | \$1,600,000.00 | \$1,734,600.70 | \$1,620,000.00 |
| State Welfare Reimbursement | \$6,500.00 | \$5,871.00 | \$15,000.00 | \$14,525.94 | \$17,500.00 |
| State Tree Growth | \$23,000.00 | \$33,243.27 | \$30,000.00 | \$36,929.44 | \$35,000.00 |
| State Veterans Exemption | \$7,000.00 | \$6,568.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$6,184.00 | \$6,000.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Fees (Town) | \$28,000.00 | \$31,271.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$30,724.00 | \$30,000.00 |
| Vital Statistics (Town) | \$17,000.00 | \$18,317.60 | \$18,000.00 | \$19,016.50 | \$18,500.00 |
| Hunting, Fishing, R.V., Dogs (Town) | \$2,300.00 | \$2,543.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$3,013.00 | \$2,400.00 |
| Interest on Taxes | \$50,000.00 | \$38,070.18 | \$35,000.00 | \$23,510.00 | \$25,000.00 |
| Tax Lien Fees | \$11,000.00 | \$8,965.59 | \$0.00 | \$13,298.18 | \$10,000.00 |
| Recreation Fees | \$20,000.00 | \$34,028.80 | \$25,000.00 | \$39,052.00 | \$34,000.00 |
| Rental of Town Property | \$2,000.00 | \$5,950.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,258.00 | \$6,000.00 |
| Timber Sales | | | | | |
| Investment Income | \$0.00 | \$21,810.00 | \$35,000.00 | \$112,100.16 | \$35,000.00 |
| Contributions in Lieu of Taxes | \$13,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Miscellaneous - Police Dept. | \$13,000.00 | \$16,988.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$23,001.00 | \$26,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous - All Other Depts. | \$10,000.00 | \$31,378.00 | \$15,000.00 | \$23,026.00 | \$30,000.00 |
| Unemployment Comp. Dividend | | | | | |
| Recycling | \$60,000.00 | \$69,499.00 | \$75,000.00 | \$80,316.00 | \$75,000.00 |
| Cemetery Fees | \$3,900.00 | \$3,050.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,380.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Cemetery Trust Fund Transfer | \$15,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$37,000.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$2,854,910 | \$3,248,283 | \$3,032,000 | \$3,417,674 | \$3,150,000 |
| LORAP (Local Road Assistance Prog.) | \$155,000.00 | \$166,272.00 | \$160,000.00 | \$191,752.00 | \$190,000.00 |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES* | \$3,009,910 | \$3,414,555 | \$3,192,000 | \$3,609,426 | \$3,340,000 |

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

2023 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION FORM

Municipality: Farmington

BE SURE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM BEFORE FILLING IN THE TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT

| | | | |
|-------|---|-----|---|
| 1. | Total taxable value of real estate | 1 | \$523,631,521 <small>(from page 1, line 6)</small> |
| 2. | Total taxable value of personal property | 2 | \$20,624,100 <small>(from page 1, line 10)</small> |
| 3. | Total taxable value of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2) | 3 | \$544,255,621 <small>(from page 1, line 11)</small> |
| 4. a. | Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted | 4a. | \$29,325,720 <small>(from Page 1, line 14f)</small> |
| | b. Homestead exemption reimbursement value | 4b. | \$22,287,547 |
| 5. a. | Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property | 5a. | \$15,335,100 <small>(from page 2, line 15c)</small> |
| | b. BETE exemption reimbursement value | 5b. | \$8,161,340 |
| 6. | Total valuation base (Line 3 + line 4b + line 5b) | 6 | \$574,704,508 |

ASSESSMENTS

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| 7. | County tax | 7 | \$830,127.00 |
| 8. | Municipal appropriation | 8 | \$8,481,787.00 |
| 9. | TIF financial plan amount | 9 | \$433,658 <small>(must match page 2, line 16c + 16d)</small> |
| 10. | Local education appropriation | 10 | \$4,906,822.00 |
| 11. | Total appropriations (Add lines 7 through 10) | 11 | \$14,652,394.00 |

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

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| 12. | Anticipated state municipal revenue sharing | 12 | \$1,665,735.00 |
| 13. | Other revenues: (All other revenues that have been formally appropriated to reduce the commitment such as excise tax revenue, T.G. reimbursement, renewable energy reimbursement, trust fund or bank interest income, appropriated surplus revenue, etc. (Do not include any homestead or BETE reimbursement)) | 13 | \$1,575,000.00 |
| 14. | Total deductions (Line 12 plus line 13) | 14 | \$3,240,735.00 |
| 15. | Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14) | 15 | \$11,411,659.00 |

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| 16. | \$11,411,659.00 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | x | 1.05 | = | \$11,982,241.95 | Maximum Allowable Tax |
| 17. | \$11,411,659.00 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | + | \$574,704,508 <small>(Amount from line 6)</small> | = | 0.01986 | Minimum Tax Rate |
| 18. | \$11,982,241.95 <small>(Amount from line 16)</small> | + | \$574,704,508 <small>(Amount from line 6)</small> | = | 0.02085 | Maximum Tax Rate |
| 19. | \$544,255,621.00 <small>(Amount from line 3)</small> | x | 0.01991 <small>(Selected Rate)</small> | = | \$10,836,129.41 <small>(Enter on page 1, line 13)</small> | Tax for Commitment |
| 20. | \$11,411,659.00 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | x | 0.05 | = | \$570,582.95 | Maximum Overlay |
| 21. | \$22,287,547 <small>(Amount from line 4b.)</small> | x | 0.01991 <small>(Selected Rate)</small> | = | \$443,745.06 <small>(Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)</small> | Homestead Reimbursement |
| 22. | \$8,161,340 <small>(Amount from line 5b.)</small> | x | 0.01991 <small>(Selected Rate)</small> | = | \$162,492.28 <small>(Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)</small> | BETE Reimbursement |
| 23. | \$11,442,366.76 <small>(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22)</small> | - | \$11,411,659.00 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | = | \$30,707.76 <small>(Enter on line 5, Assessment Warrant)</small> | Overlay |

(If Line 23 exceeds Line 20 select a lower tax rate.)

Results from this completed form should be used to prepare the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant, Certificate of Assessment to Municipal Treasurer and Municipal Valuation Return.

PROGRAMS THAT COULD AFFECT YOUR TAXES



For the following programs the application must be submitted to the Assessor by April 1, 2024. Applications and brochures are available at the Municipal Office or they can be downloaded from our website at www.farmington-maine.org on the Assessors' page. For further information on these programs, please contact the Assessor's Office at 778-6530.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION – If you are a veteran aged 62 or older, or an un-remarried spouse of a deceased veteran who would have been 62 by April 1, 2024 and served during a federally recognized war period; or if you are a veteran who receives federal funds for 90-100% disability.

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

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

The above-listed exemptions require that your primary residency be Farmington. If you are a new resident or currently a taxpayer that might qualify for one of the above exemptions, your application for the exemption must be submitted to the Assessor by April 1, 2024. These State programs exempt a fixed amount that is deducted from the taxpayer's residential assessed value before the tax rate is applied.

LANDOWNERS – There are three programs for which you might be eligible. The programs are: The Maine Tree Growth Tax Law, Farm Classification Law, and the Open Space Tax Law. As the laws for these programs are quite detailed, please contact the Assessor for more information.

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

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

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

PROPERTY TAX AND RENT REFUND PROGRAM – The Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund “Circuitbreaker” Program has been repealed as part of the enacted state budget for claims beginning on or after August 1, 2021. The “Circuitbreaker” Program has been replaced by a refundable Property Tax Fairness Credit that can be claimed on the Maine Individual Income Tax Form.

The new credit will be available beginning in January 2024 on the 2023 Maine Individual Income Tax Form 1040ME. A worksheet will be included with Form 1040ME to calculate the amount of the credit.

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

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



It is hard to believe that it has been almost a year since I was hired by the Town of Farmington. The small crew that was here when I started has virtually doubled in size, and I couldn't ask for better. Mavis, Ed, Dena, Diane and Leah make coming to work a pleasure. Amidst our settling in and getting into a routine, the financials were brought back in-house from Marc Roy and his accounting firm. Ed and I were tasked with learning QuickBooks in a short period of time to keep things running smoothly, and I think we nailed it! Ed took the reins with accounts payable and ran with it, all while he, Mavis, and Dena kept up the great customer service that I've learned Farmington is known for. A huge THANK YOU to all of you!

Real Estate taxes and Personal Property taxes for 2023 are 93.53% collected, with the remaining 2022 and 2021 taxes in lien status, and 2020 taxes and older in foreclosure. The Town went through the process for foreclosed property, only to have our efforts stalled when the Governor signed a bill changing the process and causing the Town to start over with the new guidelines. There are currently 11 properties that remain on this list that started with 21 properties. Please be aware that the Town has foreclosed properties going back years. I will be reviewing and reporting these to the Select Board in the near future. Please make every effort to bring your taxes current as this revenue is important in providing the services that you all depend on. There are unpaid Personal Property Taxes going back years as well. I will be reviewing these accounts in preparation for collection this coming year. Your account status will be sent with the Personal Property list requests for 2023. Please contact the Tax Assessor's office if you no longer have personal property to report due to your business moving or closing.

Please remember, as always, if you sell a mobile home this year, or have in the past, the bill of sale needs to be brought into the Tax Assessor's office. The ownership for the tax bill will not be changed until this happens, and it will continue to be taxed to the previous owner.

Once filed, liens are reported to credit agencies and can affect you if we do not have accurate information. Please report address changes

to the Town office as soon as possible. Accurate addresses will decrease postage expenses significantly. I would also advise new owners to ensure that the real estate taxes are paid during the closing process. Remember, the tax obligation goes with the property no matter who owned it at the time of commitment.

The Town exceeded its revenue projections by modest amounts in most areas. The department budgets stayed within approved amounts for the most part. There were some budget items that did exceed appropriated amounts due to staff turnover and weather events on the 2023 road projects. I commend the department heads' diligence in managing their budgets. It has been a year of learning and growing, and it is my pleasure to work with all of them.

The Town's current Unassigned Fund Balance is \$3,462,939. It is important to maintain an adequate fund balance. When taxes are unpaid, the General Fund balance is used with the approval of the citizens, which in turn lowers the Town's "Emergency Funds". Therefore, it is very important that the Town maintain a few months of operating expenses and that taxpayers make every effort to pay their part. Please understand that the General Fund balance is comprised of receivables and accruals and not just cash.

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

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

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

I look forward to working with you all in 2024 and wish you all good health, peace, and prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Bureau
Finance Director

TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



Thank you so much for your support since I took over the role of Town Clerk on April 9, 2023. I have an amazing group of coworkers that are wonderful to work with, and the members of the public have been very welcoming.

This was a quiet election year with no State election in June and only a Referendum Election in November. In comparison, 2024 will be a very busy election year as there will be a Presidential Primary in March, a General Primary in June, and a General Election in November. Absentee ballots are always available at the Town Office 30 days before an election. The process requires filling out an Absentee Ballot Application and, these applications can be filled out by the voter, immediate family members, or by telephone request. However, the voter must fill out an affidavit in person to receive a ballot the Friday and Monday before an election as these are considered Special Circumstance Absentee Ballots.

A new State Law that became effective October 25, 2023, has increased the Agent Fee for renewal ATV's and Snowmobiles from \$1 to \$5 and the licensing of new ATV's and Snowmobiles from \$2 to \$6.

As always, I would like to remind all dog owners that it is very important to get their dogs licensed. This is an excellent way to help identify your dog should it get lost and then is found by someone else. Please bring in the current rabies certificate so that information can be updated in our system. For new dogs you need to provide a rabies certificate and a spay/neuter certificate if that is applicable. If you have any questions regarding this, feel free to call the office.

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|-------------------------------|-----|-----------|-----|
| Dog Licenses | 465 | Births | 278 |
| Inland Fisheries and Wildlife | 945 | Marriages | 42 |
| | | Deaths | 218 |

| 2023 Elections | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Municipal Elections | March 27, 2023 |
| Town Meeting | March 27, 2023 |
| RSU 9 Budget Referendum | June 13, 2023 |
| State Referendum | November 7, 2023 |

I truly appreciate the assistance of my Ballot Clerks: Ann Arbor, Lynn Caldwell, Mark Caldwell, Shane Cote, Fenn Fowler, Kathy Hussey, Aileen Kennedy, Wayne Kinney, Nancy Martin, Joyce Morton, Dick Morton, John Rosenthal, Clyde Ross, Anne Wehrman, and Charlotte Woodcock for their help at the polls. Matt and Jenn at the Community Center for your assistance and patience. Mavis, Dena, Ed, Leah, Tammy, Kate, Cindy and Tom for their willingness to help with the Absentee Ballots and all of the “behind the scenes” ways that they make things run smoothly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane L. Dunham
Town Clerk



POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



I begin by expressing my thanks to the residents of the Town of Farmington for their continued support. Public Safety is at times challenging and yet often rewarding field of work. We are fortunate to serve our special community surrounded by the best that Maine has to offer.

Tragic events in Lewiston this year have highlighted the need to ensure that all our officers are trained and equipped for any eventuality. Tactical medical training, active shooter response, and numerous other trainings have expanded our capabilities. Officers have provided training at workplaces, schools, and other gathering places to increase citizen preparedness. In doing so, we reaffirm our mission: "To create a feeling of safety for people within the Town of Farmington."

We have said goodbye to some of our staff in 2023. The 2022 Officer of the Year Christoph Mutschin will continue to serve law enforcement as a Maine State Police Trooper. Likewise, Officer Donald Gray departed in August to continue his career as a commissioned officer in the Maine Army National Guard. Animal Control Officer Matt Billian resigned so he could focus on his own rapidly expanding business.

We are pleased to announce that Officer Ariana Bacon was hired and has completed our Field Training Program in November. Officer Bacon comes to us from the Lewiston Police Department. Officer Rex Schweighofer came on board in April bringing experience from Jay Police Department, and he is a Field Training Officer among other specialties. Like many private and public sector employers, the ebbs and flows of staffing continue to be a challenge.

Officers Ryan Rosie and Ethan Whitney have received training in Critical Incident Stress Management protocols to support those dealing with traumatic experiences, first responders and citizens alike. Both serve on our county-wide team which has provided support to responders and involved people throughout the county. This is a critical service to promote the wellbeing of those who serve others.

Sergeant Ethan Boyd completed Crisis Intervention Team Training, joining myself, Deputy Chief Shane Cote, Sergeant Jesse Clement, School Resource Officer Matt Brann, and Officer Ryan Rosie. This program greatly improves our response to those experiencing crisis and mental health challenges.

Drew Holston, our Parking Enforcement Officer, has taken on the role of Interim Animal Control Officer since Matthew Billian's departure. Robert Hallman celebrated his 26th anniversary as our Crossing Guard for Mallett School.

Our effectiveness in responding to many societal challenges continues to improve because of the myriad of resources available locally. I would like to thank Kat Beaumont, our OPTIONS liaison, for her support of persons experiencing or affected by substance use disorder. Western Maine Behavioral Health and Veterans Affairs Crisis Services for their co-response services. Western Maine Community Action for their efforts in addressing homelessness in our area. Healthy Community Coalition for their leadership and resources to address many needs in our region. I apologize to our many partners not listed here!

Please remember our Unused/Unwanted Medications Disposal box is always available in our lobby (no needles or liquids please!).

As always, we need to recognize and thank our local partners, especially the members of Farmington Fire Rescue, Farmington Public Works, NorthStar Ambulance, area law enforcement agencies, and other unnamed organizations for their hard work and assistance.

I welcome your questions and concerns, compliments, and complaints. Feel free to stop in to say hello or meet the officer on duty. Kudos to Office Manager Lynne Cary and Office Assistant Jocelyn Kelly for improving our front office space. We are proud of the facilities provided to us by you, our citizens, located at 116 Franklin Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

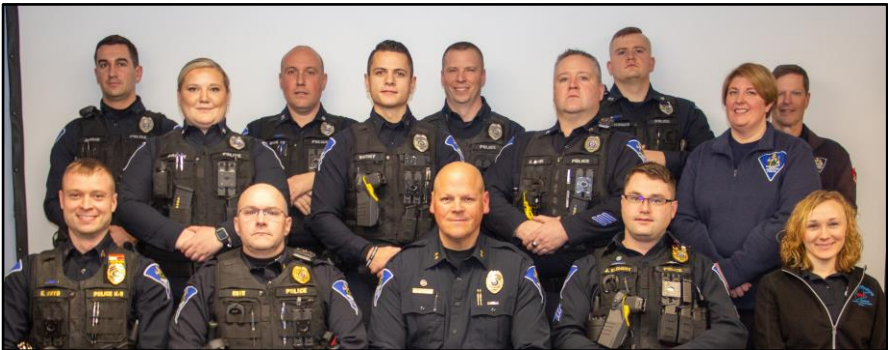
Kenneth A. Charles
Chief of Police

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



**Officer Ethan Whitney
Congratulations!**

Farmington Police Department 2023



Front Row: Sergeant Ethan Boyd, Deputy Chief Shane Cote, Chief Kenneth Charles, Sergeant Jesse Clement, Office Assistant Jocelyn Kelly.

Back Row: Officer Ethan Bronson, Officer Ariana Bacon, School Resource Officer Matthew Brann, Officer Ethan Whitney, Officer Jonathan Parker, Officer Ryan Rosie, Office Manager Lynne Cary, Animal Control Officer/Parking Enforcement Drew Holston.

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

| Crime | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Rape | 8 | 2 | 7 |
| Assault | 33 | 34 | 45 |
| Burglary | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| Thefts (combined) | 53 | 46 | 88 |
| Criminal Mischief | 58 | 33 | 22 |
| Criminal Trespass | 39 | 47 | 44 |
| Drug Cases | 6 | 25 | 26 |
| Domestic Disturb. | 70 | 37 | 59 |
| Traffic Crashes | 405 | 418 | 464 |
| Arrests | 221 | 502 | 555 |
| OUI Arrests | 42 | 39 | 28 |
| Speeding Tickets | 98 | 107 | 77 |
| Traffic Warnings | 2,766 | 4,591 | 4,026 |
| Parking Tickets | 593 | 768 | 999 |
| Missing Persons | 25 | 6 | 4 |
| Harassment Calls | 82 | 50 | 70 |
| Security Checks | 1,395 | 1,820 | 2,372 |
| Total Traffic Stops | 3,355 | 4,928 | 5,887 |

| Police Revenues | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| Parking Tickets | \$7,440 | \$6,930 | \$11,010 |
| Police Reports | \$1,793 | \$1,154 | \$1,571 |
| Gun Permits | \$625 | \$760 | \$476 |
| TOTAL | \$9,858 | \$8,844 | \$13,057 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



This is my annual report for the Farmington Fire Rescue Department for 2023. The Department had its busiest year ever, responding to 754 calls for assistance this year, an increase of 241 calls over 2022. We responded to provide mutual aid assistance 49 times and received mutual aid assistance 23 times. The Department had a total of 27 training classes this past year.

| 2022 | 2023 | Calls for Assistance |
|-------------|-------------|--|
| 70 | 107 | Alarm malfunction/false alarms |
| 61 | 64 | Fire related calls |
| 61 | 60 | Smoke/odor investigations/good intent calls |
| 179 | 281 | Hazardous conditions with no fire |
| 69 | 109 | Rescue, extrication, and emergency medical calls |
| 70 | 84 | Service calls |
| <u>03</u> | <u>49</u> | <u>Severe weather</u> |
| 513 | 754 | Total Calls |

The Department has been busy this year responding to numerous weather events including the flooding on May 1st and December 18th. In April, the Town of Industry began contracting with us to provide fire protection to their town. This is the first contract of this type in this area.

This past year we hired Cody Dux as a full-time firefighter. I would also like to welcome Dan Foss and Clayton Messier who joined us as new on-call firefighters. Three members of the Department completed the regional Firefighter I and II class this year. Chaplain Stan Wheeler retired after providing 28 years of service to our Department.

The Department has been active in presenting fire prevention programs to the area schools and groups. We have conducted 22 fire inspections this year. The Department has been continuously training to meet the demands of the fire service and improve the service we provide to the citizens we serve.

I would like to send a special Thank You to all the members of the Farmington Fire Rescue Department for their hard work and dedication to serving the citizens of this community.

| Fire Rescue Department Roster and years of service to the town: | | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jon Alexander 25 yrs. | Patty Cormier 14 yrs. | Connor Perkins 4 yrs. |
| David Ballard 5 yrs. | Kyle Couture 1 yr. | Colby Ranger 1 yr. |
| Scott Baxter 19 yrs. | Evan Dorr 6 yrs. | S. Clyde Ross 52 yrs. |
| Teddy Baxter 18 yrs. | Matthew Fleury 3 yrs. | Tiger Sikes 4 yrs. |
| Olivia Belbute 2 yrs. | Tim A. Hardy 45 yrs. | Alan Stewart 5 yrs. |
| Terry Bell 46 yrs. | Tim D. Hardy 26 yrs. | Junior Turner 52 yrs. |
| James Brown 37 yrs. | Joseph Hastings 10 yrs. | Stanley Wilcox 6 yrs. |
| Stephan Bunker 45 yrs. | Cody Jarels 3 yrs. | Matt Winters 1 yr. |
| Joseph Clark 3 yrs. | Jim Kiernan 19 yrs. | |
| Lance Comeau 3 yrs. | Corey Mills 7 yrs. | |

I would like to thank all our local agencies who assist us throughout the year, especially the area fire departments, Farmington Police, Farmington Public Works, town departments, Franklin County Regional Communications Center, Franklin County EMA, NorthStar EMS, and other agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy D. Hardy
Fire Chief

Firefighter Training



FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



The Farmington Fire Rescue Department has continued its regular training schedule as it has done for many years. All members are taking part in these trainings, some are learning new skills and others are refreshing those from previous sessions. New mandates, new products and improved methods require us to keep up-dated all the time. During the year a number of new training tools were purchased.

Training topics that are frequently used are similar to those from past years. Some of the common trainings are Ventilation, Ladders and Uses, Draft and Relay Pumping, Rural Hitch set up, Forcible Entry, annual Mandatory Topic Day, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, Rope Rescue Equipment review, Large Diameter Hose review, Truck Hose Lays and Deployment practices, review of building Pre-Plans, Cold Water Rescue Techniques, and Inspection of Personal Protective Equipment. Vehicle operators did their required driving sessions and were cleared for proper vehicle operations. Day crews have done routine training as part of their daily operations. A couple members are doing additional training for new certifications. Three members completed the Fire Fighter I and II class in the spring.

The Fire Prevention Programs have continued in area schools and pre-school groups. The department continues to tour new facilities and businesses as they start up in town.

The Western Maine Public Safety Training Facility is being used by State and local departments for a variety of training sessions. Mutual Aid departments are still being invited to our training sessions. This fosters good working relationships and helps all neighboring communities.

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

Respectfully submitted,

S. Clyde Ross
Deputy Fire Chief

Joseph Hastings
Lieutenant

SAFETY COMMITTEE

To the Citizens, Select Board, and Town Manager:



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

Employees from each department will continue to attend numerous safety training courses throughout the year and will continue to strive for excellence in keeping our coworkers and friends safe. We are looking forward to what the new year brings!

The Town continues to participate in the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Leader Program which rewards municipalities that implement plans and activities to create a safer workplace for employees by crediting the Workers Compensation contributions. The town continues to participate in the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards Safety and Health Award for Public Employers (SHAPE) program which was received in 2022. The town will be reviewed by SHAPE again this year.

Thank you to those who serve on the Safety Committee for the time and effort they put into creating a safer workplace. This Committee not only helps with monetary savings to the taxpayers, but more importantly, it helps to protect employees from harm while they provide the kind of high-quality service our taxpayers deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy D. Hardy
Safety Committee Chairman

CODE/PLANNING DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



With administration and coordination provided by the Code/Planning Office, during 2023 there were 11 Planning Board meetings held, during which the Board reviewed 28 applications under the following ordinances: Site Review (10), Soil Erosion Control & Storm Water Management (12), Subdivision (1), and Solar Energy Systems (5). The Board also approved one Subdivision Modification. Nine applications were approved under in-house CEO review: Site Review (6), Soil Erosion Control & Stormwater Management (1), and Solar Energy Systems (2). The Board meets on the second Monday of every month, except for October when it meets on the third Monday.

On July 10th, the Planning Board's annual election was held during which Judith Murphy was elected as Chairman and Mike Otley elected as Vice-Chairman. At the same meeting, Mike Guerrette joined the Board as an alternate member.

The Board of Appeals elected officers in July, during which Galen Dalrymple was re-elected as Chairman and Bob Yorks as Vice-Chairman/Secretary. The Board welcomed two new members – Aileen Kennedy and Richard Morton. Currently, there is one opening for a regular member and two openings for alternate members.

The Zoning Board met eight times during 2023, reviewed two applications, and held two Public Hearings. The members elected officers in July, at which time Paul Mills was re-elected as Chairman and Terry Bell as Vice-Chairman. The Board accepted John Moore's resignation and welcomed two new members - Edwin Provencher and Jennifer Bjorn. Currently, there are two openings for alternate members.

There were 62 registrations filed for residential projects during 2023: a 25-unit apartment building; 13 stick-built houses; 14 mobile homes/modulars; 13 garages; 5 additions; and 16 porches, decks, and sheds.

Also in 2023, registration forms were filed for 15 business projects and 2 home-occupations, and 13 sign permits were issued. In April the Revolving Loan Fund Board met and approved a \$25,000 business loan. During the year, the Code/Planning Office continued monitoring licensed/permitted marijuana businesses under the Ordinance for same.

In February, the Code/Planning Office completed the annual activities for the Town's re-certification for Class 8 rating under FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). This program provides federally backed flood insurance within communities that participate in the NFIP-CRS and enact and administer floodplain regulations to mitigate flood damage and losses.

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

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

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

I also want to express my gratitude to: all members of the above-mentioned Boards for their participation and time generously given the Town and its citizens; the Select Board; and Town employees for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Stevens Kaiser
Code Enforcement Officer

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, Select Board, and Town Manager:



The year began with the worst skating rink season I can remember in my last 13 winters here at the Recreation Department. After a lot of hard work and a few cold days here and there, we were finally able to open the rink a handful of times this past winter. However, the days where we had good skateable ice were very few and far between.

On May 1st, our Department encountered a challenging situation when the Sandy River flooded Hippach Field with 3 – 5 feet of water. The extent of damage did not quite equal that of the flood of 1987, but it did leave some scars on our field and equipment, making things a little difficult for us this past summer. There was a large amount of debris and sediment left behind after the waters receded that was quickly cleaned up by our staff and volunteers. The Fire Rescue Department washed a thick film of river silt off the tennis courts, basketball court, and pool while our staff and 33 volunteers from Mt. Blue Baseball made quick work of picking up debris and cleaning up the rest of the park. The transformation from the beginning of the week to the end of the week was truly amazing and Hippach went from being completely covered in water and debris to hosting a home game for Mt. Blue Baseball only a few days later!

Some noteworthy capital improvements this year were new LED lights at the Hippach basketball courts, beach volleyball court, and skating rink. Thanks to the Community Resilience Program, grant funds were used to install four heat pumps at the Community Center and one at the Hippach Fieldhouse.

The newly rejuvenated Walton's Mill Park was completed this summer as well! Walton's Mill Park has experienced a drastic transformation through the support of the Atlantic Salmon Federation. Several organizations have contributed to this important project, ASF, UMF, E.L. Vining, David Maynes Studio, Acadia Civil Works, H.E. Callahan, Lakeside Landscape, NOAA, many other non-profits, Federal, and State agencies. Special thanks should be given to Maranda Nemeth and John Burrows from the Atlantic Salmon Federation, Joseph McLean from Acadia Civil Works, and David Maynes from David Maynes Studios for helping to design and oversee every aspect of this beautiful new addition to our community.

The Park has been completely remodeled and features a new restroom, pavilion, parking lot, walkways, landscaping, and natural play area for children creating a creative and engaging space along the banks of Temple Stream for residents to enjoy.

Walton's Mill Park After Dark



In the past calendar year, the Recreation Department also partnered with the RSU #9 food pantry, was able to provide 46 programs, and racked up nearly 50,000 hours of participation through programming and events to our residents and surrounding communities. These numbers do not include drop-in park/community center use for passive recreation or use from outside organizations that utilize our facilities to provide additional recreational/leisure opportunities for our community as well. Involvement in recreational activities has a direct positive impact on the mental, physical, emotional, and social health and wellness of the people in our community!

The successes we achieve each year come from employees who are dedicated to serving the people of Farmington. So please, next time you see them spending their nights and weekends running your children's sports leagues, teaching them how to swim, running our diverse adult/senior programming, or maintaining the parks around town, please let them know how much you appreciate the wonderful work they do. As always, it is our privilege and honor to continue to serve the people of Farmington!

For more information, please give us a call, email us, stop in, check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/farmingtonrec or sign up for a program at <https://farmingtonme.myrec.com/>

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew L. Foster, CPRP
Director of Parks and Recreation

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



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

At the Public Works Department, we aim to plan, build, maintain all infrastructure, and help sustain public safety for all residents and visitors. The Department receives hundreds of calls each year from citizens. These calls help the Department respond to issues. Our full-time road maintenance crew consists of ten individuals managing 130 miles of travel way and more than 20 miles of pedestrian walkways.

Major infrastructure accomplishments during the 2023 construction season were final reconstruction of High Street, Mosher Hill Road, Savage Road and Christian and Sewall Drives. These projects total over 31,351 feet of improved travel way and upgraded sidewalks for pedestrian safety.

For the 2024 season we plan to rebuild Bailey Hill, Weeks Mills Road, and Davis Road.

The winter of 2023 brought unusual patterns of freeze and thaw winter cycles, and our sand and salt inventory quickly became depleted. We are prepared for what the 2024 season will bring. The crew's long hours, dedication and responsiveness make our roadway conditions clean and safe to travel.

During the summer of 2023, rainfall was above average, and we experienced major damage due to several flash flood events. We have been working with FEMA to repair and rebuild our highway infrastructure due to these unforeseen storm losses.

Lastly, I would like to thank the citizens and the Select Board for all their support, and the other departments for their operational assistance when emergency events arise.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Hutchins
Public Works Director

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WINTER ROADS OPERATING PROCEDURE

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

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

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

ROAD CLEANUP - After the storm, cleanup continues with plowing

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

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

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

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

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

TAXPAYER RESPONSIBILITY

MAILBOXES - The PWD gets as close as possible to your mailbox

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

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

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

Flood of December 16, 2023



Photos courtesy of Matt Billian

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and Town Manager:



In 2023 we had another good year at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. We began our second four-year process of jetting, vacuuming, and videoing the facility's collection system. This year Vortex, formerly Ted Berry Company, will also be GIS locating and mapping our sewer lines. Once this project is completed, Vortex will set this information up on a map program that we will be able to access from our tablet computer. This project is expected to be completed by the Fall of 2027.

We hired Patrick Rogers in June to fill our empty position. New flow meters were purchased and installed on our Return Activated Sludge (RAS), our Waste Activated Sludge (WAS) and our Sludge Press Feed (SPF) lines. The flow meters installed during the 1992 Upgrade stopped operating several years ago. Now we can see and record the number of gallons of sludge we remove each day, the gallons we are sending out through the return pumps back to the oxidation ditches daily, and the gallons we run through the pump to the belt press on the days we press sludge. This information will allow the operators to be more accurate in the day-to-day operation of the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

In addition to new flow meters, the facility also had a new plant water system installed. I continue to build our spare parts and equipment inventory, so the facility is prepared when equipment breaks down.

The Legislature passed two new bills in 2022, LD 1911 and LD 1639, that had a substantial impact on the disposal of biosolids for all treatment facilities in the State of Maine. LD 1911 prohibited the composting and land application of biosolids, and LD 1639 prohibited the acceptance of out-of-state bulky waste into landfills for mixing with the biosolids. Once these two bills were passed, the price per wet ton for biosolids disposal went from \$95.00 to \$219.75 per wet ton. On July 7, 2023, LD 718 passed which allowed the landfills to keep receiving bulky waste (washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, and stoves) until the end of 2024. The passing of this bill reduced the wet ton disposal rate by \$61.49, which saved Farmington's facility between \$4,000 and \$5,000 per month. I would like to thank all the people for their hard work on getting LD 718 to pass.

As we move forward into 2024, I would like to thank all my operators for the excellent work they do throughout the year. The Farmington Wastewater Treatment Facility and the operators will continue to operate this facility in the best, most cost-effective manner as we have done in the past and continue to protect the environment we live in.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen M. Millett
Superintendent



L - R: Patrick Rogers, Joe Hartigan, Paul Stanzel, and Superintendent Steve Millett

SEWER DEPARTMENT
Liened Receivables as of December 31, 2023

- * Partial Payments Ending 01-31-2024
- ** Paid in Full

| | ACCOUNT | BALANCE | EARLIEST YEAR DUE |
|---|-----------------------|----------|----------------------|
| | | | |
| | 136 Box Shop, LLC | 1,241.26 | 2021 |
| * | Brackett, Penny | 2,261.94 | 2021 |
| | Doughty, Amos | 187.15 | 2022 |
| | Everett, Nathaniel M. | 250.70 | 2022 |
| | Gay, Ted, Heirs of | 776.94 | 2020 |
| | Grimanis, Verna | 343.69 | 2022 |
| | Lewis, Mallory | 1,009.33 | 2021 |
| * | Morgan, Ryan & Iris | 3,450.95 | 2022 |
| | Olivadoti, Trevor P. | 187.07 | 2022 |

BUDGET COMMITTEE

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



The Budget Committee held its first meeting in December 2022 and elected the necessary officers. The process was different this year in that we met with the Select Board to try a collaborative approach, and also to have the department heads present their budgets only once. It was a good idea in theory, but the Committee decided unanimously to return to the original process in 2023.

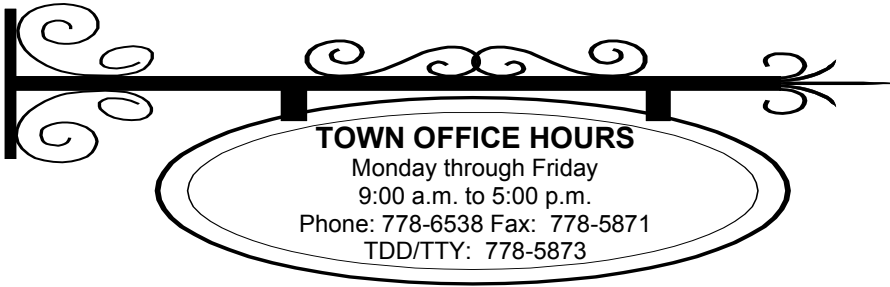
It was a challenging budget season. Our primary goal was to forward a recommendation to the Select Board that represented the basic needs of the departments which would allow them to function efficiently.

As a committee we strive for the best possible outcome with citizens and taxpayers in mind. It is also our duty to be aware of future needs and allow for growth that is sustainable and speaks to ongoing need and changes within our community.

The Committee is grateful for all the work done by staff and department heads and those who have supported the budget review process.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Murphy
Chairperson



IMPORTANT NOTICES

PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND MEETINGS

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

VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

Re-Registrations: Previous registration, current mileage, and proof of insurance. Renewal registrations can also be done online at www.sosonline.org.

TRANSFER STATION PERMITS

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

BURN PERMITS

Burn Permits may be obtained at no cost online at <https://apps1.web.maine.gov/burnpermit/public/index.html>, or Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Fire Rescue Office, which is located on the main floor of the Municipal Office Building. Permits will be issued subject to safe weather conditions as set forth by the Maine Forest Service.

TOWN ORDINANCE AND STATE LAW COMPLIANCE

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

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

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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



In 2023, the Farmington Conservation Commission (FCC) held an annual Arbor Week celebration focused on invasive plants in the area. We held a field day in the forest adjacent to the Prescott Fields by the Sandy River to identify and discuss treatment options for invasive plants. The area has an abundance of invasive plants, allowing visitors ample chance to learn about and identify these plants and their growth habits. Various control methods were displayed. Some of these included using mesh on the ground to cut stems as they grow, and having goats graze an area that has large numbers of invasive plants. Red and white pine saplings were handed out to visitors to plant in their yards. Our Facebook page covered the event.

We continued maintenance of the downtown lilac trees. Tree survival has not been strong over the last ten years, and we are working on plans to replant and protect the trees. The “Adopt a Tree” program encourages downtown businesses to water and watch over the trees. We thank the following businesses for their “TLC” given to the downtown planted trees: Kyes Insurance, Pine Tree Cellular, WKTJ, Bangor Savings, Mills and Mills, Richards Florist, Franklin County, TD Bank, and Tuck’s Ale House. This year we also asked local businesses and organizations to plant flowers in the tree planters. This resulted in some fine flower displays established by Robin’s Flower Pot, The Mercantile, The Roost, Farmington Farmhouse, Farmington Rotary Club, and Sunrise Movement of Franklin County. We hope to continue that added feature for the planters as we plan for more tree planting.

We also participated in the development and celebration of the new Walton’s Mill Park. We, along with the Atlantic

Salmon Federation and numerous State, federal, and local organizations, helped to promote the project to make sure the local flora is encouraged to grow while limiting invasive species. The dedication ceremony was well attended.

Farmington has been designated as a Tree City USA town for 46 consecutive years now. This honor recognizes the Town of Farmington's dedication to providing tree cover on town properties and roads and to encourage healthy trees throughout town.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Haslam
Chairman

Sally Rees Speich
Secretary

Downtown Lilac Tree Maintenance





Proven Expertise & Integrity

February 22, 2024

Selectboard
Town of Farmington
153 Farmington Falls Road
Farmington, Maine 04938

We were engaged by the Town of Farmington and are currently in the process of auditing the financial statements of the Town of Farmington as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023. A complete copy of the audited financial statements, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

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Certified Public Accountants

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2022

| | Governmental Activities | Business-type Activities | Total |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 8,494,286 | \$ - | \$ 8,494,286 |
| Investments | 1,599,121 | 1,582,985 | 3,182,106 |
| Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles): | | | |
| Taxes | 541,373 | - | 541,373 |
| Liens | 255,329 | - | 255,329 |
| Current portion of notes | 34,793 | - | 34,793 |
| Other | 2,196 | 281,871 | 284,067 |
| Prepaid items | 19,167 | - | 19,167 |
| Internal balances | <u>(2,415,228)</u> | <u>2,415,228</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total current assets | <u>8,531,037</u> | <u>4,280,084</u> | <u>12,811,121</u> |
| Noncurrent assets: | | | |
| Capital assets: | | | |
| Land and other assets not being depreciated | 746,729 | 37,500 | 784,229 |
| Depreciable assets, net of accumulated depreciation | 9,498,751 | 1,657,962 | 11,156,713 |
| Noncurrent portion of notes receivable | 95,935 | - | 95,935 |
| Net pension asset | <u>72,790</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>72,790</u> |
| Total noncurrent assets | <u>10,414,205</u> | <u>1,695,462</u> | <u>12,109,667</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>18,945,242</u> | <u>5,975,546</u> | <u>24,920,788</u> |
| DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | | |
| Deferred outflows related to OPEB | 64,086 | - | 64,086 |
| Deferred outflows related to pensions | <u>324,050</u> | <u>16,982</u> | <u>341,032</u> |
| TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES | <u>388,136</u> | <u>16,982</u> | <u>405,118</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES | <u>\$ 19,333,378</u> | <u>\$ 5,992,528</u> | <u>\$ 25,325,906</u> |

STATEMENT A (CONTINUED)
TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2022

| | Governmental Activities | Business-type Activities | Total |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 304,739 | \$ - | \$ 304,739 |
| Payroll related liabilities | 135,563 | 15,132 | 150,695 |
| Current portion of long-term obligations | 136,983 | 36,813 | 173,796 |
| Total current liabilities | <u>577,285</u> | <u>51,945</u> | <u>629,230</u> |
| Noncurrent liabilities: | | | |
| Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations: | | | |
| Bonds payable | 398,000 | 456,568 | 854,568 |
| Accrued compensated absences | 162,949 | 28,636 | 191,585 |
| Net OPEB liability | 188,438 | - | 188,438 |
| Net pension liability | 580,932 | 37,602 | 618,534 |
| Total noncurrent liabilities | <u>1,330,319</u> | <u>522,806</u> | <u>1,853,125</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | <u>1,907,604</u> | <u>574,751</u> | <u>2,482,355</u> |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | | |
| Prepaid taxes | 25,463 | - | 25,463 |
| Deferred inflows related to OPEB | 93,143 | - | 93,143 |
| Deferred inflows related to pensions | 279,121 | 20,654 | 299,775 |
| TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | <u>397,727</u> | <u>20,654</u> | <u>418,381</u> |
| NET POSITION | | | |
| Net investment in capital assets | 9,764,814 | 1,211,627 | 10,976,441 |
| Restricted | 2,507,579 | - | 2,507,579 |
| Unrestricted | 4,755,654 | 4,185,496 | 8,941,150 |
| TOTAL NET POSITION | <u>17,028,047</u> | <u>5,397,123</u> | <u>22,425,170</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION | <u>\$ 19,333,378</u> | <u>\$ 5,992,528</u> | <u>\$ 25,325,906</u> |

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

| | General Fund | Other Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 8,238,066 | \$ 256,220 | \$ 8,494,286 |
| Investments | 579,957 | 1,019,164 | 1,599,121 |
| Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles): | | | |
| Taxes | 541,373 | - | 541,373 |
| Liens | 255,329 | - | 255,329 |
| Notes | - | 130,728 | 130,728 |
| Other | 2,196 | - | 2,196 |
| Prepaid items | 19,167 | - | 19,167 |
| Due from other funds | 255,246 | 2,160,627 | 2,415,873 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 9,891,334 | \$ 3,566,739 | \$ 13,458,073 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 304,739 | \$ - | \$ 304,739 |
| Payroll related payables | 135,563 | - | 135,563 |
| Due to other funds | 4,575,855 | 255,246 | 4,831,101 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 5,016,157 | 255,246 | 5,271,403 |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | | |
| Prepaid taxes | 25,463 | - | 25,463 |
| Deferred tax revenues | 669,210 | - | 669,210 |
| TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | 694,673 | - | 694,673 |
| FUND BALANCES | | | |
| Nonspendable | 19,167 | - | 19,167 |
| Restricted | - | 2,507,579 | 2,507,579 |
| Committed | - | 1,022,377 | 1,022,377 |
| Assigned | - | 1,144 | 1,144 |
| Unassigned (deficit) | 4,161,337 | (219,607) | 3,941,730 |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCES | 4,180,504 | 3,311,493 | 7,491,997 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES | \$ 9,891,334 | \$ 3,566,739 | \$ 13,458,073 |

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

| | General Fund | Other Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Property taxes | \$ 9,982,235 | \$ - | \$ 9,982,235 |
| Excise taxes | 1,161,295 | - | 1,161,295 |
| Interest on taxes | 38,070 | - | 38,070 |
| Intergovernmental | 2,615,437 | 474,567 | 3,090,004 |
| Charges for services | 215,798 | - | 215,798 |
| Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses) | - | (42,612) | (42,612) |
| Miscellaneous revenues | 76,121 | 297,207 | 373,328 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 14,088,956 | 729,162 | 14,818,118 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| Current: | | | |
| General government | 960,235 | - | 960,235 |
| Public safety | 3,593,994 | - | 3,593,994 |
| Health and welfare | 16,066 | - | 16,066 |
| Recreation and culture | 367,559 | - | 367,559 |
| Education | 4,775,032 | - | 4,775,032 |
| Public works | 1,705,510 | - | 1,705,510 |
| County tax | 661,179 | - | 661,179 |
| Community services | 263,212 | - | 263,212 |
| Unclassified | 120,525 | 646,298 | 766,823 |
| Debt service: | | | |
| Principal | 132,667 | - | 132,667 |
| Interest | 16,770 | - | 16,770 |
| Capital outlay | - | 1,523,703 | 1,523,703 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 12,612,749 | 2,170,001 | 14,782,750 |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | 1,476,207 | (1,440,839) | 35,368 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | |
| Transfers in | - | 1,369,936 | 1,369,936 |
| Transfers (out) | (1,363,908) | (6,028) | (1,369,936) |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | (1,363,908) | 1,363,908 | - |
| NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES | 112,299 | (76,931) | 35,368 |
| FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, RESTATED | 4,068,205 | 3,388,424 | 7,456,629 |
| FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31 | \$ 4,180,504 | \$ 3,311,493 | \$ 7,491,997 |

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

| | Enterprise Funds | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Sewer | Sewer Reserves | Total |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current assets: | | | |
| Investments | \$ - | \$ 1,582,985 | \$ 1,582,985 |
| Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles) | 281,871 | - | 281,871 |
| Due from other funds | 1,834,481 | 580,747 | 2,415,228 |
| Total current assets | 2,116,352 | 2,163,732 | 4,280,084 |
| Noncurrent assets: | | | |
| Capital assets: | | | |
| Land and buildings | 9,893,516 | - | 9,893,516 |
| Vehicles and equipment | 2,048,019 | - | 2,048,019 |
| Plant/infrastructure | 7,982,345 | - | 7,982,345 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | (18,228,418) | - | (18,228,418) |
| Total noncurrent assets | 1,695,462 | - | 1,695,462 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 3,811,814 | 2,163,732 | 5,975,546 |
| DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | | |
| Deferred outflows related to pensions | 16,982 | - | 16,982 |
| TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES | 16,982 | - | 16,982 |
| TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES | \$ 3,828,796 | \$ 2,163,732 | \$ 5,992,528 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | |
| Accrued payroll | \$ 15,132 | \$ - | \$ 15,132 |
| Current portion of long-term obligations | 36,813 | - | 36,813 |
| Total current liabilities | 51,945 | - | 51,945 |
| Noncurrent liabilities: | | | |
| Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations: | | | |
| Bonds payable | 456,568 | - | 456,568 |
| Accrued compensated absences | 28,636 | - | 28,636 |
| Net pension liability | 37,602 | - | 37,602 |
| Total noncurrent liabilities | 522,806 | - | 522,806 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 574,751 | - | 574,751 |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | | |
| Deferred inflows related to pensions | 20,654 | - | 20,654 |
| TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | 20,654 | - | 20,654 |
| NET POSITION | | | |
| Net investment in capital assets | 1,211,627 | - | 1,211,627 |
| Unrestricted | 2,021,764 | 2,163,732 | 4,185,496 |
| TOTAL NET POSITION | 3,233,391 | 2,163,732 | 5,397,123 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION | \$ 3,828,796 | \$ 2,163,732 | \$ 5,992,528 |

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

| | Enterprise Funds | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Sewer | Sewer Reserves | Total |
| OPERATING REVENUES | | | |
| Charges for services | \$ 1,055,183 | \$ - | \$ 1,055,183 |
| Other | 4,362 | - | 4,362 |
| TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES | <u>1,059,545</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,059,545</u> |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | |
| Personnel | 406,301 | - | 406,301 |
| Services | 391,061 | - | 391,061 |
| Commodities | 107,460 | - | 107,460 |
| Depreciation | 175,342 | - | 175,342 |
| Other | 1,236 | - | 1,236 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | <u>1,081,400</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,081,400</u> |
| OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) | <u>(21,855)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(21,855)</u> |
| NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES) | | | |
| Interest income | 11,625 | - | 11,625 |
| Interest (expense) | (15,087) | - | (15,087) |
| Transfers in (out) | (50,000) | 50,000 | - |
| TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES) | <u>(53,462)</u> | <u>50,000</u> | <u>(3,462)</u> |
| CHANGE IN NET POSITION | (75,317) | 50,000 | (25,317) |
| NET POSITION - JANUARY 1, RESTATED | <u>3,308,708</u> | <u>2,113,732</u> | <u>5,422,440</u> |
| NET POSITION - DECEMBER 31 | <u>\$ 3,233,391</u> | <u>\$ 2,163,732</u> | <u>\$ 5,397,123</u> |

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts | Variance Positive (Negative) |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Original | Final | | |
| Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1 | \$ 4,068,205 | \$ 4,068,205 | \$ 4,068,205 | \$ - |
| Resources (Inflows): | | | | |
| Taxes: | | | | |
| Property taxes | 9,915,889 | 9,915,889 | 9,982,235 | 66,346 |
| Excise taxes | 1,105,000 | 1,105,000 | 1,161,295 | 56,295 |
| Interest on taxes | 83,000 | 83,000 | 38,070 | (44,930) |
| Intergovernmental | 2,150,092 | 2,150,092 | 2,615,437 | 465,345 |
| Charges for services | 211,000 | 211,000 | 215,798 | 4,798 |
| Miscellaneous revenues | 9,100 | 9,100 | 76,121 | 67,021 |
| Transfers from other funds | 15,000 | 15,000 | - | (15,000) |
| Amounts Available for Appropriation | <u>17,557,286</u> | <u>17,557,286</u> | <u>18,157,161</u> | <u>599,875</u> |
| Charges to Appropriations (Outflows): | | | | |
| General government | 978,651 | 978,651 | 960,235 | 18,416 |
| Public safety | 2,981,258 | 3,812,663 | 3,593,994 | 218,669 |
| Health and welfare | 25,000 | 25,000 | 16,066 | 8,934 |
| Recreation and culture | 384,767 | 384,767 | 367,559 | 17,208 |
| Education | 4,775,904 | 4,775,904 | 4,775,032 | 872 |
| Public works | 1,658,949 | 1,658,949 | 1,705,510 | (46,561) |
| County tax | 661,179 | 661,179 | 661,179 | - |
| Community services | 263,898 | 263,898 | 263,212 | 686 |
| Unclassified | 146,872 | 146,872 | 120,525 | 26,347 |
| Debt service: | | | | |
| Principal | 198,000 | 198,000 | 132,667 | 65,333 |
| Interest | 62,400 | 62,400 | 16,770 | 45,630 |
| Transfers to other funds | 1,352,203 | 1,363,575 | 1,363,908 | (333) |
| Total Charges to Appropriations | <u>13,489,081</u> | <u>14,331,858</u> | <u>13,976,657</u> | <u>355,201</u> |
| Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31 | <u>\$ 4,068,205</u> | <u>\$ 3,225,428</u> | <u>\$ 4,180,504</u> | <u>\$ 955,076</u> |
| Utilization of unassigned fund balance | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 842,777</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ (842,777)</u> |

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND REVENUES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts | Variance Positive (Negative) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Original | Final | | |
| Resources (Inflows): | | | | |
| Taxes: | | | | |
| Property taxes | \$ 9,915,889 | \$ 9,915,889 | \$ 9,982,235 | \$ 66,346 |
| Excise taxes | 1,105,000 | 1,105,000 | 1,161,295 | 56,295 |
| Interest on taxes | 83,000 | 83,000 | 38,070 | (44,930) |
| Total Taxes | <u>11,103,889</u> | <u>11,103,889</u> | <u>11,181,600</u> | <u>77,711</u> |
| Intergovernmental Revenues: | | | | |
| State revenue sharing | 1,564,825 | 1,564,825 | 1,723,917 | 159,092 |
| Homestead exemption | 418,363 | 418,363 | 501,220 | 82,857 |
| GA reimbursement | - | - | 5,871 | 5,871 |
| Local road assistance | - | - | 166,272 | 166,272 |
| BETE reimbursement | 154,904 | 154,904 | 155,020 | 116 |
| Veteran reimbursement | - | - | 6,568 | 6,568 |
| Tree growth reimbursement | - | - | 33,243 | 33,243 |
| Other | 12,000 | 12,000 | 23,326 | 11,326 |
| Total Intergovernmental Revenues | <u>2,150,092</u> | <u>2,150,092</u> | <u>2,615,437</u> | <u>465,345</u> |
| Charges for Services: | | | | |
| Code enforcement fees | 40,000 | 40,000 | 34,920 | (5,080) |
| Motor vehicle fees | - | - | 31,271 | 31,271 |
| Town clerk fees | 45,000 | 45,000 | 18,318 | (26,682) |
| Inland fisheries fees | - | - | 1,554 | 1,554 |
| Parks and recreation fees | 25,000 | 25,000 | 34,029 | 9,029 |
| Assessor | - | - | 278 | 278 |
| Dog fees | - | - | 989 | 989 |
| Police department | 12,000 | 12,000 | 16,988 | 4,988 |
| Recycling fees | 75,000 | 75,000 | 72,680 | (2,320) |
| Cemetery fees | - | - | 3,050 | 3,050 |
| Misc fees/licenses | 14,000 | 14,000 | 1,721 | (12,279) |
| Total Charges for Services | <u>211,000</u> | <u>211,000</u> | <u>215,798</u> | <u>4,798</u> |
| Miscellaneous Revenues: | | | | |
| Tax lien fees | - | - | 8,966 | 8,966 |
| Misc revenues | 9,100 | 9,100 | 67,155 | 58,055 |
| Total Miscellaneous Revenues | <u>9,100</u> | <u>9,100</u> | <u>76,121</u> | <u>67,021</u> |
| Transfers from other funds | <u>15,000</u> | <u>15,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(15,000)</u> |
| Amounts Available for Appropriation | <u>\$ 13,489,081</u> | <u>\$ 13,489,081</u> | <u>\$ 14,088,956</u> | <u>\$ 599,875</u> |

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

| | Original Budget | Budget Adjustments | Final Budget | Actual Expenditures | Variance Positive (Negative) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| General government: | | | | | |
| Administration | \$ 266,479 | \$ - | \$ 266,479 | \$ 297,954 | \$ (31,475) |
| Assessor | 115,848 | - | 115,848 | 78,210 | 37,638 |
| Clerk treasurer | 331,957 | - | 331,957 | 317,982 | 13,975 |
| Municipal building | 82,591 | - | 82,591 | 80,951 | 1,640 |
| CEO | 177,076 | - | 177,076 | 181,517 | (4,441) |
| Committees | 4,700 | - | 4,700 | 3,621 | 1,079 |
| | <u>978,651</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>978,651</u> | <u>960,235</u> | <u>18,416</u> |
| Public safety: | | | | | |
| Police department | 1,666,911 | - | 1,666,911 | 1,530,097 | 136,814 |
| Fire department | 836,247 | 831,405 | 1,667,652 | 1,691,154 | (23,502) |
| Hydrants | 350,000 | - | 350,000 | 259,106 | 90,894 |
| Street lights | 70,000 | - | 70,000 | 75,615 | (5,615) |
| Traffic lights | 21,500 | - | 21,500 | - | 21,500 |
| Ambulance | 36,600 | - | 36,600 | 38,022 | (1,422) |
| | <u>2,981,258</u> | <u>831,405</u> | <u>3,812,663</u> | <u>3,593,994</u> | <u>218,669</u> |
| Health and welfare: | | | | | |
| General assistance | 25,000 | - | 25,000 | 16,066 | 8,934 |
| | <u>25,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>25,000</u> | <u>16,066</u> | <u>8,934</u> |
| Recreation and culture: | | | | | |
| Parks and recreation | 218,628 | - | 218,628 | 206,639 | 11,989 |
| Community center | 162,329 | - | 162,329 | 158,559 | 3,770 |
| Cemeteries | 3,810 | - | 3,810 | 2,361 | 1,449 |
| | <u>384,767</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>384,767</u> | <u>367,559</u> | <u>17,208</u> |

SCHEDULE B (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

| | Original Budget | Budget Adjustments | Final Budget | Actual Expenditures | Variance Positive (Negative) |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Education | 4,775,904 | - | 4,775,904 | 4,775,032 | 872 |
| Public works: | | | | | |
| Highway department | 1,484,899 | - | 1,484,899 | 1,555,653 | (70,754) |
| Recycling department | 174,050 | - | 174,050 | 149,857 | 24,193 |
| | 1,658,949 | - | 1,658,949 | 1,705,510 | (46,561) |
| County tax | 661,179 | - | 661,179 | 661,179 | - |
| Debt service: | | | | | |
| Principal | 198,000 | - | 198,000 | 132,667 | 65,333 |
| Interest | 62,400 | - | 62,400 | 16,770 | 45,630 |
| | 260,400 | - | 260,400 | 149,437 | 110,963 |
| Community services: | | | | | |
| Animal shelter | 16,900 | - | 16,900 | 16,795 | 105 |
| Public library | 228,000 | - | 228,000 | 227,853 | 147 |
| Social services / economic development | 17,998 | - | 17,998 | 17,564 | 434 |
| Gay cemetery | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| | 263,898 | - | 263,898 | 263,212 | 686 |

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

| | Original Budget | Budget Adjustments | Final Budget | Actual Expenditures | Variance Positive (Negative) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unclassified: | | | | | |
| Insurances | 106,800 | - | 106,800 | 103,086 | 3,714 |
| Overlay | 40,072 | - | 40,072 | 17,439 | 22,633 |
| | <u>146,872</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>146,872</u> | <u>120,525</u> | <u>26,347</u> |
| Transfers to other funds: | | | | | |
| Revaluation | 27,900 | - | 27,900 | 27,900 | - |
| Legal reserve | 5,000 | - | 5,000 | 5,000 | - |
| ADA | 2,500 | - | 2,500 | 2,500 | - |
| Police facilities | 3,500 | - | 3,500 | 3,500 | - |
| Police equipment | 5,000 | - | 5,000 | 5,000 | - |
| Police vehicle | 20,000 | - | 20,000 | 20,000 | - |
| Police K-9 reserve | 750 | - | 750 | 750 | - |
| Municipal landfill | 4,000 | - | 4,000 | 4,000 | - |
| Public works facilities | 20,000 | - | 20,000 | 20,000 | - |
| Public works equipment | 137,500 | - | 137,500 | 137,500 | - |
| Local road assistance | 664,900 | 11,372 | 676,272 | 676,272 | - |
| Municipal facilities | 5,000 | - | 5,000 | 5,000 | - |
| Fire equipment | 48,000 | - | 48,000 | 48,000 | - |
| CEO equipment reserve | 1,240 | - | 1,240 | 1,240 | - |
| Conservation committee | 800 | - | 800 | 800 | - |
| TIF | 406,113 | - | 406,113 | 406,446 | (333) |
| | <u>1,352,203</u> | <u>11,372</u> | <u>1,363,575</u> | <u>1,363,908</u> | <u>(333)</u> |
| Total Departmental Operations | \$ 13,489,081 | \$ 842,777 | \$ 14,331,858 | \$ 13,976,657 | \$ 355,201 |

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

| | Special Revenue Funds | Capital Projects Funds | Permanent Funds | Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 233,066 | \$ - | \$ 23,154 | \$ 256,220 |
| Investments | - | - | 1,019,164 | 1,019,164 |
| Notes receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles) | 130,728 | - | - | 130,728 |
| Due from other funds | 1,549,024 | 606,863 | 4,740 | 2,160,627 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$ 1,912,818</u> | <u>\$ 606,863</u> | <u>\$ 1,047,058</u> | <u>\$ 3,566,739</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Due to other funds | \$ 5,750 | \$ 211,069 | \$ 38,427 | \$ 255,246 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | <u>5,750</u> | <u>211,069</u> | <u>38,427</u> | <u>255,246</u> |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| Nonspendable | - | - | - | - |
| Restricted | 1,496,160 | - | 1,011,419 | 2,507,579 |
| Committed | 415,514 | 606,863 | - | 1,022,377 |
| Assigned | 1,144 | - | - | 1,144 |
| Unassigned (deficit) | (5,750) | (211,069) | (2,788) | (219,607) |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCES | <u>1,907,068</u> | <u>395,794</u> | <u>1,008,631</u> | <u>3,311,493</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | <u>\$ 1,912,818</u> | <u>\$ 606,863</u> | <u>\$ 1,047,058</u> | <u>\$ 3,566,739</u> |

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

| | Special Revenue Funds | Capital Projects Funds | Permanent Funds | Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (42,612) | \$ (42,612) |
| Intergovernmental | 474,567 | - | - | 474,567 |
| Other income | 55,823 | 241,384 | - | 297,207 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 530,390 | 241,384 | (42,612) | 729,162 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Capital outlay | - | 1,523,703 | - | 1,523,703 |
| Other | 585,386 | 56 | 60,856 | 646,298 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 585,386 | 1,523,759 | 60,856 | 2,170,001 |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | (54,996) | (1,282,375) | (103,468) | (1,440,839) |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | |
| Transfers in | 440,896 | 929,040 | - | 1,369,936 |
| Transfers (out) | (139) | (5,889) | - | (6,028) |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | 440,757 | 923,151 | - | 1,363,908 |
| NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES | 385,761 | (359,224) | (103,468) | (76,931) |
| FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, RESTATED | 1,521,307 | 755,018 | 1,112,099 | 3,388,424 |
| FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31 | \$ 1,907,068 | \$ 395,794 | \$ 1,008,631 | \$ 3,311,493 |

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

**2024 WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

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

GREETING: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Farmington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Community Center at 127 Middle Street in said Town on Monday, the TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF MARCH, 2024, at 7:00 o'clock in the morning to act upon Articles 1 and 2. The polls will open at 7:15 o'clock in the morning and close at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon Article Second.

And also, notify and warn the said Inhabitants to meet at the Mt. Blue High School Auditorium at 129 Seamon Road in said Town on Monday, the TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF MARCH, 2024, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to hear the results of the secret ballot on Articles 1 and 2 and to act on Articles 3 through 36 all the Articles being set out below, to wit:

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

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

THIRD - To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with 30-A M.R.S. section 5721-7, to increase the property tax levy limit of \$5,225,474 established for Farmington by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following Articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The budget recommended by the Selectmen meets the 2024 property tax levy limit. Because however, the Town Meeting process is active, interactive, and unpredictable; the Selectmen cannot know with certainty whether the municipal budget being proposed will be increased or decreased by the Town Meeting. Therefore, it is advisable to include this Article if there is any chance that the Town Meeting will raise and appropriate sums in excess of the property tax levy limit. It is also possible that unanticipated reductions in non-property tax revenues will result in a tax commitment that exceeds the limit. In such cases, State law requires voter action to authorize an increase in the limit. A vote on this Article requires a written ballot.

FOURTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION** for the year 2024.

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$1,278,423 | \$992,411 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 1,025,426 | 992,411 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 1,025,426 | 992,411 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 1,026,226 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT:

| | Appropriated <u>2023</u> | Requested <u>2024</u> | Selectmen and Budget Committee <u>Recommended</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1. Administration | \$290,544 | \$319,319 | \$319,319 |
| 2. Assessor | 144,451 | 167,039 | 167,039 |
| 3. Treasurer / Clerk | 457,919 | 396,965 | 396,965 |
| 4. Committees & Events | 3,950 | 3,950 | 3,950 |
| 5. Municipal Building | 103,562 | 80,138 | 80,138 |
| 6. Tax Anticipation Note | | | 0 |
| 7. General Assistance | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| 8. Conservation Comm. | 800 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$1,026,226</u> | <u>\$992,411</u> | <u>\$992,411</u> |

The Administration Budget includes personnel costs for the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Executive Assistant, and one-half of the Planning Assistant. This amount includes COLA pay adjustments of 3%, and the Town portion of 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for full-time employees, which increased 4.25% for 2024. It also includes related office supply and equipment costs, and expenses for professional services such as the Town Report printing, public notice advertising and routine legal services. \$500 previously budgeted in this cost center for capital computers and equipment has been moved to the Capital Reserves line items.

The Assessor's Department Budget includes personnel costs for a full-time Assessor, minor continued services from Dirigo Assessing, office supplies, software licenses, and association dues. One half of the salary for the Assessing/Counter Clerk has been moved to this cost center from the Clerk/HR and Treasurer budget for 2024 to account for that position acting as the Assessing Assistant. This amount includes COLA pay adjustments of 3%, and the Town portion of 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for full-time employees, which increased 4.25% for 2024. \$1,000 previously budgeted in this cost center for capital computers and equipment has been moved to the Capital Reserves line items.

The Town Clerk/HR & Treasurer Budget includes salaries for Town Clerk and Treasurer, and wages for AP Counter Clerk and half of the Assessing/Counter Clerk (half of the latter being moved to the Assessor's budget for 2024). This amount includes COLA pay adjustments of 3%, and the Town portion of 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for full-time employees, which

increased 4.25% for 2024. This budget includes funds for election costs, financial software, the annual audit and copy paper for all departments in the Municipal Building. This budget has decreased in part due to the transfer of half of one clerical salary, and due to the elimination of the accounting firm contract that was in place during the Treasurer vacancy. \$3,000 previously budgeted in this cost center for capital computers and equipment has been moved to the Capital Reserves line items.

The Committees and Events Budget includes Memorial Day Flags (\$800), Planning Board (\$100), Contingency (\$250), and Special Projects (\$2,800) which is a discretionary account for the Selectmen through which they may authorize expenditures for special projects, promotions, or events deemed appropriate.

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

The Tax Anticipation Note is no longer used to provide funds for the Town to operate until taxes are due. The Town borrows funds from the Sewer Department and repays them.

The General Assistance program provides for the basic needs of persons who apply and meet the qualifying requirements for assistance. The 2023 appropriation was \$25,000. Expenditures totaled \$35,878 in 2023. The average of 2022 and 2023 is \$25,000 per year. The State reimburses seventy percent of this expenditure and accrues to the General Fund.

FIFTH – To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CODE ENFORCEMENT** for the year 2024.

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$194,472 | \$206,806 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 194,472 | \$206,806 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 194,472 | \$206,806 |
| Approved | 194,472 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: This budget request covers the operational expenses for two and one-half employees who oversee Code Administration, Planning, and Community Development functions. This amount includes COLA pay adjustments of 3%, and the Town portion of 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for full-time employees, which increased 4.25% for 2024. \$400 previously budgeted in this cost center for capital computers and equipment has been moved to the Capital Reserves line items.

SIXTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **POLICE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2024.

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$1,853,197 | \$1,884,740 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 1,853,197 | 1,884,740 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 1,853,197 | 1,884,740 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 1,853,197 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Police Department budget reflects increases for the anticipated return of a full complement of Police Officers. The budget includes negotiated contractual obligations for union members, 3% COLA Increases for non-union members and the Town portion of 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for full-time employees, which increased 4.25% for 2024. The 2024 budget allows for public safety protection 24 hours per day and 7 days per week. This includes expanded Animal Control services. Also included are expenses related to building, operations, vehicles, supplies, and maintenance. \$56,000 in vehicle and facility capital replacements previously budgeted in this cost center was moved to the Capital Reserves line items.

SEVENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2024.

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$916,331 | \$976,815 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 916,331 | 976,815 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 916,331 | 976,815 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 916,331 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The increase in the Fire Department's request includes a 3% COLA pay adjustment for personnel in 2024, as well as a 4.25% increase to the Town's portion of health insurance premiums. Also Included are some adjustments related to operations to adjust for the rising costs of supplies and equipment, worker's compensation increases and an upgrade to the Fire Department's reporting software system. \$4,000 in computer and equipment replacement costs previously budgeted in this cost center was moved to the Capital Reserves line items.

EIGHTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PARKS AND RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER DEPARTMENTS** for the year 2024.

| | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
| Amount Requested | | \$447,607 | \$453,451 |
| Selectmen Recommended | | 453,553 | 453,451 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | | 453,553 | 453,451 |
| Approved | | 453,553 | |
| | Appropriated | Requested | Recommended |
| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2024</u> |
| Parks and Recreation | \$243,327 | \$244,110 | \$244,110 |
| Community Center | <u>\$210,226</u> | <u>\$209,341</u> | <u>\$209,341</u> |
| TOTAL | \$453,553 | \$453,451 | \$453,451 |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Parks and Recreation Budget includes operating expenses for all recreational activities, including personnel costs for the full-time Director, part-time seasonal positions, program directors, and coaches. The Community Center budget includes personnel costs for one full-time Assistant Director and one full-time Maintenance position, as well as several part-time seasonal positions. Both budgets include 3% COLA pay adjustments for personnel, a 4.25% increase in health insurance premiums, and reflect an increase in utilities, maintenance, and program supplies costs, and an increase in the minimum wage for 2024. \$15,800 previously budgeted in this cost center for capital computers, facilities and equipment has been moved to the Capital Reserves line items.

NINTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **OTHER PROTECTIONS** for the year 2024.

| | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
| Amount Requested | | \$617,641 | \$590,887 |
| Selectmen Recommended | | 617,641 | 590,887 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | | 617,641 | 590,887 |
| Town Meeting Approved | | 617,641 | |
| STATEMENT OF FACT: | Appropriated | Requested | |
| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> | |
| 1. Streetlights | \$100,000 | \$ 70,000 | |
| 2. Fire Hydrants | 345,475 | 350,657 | |
| 3. Insurances | 120,000 | 120,000 | |
| 4. Ambulance | 47,166 | 50,230 | |
| 5. Traffic Light Maintenance | <u>5,000</u> | <u>0</u> | |
| TOTAL | \$617,641 | \$590,887 | |

The Street Light budget has decreased due to a rate increase at CMP that was not realized. The cost of Fire Hydrants has increased due to a 1.5% increase from the Water

District. The hydrant cost is governed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission and is based on a percentage of the Water Company's total operating expenses. The Insurance category is based on anticipated premium costs in 2024. Included are employee cash handling bonds, blanket property and automobile coverages, public officials' liability, and unemployment insurance. The Ambulance subsidy is established by a contractual agreement with NorthStar Ambulance. The Traffic Light Maintenance budget is being eliminated as MDOT is taking over signal maintenance.

TENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** for the year 2024.

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$1,498,168 | \$1,872,713 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 1,498,168 | 1,872,713 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 1,596,898 | 1,872,713 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 1,596,898 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Public Works Department budget covers the operational expenses required to maintain the Town's 120 miles of roads. The budget covers the personnel costs for fourteen full-time and one part-time employees. Three positions, including a Construction Foreman, were added in 2023 to oversee the volume of new roadway construction, snow removal, and other projects. This budget is up considerably due to those three new positions only being budgeted for 9 months of 2023. This budget includes a 3% COLA pay adjustment for all employees as well as a 4.25% increase to health insurance premiums. It also corrects chronic underbudgeting of road maintenance, vehicle maintenance, street signs and equipment rental which cause the budget to be over expended on a yearly basis. There are also cost increases associated with labor and materials, including an increase of \$10,000 to the cemetery mowing budget. \$10,000 in emergency road repair funding has been moved to the Capital Reserves line items.

ELEVENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **RECYCLING DEPARTMENT** for the year 2024.

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$195,425 | \$192,315 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 195,035 | 192,315 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 195,035 | 192,315 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 195,035 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: This budget covers all operating expenses for the transfer station and two current part-time employees for 2024. Labor cost is down slightly due to one new employee.

TWELFTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be transferred to the Capital Reserve Funds.

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Admin Computer & Office Equip Capital* | \$ 0 | \$ 1,000 |
| Assessor Computer Capital* | 0 | 500 |
| Treasurer/Clerk Comp & Office Equip Capital* | 0 | 4,000 |
| Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Municipal Buildings Equipment & Grounds* | 0 | 1,500 |
| CEO Computer & Equip Capital* | 0 | 2,000 |
| Revaluation Capital Reserve | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Police Dept Building Capital Reserve | 0 | 10,000 |
| Police Dt Equipment Capital Reserve | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Police Dept Vehicle Capital Reserve* | 35,000 | 124,000 |
| Fire Dept Apparatus Capital Reserve | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Fire Dept Computer Capital Reserve | 0 | 1,800 |
| Fire Dept Facility Capital Reserve | 0 | 8,275 |
| Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve | 455,000 | 115,000 |
| Public Works Facilities Capital Reserve | 150,000 | 50,000 |
| Public Works Roads Capital Reserve | 816,645 | 859,489 |
| Public Works Sidewalks Capital Reserve | 25,000 | 20,000 |
| Public Works Emergency Rds Cap Reserve* | 0 | 10,000 |
| Municipal Landfill Capital Reserve | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Cemetery Infr/Headstone Capital Reserve | 0 | 5,000 |
| Hippach Field and Parks Capital Reserve | 155,000 | 5,000 |
| Parks Vehicle and Equip Capital Reserve | 2,500 | 5,000 |
| Parks Land Improvement Capital Reserve* | 0 | 6,000 |
| Community Center Capital Reserve | 0 | 25,000 |
| Community Center Computer & Equip Cap* | 0 | 1,500 |
| Total | <u>\$1,849,145</u> | <u>\$1,465,064</u> |
| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
| Amount Requested | \$1,849,145 | \$1,465,064 |
| Selectmen Recommended | \$1,849,145 | \$1,465,064 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | \$1,849,145 | \$1,465,064 |
| Approved | \$1,849,145 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: 2023 figures include \$160,000 appropriated from the Local Road Assistance Program (which is actually a revenue that offsets the roads cost), and \$600,000 in funds appropriated from the General Fund Balance for Public Works and Parks in Articles 12, 14 and 41 of the 2023 Warrant. Accounts with an asterisk (*) were all or in part moved from the regular operating accounts to Capital Reserves based on those expenditures being more appropriately classified as capital. This budget covers the annual set-aside for computer, vehicle and equipment replacements, and major maintenance of facilities. The Revaluation reserve covers the final amount needed to pay for the 2025 Revaluation project which starts in 2024. The Capital budget includes

\$10,000 to address the parking lot at the Police Station, fully funds two police vehicle replacements to remain on a 7-year replacement schedule, funds the 5-year Capital Road Program, and starts setting aside funds to address major maintenance items at the Community Center.

THIRTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **DEBT SERVICE** for the year 2024.

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
| Amount Requested | \$95,000 | \$93,167 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 95,000 | 93,167 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 95,000 | 93,167 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 95,000 | |

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|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| STATEMENT OF FACT: | Appropriated | Requested | Recommended |
| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2024</u> |
| Engine 1 | \$57,000 | \$55,800 | \$55,800 |
| Police Building Debt | 38,000 | 37,367 | 37,367 |
| TOTAL | \$95,000 | \$93,167 | \$93,167 |

The amount indicated in this Article represents the debt service (principal and interest) for bonds for the police station renovations and Engine 1 debt. The police building debt will be paid off in 2026, and Engine 1 in 2029.

FOURTEENTH - 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 2024.

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|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
| Amount Requested | \$5,000 | \$9,000 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 5,000 | 9,000 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 5,000 | 9,000 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 5,000 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The various administrative accounts contain funding to cover routine legal costs related to tax liens, personnel issues, contracts, general liability, zoning, etc. Those amounts are not adequate to cover ongoing litigation and unforeseen legal expenses. The Legal Reserve Account provides for such expenditures. In 2023, \$37,806 was expended leaving the account overdrawn by \$8,660. The amount shown is requested to replenish the account and start rebuilding the reserve.

FIFTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) RESERVE ACCOUNT** for the year 2024.

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$1,500 | \$1,500 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 1,500 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The ADA Reserve Account is used to improve accessibility to public facilities for people with disabilities. It currently has a balance of \$15,442. This will fund the replacement of the Town Office front entry door with an accessible automated door to allow those with assistive devices to access the facility without assistance.

SIXTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FARMINGTON LIBRARY** for the year 2024.

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$248,870 | \$271,750 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 248,870 | 271,750 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 248,870 | 271,750 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 240,590 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount requested represents approximately 75% of the Library's total projected budget for 2024 and is an 12.95% increase over the 2023 Town appropriation.

SEVENTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **GAY CEMETERY** for the year 2023.

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 1,000 | |

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

EIGHTEENTH - 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 2024.

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$18,221 | \$18,221 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 18,221 | 18,221 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 18,221 | 18,221 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 18,221 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The State of Maine mandates that all municipalities designate a shelter that will accept stray animals. Farmington contracts with the Franklin County Animal Shelter for this service. The shelter currently assesses all participating communities at \$2.40 per capita based on the most recent US Census.

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

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

TWENTIETH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the nonprofit economic development and social services agencies that are impacted by the cuts the Franklin County Commissioner made beginning in 2017.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Town of Farmington, for 36 years, has funded social services and economic development through the Franklin County Government. Franklin County Commissioners in 2017 reduced funding to social services and economic development by 70% or \$143,000, and an additional \$31,000 in 2022. This reduction eliminated funding to 6 nonprofits and reduced support to 3 others. The Town of Farmington's taxation by the County was reduced by \$17,998 as a result of these cuts. In 2023 the voters of the Town of Farmington adopted a resolution requesting that Franklin County reverse its policy of not funding these programs, restore funding to these organizations and continue the regional approach for these services. This Article asks if the Town wishes to continue supporting these organizations for service rendered in Farmington or to continue the 2023 resolve to revert these costs to the County.

| Proposed Disbursement of Town Funding | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Breakdown | Total Avail FY17 | Dept Req. FY18 | Comm. Req. FY18 | Amount Lost | % of Loss | Farmington Share |
| Franklin County Children's Task Force (FCCTF) | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | 5% | \$ 857.00 |
| Franklin County Adult Basic Education | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 10,000.00 | 10% | \$ 1,714.00 |
| Western Maine Transportation Services (WMTS) | \$ 10,500.00 | \$ 10,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | 3% | \$ 514.00 |
| Western Maine Community Action Inc. (WMCA) | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | 10% | \$ 1,714.00 |
| Greater Franklin Development Council | \$ 42,000.00 | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 42,000.00 | 40% | \$ 7,200.00 |
| Seniors Plus | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | 10% | \$ 1,714.00 |
| Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services (SAPARS) | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 10,000.00 | 10% | \$ 1,714.00 |
| Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice (AHHCH) | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 20,130.00 | \$ - | \$ 10,000.00 | 10% | \$ 1,714.00 |
| Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | 5% | \$ 857.00 |
| | \$ 171,200.00 | \$ 209,330.00 | \$ 66,200.00 | \$ 105,000.00 | 100% | \$ 17,998.00 |

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|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
| Amount Requested | \$17,998 | \$0 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 17,998 | 0 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 17,998 | 0 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 17,998 | |

TWENTY-FIRST - see if the Town will vote to reduce the amounts authorized to be raised in taxes in Articles 2 through 20 by **\$3,340,000**, based on estimates for non-tax municipal revenues.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <u>Estimates</u> | <u>FY23</u> | <u>FY24</u> |
| Excise Taxes | \$ 1,105,000 | \$ 1,105,000 |
| Licenses, Permits, and Fees | 97,000 | 132,500 |
| Intergovernmental | 2,440,000 | 1,868,500 |
| Charges for Services | 110,000 | 127,000 |
| Other Revenues | 106,340 | 107,000 |

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
| Amount Requested | \$3,822,000 | \$3,340,000 |
| Selectmen Recommended | \$3,822,000 | \$3,340,000 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | \$3,822,000 | \$3,340,000 |
| Approved | \$3,822,000 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The figures posted on the 2023 warrant included Homestead and BETE reimbursements as revenue. They should not be calculated as revenue as they are part of the Tax Commitment.

TWENTY-SECOND - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to reallocate budgeted amounts from budget lines that have unexpended appropriations to other budget lines, as they deem necessary, to avoid individual budget lines being over-expended. Approval of this warrant article does not increase the overall appropriations approved for the Town.

TWENTY-THIRD - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Unassigned Fund Balance those funds deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen to reduce the amount of property taxes to be collected to fund the Year 2024 budget in an effort to stabilize the tax rate in a manner consistent with prudent fiscal management.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) at the end of the 2023 budget year, is estimated to be \$3,900,000. The auditors recommend carrying a minimum UFB level that is adequate to cover three months' expenditures, which is approximately \$3,800,000. Approval of this Article would allow the Selectmen to utilize whatever amount of UFB, if any, that they deem to be advisable to reduce the property tax commitment while maintaining adequate reserves.

TWENTY-FOURTH - To see what amount, if any, of the Year 2024 Bee Line Cable (Spectrum) Contract Franchise Fee and equipment and facilities fund the Town will vote to appropriate for the **CABLE FRANCHISE FEE RESERVE FUND** for the benefit of Bee Line Cable subscribers, to be expended or allocated at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Amount Requested | Full Franchise Fee | Full Franchise Fee |
| Selectmen Recommended | Full Franchise Fee | Full Franchise Fee |
| Budget Committee Recommended | Full Franchise Fee | Full Franchise Fee |
| Town Meeting Approved | Full Franchise Fee | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Cable Television Franchise granted to Bee Line, Inc. by the Town of Farmington requires Bee Line to pay the Town 5% of its gross annual revenues as compensation for the rights and privileges granted by the Agreement. In 2023, that amount was \$46,076. This payment is used to support the operations of the Public, Educational, and Governmental channel, Mount Blue TV (Channel 11). The Franchise Agreement also allows for a \$7,500 annual payment for Mount Blue TV's equipment and facilities. The full franchise fee for 2024 is expected to be an amount similar to or slightly less than that received in 2023.

TWENTY-FIFTH - To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes due and payable on Monday, November 4, 2024, or 45 days from the tax commitment, whichever is later and, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 505(4), charge interest on overdue taxes at the rate of 8.50% per annum after November 4, 2024.

TWENTY-SIXTH - To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 506-A, to pay interest on refunds of overpaid taxes at the rate of 4.00% per annum after Monday, November 4, 2024, or 45 days from the tax commitment, whichever is later.

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

TWENTY-EIGHTH- To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a Foreclosed Property Policy and further authorize the Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes and/or sewer charges thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable [except that the Selectmen shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. Section 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s)], and to execute the appropriate deed for such property, or to waive or delay disposition of foreclosed property as may be deemed appropriate on a case by case basis.

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

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

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

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

THIRTY-SECOND - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budget amount in each category of the 2024 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2025, until the Town Meeting in March 2025.

THIRTY-THIRD - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to

negotiate and execute multi-year contracts, including but not limited to, contracts or agreements in the following areas: auditing, tax assessing, solid waste disposal, equipment purchasing, leasing, and maintenance and collective bargaining agreements.

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

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

THIRTY-SIXTH - To see if the Town, pursuant to 23 M.R.S. § 3025, will vote to accept the Dedication of Stone Hill Drive and Waiver of Damages made by Vining Land Development, LLC dated June 12, 2007, and to accept and establish a Town Way on said Stone Hill Drive.

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

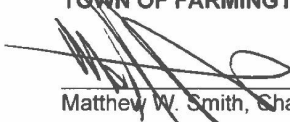
STATEMENT OF FACT: Stone Hill Drive is a 14-lot subdivision located off Maple Ave. It was approved by the Planning Board in 2007. The 1,527 ft. road through the subdivision was built to the standards prescribed in the Town's Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance. Vining Land Development LLC wishes to dedicate the road, Stone Hill Drive, to the Town for acceptance as a Town Way.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Community Center on March 25, 2024 at the time of the meeting to add new names to the voting list or make changes to the voting list.

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

Given under our hands at Farmington, Maine this twenty-seventh day of February, A.D. 2024.

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Matthew W. Smith, Chairman


Dennis E. O'Neil


Stephan M. Bunker


Byron T. Staples


Joshua H. Bell

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 ____, 2024, which is a least 7 days prior to the day of said meeting.

Dated at Farmington, Maine this ____ day of March 2024.

S. Clyde Ross
Resident of Farmington
True copy:


Diane Dunham
Town Clerk



Senator Russell Black
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me to be a voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta. I can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

The First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Maine State Legislature were notable as there were over 2,600 legislative bill requests and 2,019 of them were officially printed as Legislative Documents (LDs). No legislature this century has had as many LDs printed during its first year.

One area of success was in the Highway Fund. In the past, the Highway Fund has been supported through gasoline taxes, which have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles, and bonding. However, we now have created a sustainable source of funding to maintain our transportation infrastructure. This is done by dedicating 40% of the 5.5% vehicle sales tax and 40% of the sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It is predicted to raise more than \$200 million for infrastructure each biennium.

The Second Regular Session will begin in January 2024. I am eager to discuss the issues important to all of you. I have heard from many of you regarding the biggest concerns you are facing, including increasing energy costs, child care, education, housing, inflation, child welfare, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development, and crime, among others. As your State Senator, I will continue to do all I can to advocate for your priorities in Augusta.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 131st Legislature has a great deal more work to do. However, I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at russell.black@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Russell Black'.

Russell Black
State Senator

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share an update on issues important to Maine and America.

One of my priorities for 2023 has been to improve the appropriations process in Congress – the way it decides how to spend taxpayer money. I took over as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee last year. Along with Chair Patty Murray, we decided the best change we could make was not to do something new. Instead, it was to do something old – that is, go back to the regular and transparent committee process that we used to have.

Part of restoring this process included holding 50 public Committee hearings, which allowed for input from senators on both sides of the aisle. As a result, for the first time in five years, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed all twelve of its funding bills on time. This was done with strong bipartisan support. In fact, seven of them passed unanimously.

Now, we need to work with the House of Representatives to pass these twelve bills and turn them into laws.

These bills contain funding for a wide range of Maine priorities, including support for the workforce at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our lobster industry, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, biomedical research, veterans, and heating assistance programs like LIHEAP. These bills also contain nearly \$590 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for 231 projects throughout the State of Maine. These projects would help promote job creation, expand access to health care, and improve public safety, infrastructure, and important resources in communities across all 16 counties of our state. I will continue to work to get these bills signed into law in the new year.

On October 25, the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston claimed the lives of 18 Mainers and injured 13 others. In response, I led Maine's Congressional Delegation in requesting an independent investigation by the U.S. Army Inspector General into the events leading up to the shooting. On December 15, the Under Secretary of the Army wrote to inform me that such an investigation will take place, and the Army Inspector General has instructed her team to immediately begin preparing to conduct this investigation. While nothing can undo the events of October 25, I will continue to work to understand what happened and what could have been done differently, and to find answers for the victims, survivors, and their families.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,855th consecutive roll call vote.

As we look ahead to 2024, I remain committed to addressing the concerns of Maine families and communities. If you need assistance or wish to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to add my congratulations and gratitude for the positive differences each town and city in Maine makes for its people and ultimately for Maine as a whole. When I travel around the state and visit the various regions in Maine, I see firsthand the differences you all make, the focus you put on excellence, and the helping hands you extend to neighbors. I have learned valuable lessons watching your collaborations with each other. They got the State motto right – *Dirigo* – because you all certainly do lead the way and exemplify the best of Maine.

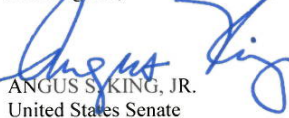
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering veterans the benefits they have earned, addressing the veterans' suicide crisis, improving transition-to-civilian-status programs, and ensuring every veteran can access essential services, like affordable housing and behavioral healthcare.

Next, one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Maine history is underway: affordable and universal broadband availability throughout the state. Supported through funding in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we are now within striking distance of broadband service even in our most rural communities. Additionally, infrastructure improvements in our roads and bridges, water and septic upgrades for our towns and support for our workforce and employers are also in the pipeline. Serious steps are being taken to address the toll from substance abuse and to provide our older neighbors with resources to help them continue to stand strong throughout their golden years. It is my goal here to make sure everyone has access to stable employment opportunities and quality healthcare which is of critical importance to keep our families healthy and happy.

I am thankful for each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. I will do my part to listen to your concerns and work to find useful solutions to the issues you face. My offices throughout Maine remain available to you if you face hurdles with the federal government, whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, tax assistance and more. I hope you will reach out of my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow me the chance to be part of your solutions. Together, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state.

Maine is known for our grit and resiliency and we are making great strides — something others across the country have noticed. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2024.

Best Regards,



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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I've been working on behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District.

Maine's heritage industries are the backbone of our state's economy. That is why one of the first bills I introduced in this Congress was the *Northeast Fisheries Heritage Protection Act*, which would prohibit commercial offshore wind energy development in Lobster Management Area 1 (LMA 1) in the Gulf of Maine. LMA 1 was identified by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) as a potential commercial offshore wind site. LMA 1 is a critical and highly productive fishing ground for a variety of sea life, including lobster. Prohibiting offshore wind development in LMA 1 would help to avoid conflict with the New England commercial and recreational fishing industries. Additionally, the bill would initiate a federal study on the environmental review processes of any relevant Federal agencies for offshore wind projects in the Gulf of Maine.

I also continue to advocate on behalf of our veterans and those providing care to our former service members. The current pay for VA employees in the Kennebec and Penobscot counties does not reflect the critical services they are providing. As the oldest state in the nation, with the fifth highest veteran population, Mainers rely on the services offered at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities. That's why recently, Senator Collins, Senator King, Representative Pingree, and I called on the Biden Administration to increase locality pay for VA employees in Kennebec and Penobscot counties. The level of care received is impacted by job vacancies, and the high turnover rate among its healthcare workforce is often the result of pay and compensation issues, which is further exacerbated by the increased cost of living.

Lastly, I'm excited that Mainers are continuing to reap the benefits of the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (BIL). Recently, millions of dollars in grants have been awarded across the state, including \$35 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) program to conserve spawning and migratory habitats for native fish species in Maine, \$460,000 through the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program for the Princeton Municipal Airport, Stephen A. Bean Municipal Airport, and Dexter Regional Airport, and nearly \$8 million through the Buses and Bus Facilities Program for Bangor's bus system. These investments are critical to ensuring Maine's infrastructure and will help to ensure Mainers and businesses across Maine are connected.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help answer questions about and navigate federal programs; find resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other federal agencies and programs. We are here to help:

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- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2024. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

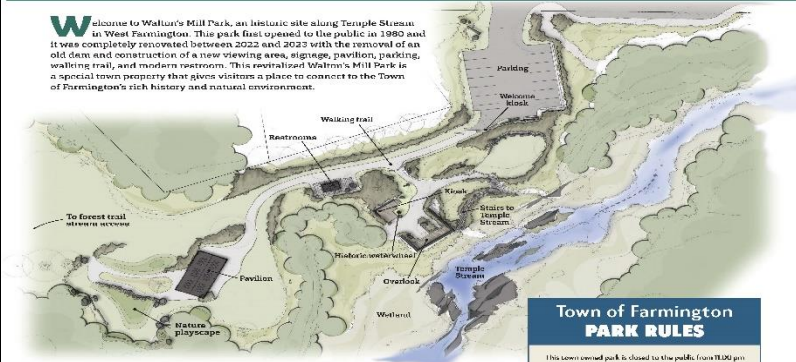
Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress





Walton's Mill Pond

Welcome to Walton's Mill Park, an historic site along Temple Stream in West Farmington. The park first opened to the public in 1980 and it was completely renovated between 2022 and 2023 with the removal of an old dam and construction of a new viewing area, signage, pavilion, parking, walking trail, and modern restroom. This revitalized Walton's Mill Park is a special town property that gives visitors a place to connect to the Town of Farmington's rich history and natural environment.



Town of Farmington PARK RULES

This town owned park is closed to the public from 11:00 pm to 4:00 am, except by written permission of the Director of Parks and Recreation. Effective May 22, 2012, the following activities are PROHIBITED in this park:

- Tobacco use
 - Alcohol or drug use
 - Smoking
 - Allowing animals to deposit waste
 - Selling any goods or services, unless approved by the Board of Selectmen
 - Camping or overnight stay
 - Fires or open flames, unless approved by the Director of Parks & Recreation
- Public events on this park must be approved by the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, or Director of Parks and Rec.

The project's success was made possible by:



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Historic Overlook Stabilization



Clover Mill Road Stream Crossing



Historic Water Wheel



Pavilion



Restroom



Lighting



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