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**2015 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-THIRD DAY OF MARCH, 2015, at 8:45 o'clock in the morning to act upon Articles 1 and 2. The polls will open at 9:00 o'clock in the morning and close at 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon Article Second.

And also notify and warn the said Inhabitants to meet at the Community Center at 127 Middle Street in said Town on Monday, the TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF MARCH, 2015 at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to hear the results of the secret ballot on Articles 1 and 2 and to act on Articles 3 through 41, 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, and one School Director for a term of three years.

**THIRD** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate such anticipated revenues as vehicle excise taxes, state revenue sharing, supplemental taxes, license fees, and such other miscellaneous revenues to be received in the calendar year 2015, to reduce the taxes committed, in the amount of \$1,664,581.

**FOURTH** - To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with 30-A M.R.S. section 5721-A.7, to increase the property tax levy limit of \$3,583,303 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 that is presented below exceeds the 2015

property tax limit. This is due to a number of factors, including increases in the cost of materials, public works and public safety operations, and capital improvements to roads. State law requires voter action to authorize an increase in the limit. A vote on this Article requires a written ballot.

**FIFTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$711,283	\$689,081
Selectmen Recommended	711,283	689,081
Budget Committee Recommended	711,283	689,081
Town Meeting Approved	711,283	

STATEMENT OF FACT:

	Appropriated <u>2014</u>	Requested <u>2015</u>	Selectmen and Budget Committee <u>Recommended</u>
1. Administration	\$235,533	\$241,946	\$241,946
2. Assessor	126,604	79,500	79,500
3. Treasurer / Clerk	235,225	242,884	242,884
4. Committees & Events	6,500	6,800	6,800
5. Municipal Building	81,421	87,951	87,951
6. Tax Anticipation Note	3,000	5,000	5,000
7. General Assistance	<u>23,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL	\$711,283	\$689,081	\$689,081

The Administration Budget includes personnel costs for the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Town Secretary, one half of the Planning Assistant, related office supply and equipment costs, and expenses for professional services such as the Town Report printing, annual audit, public notice advertising, and routine legal services. Increases include a 1.55% pay increase for employees, based upon the average of the Consumer Price Index from October 1 to September 30, and one half of a 7% increase in health insurance premiums. All Town employees who participate in the Town-provided health plan share the other half of the premium increase.

The Assessor's Department consists of a part-time contracted Assessor provided by John E. O'Donnell & Associates and a 20-hour per week in-house assistant position. Changes in this budget include 1.55% pay increases and half of a 7% health insurance increase for the Assessor. This budget includes \$10,000 for the Revaluation Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$63,596.74.

The Treasurer/Clerk Budget includes pay increases of 1.55% and half of health insurance premium increases of 7%.

Committees and Events includes Memorial Day Flags (\$2,700), Planning Board (\$800), Conservation Commission (\$800), and Special Projects (\$2,500) which is a discretionary account for the Selectmen through which they may authorize expenditures for notification mailings, permanently binding historical records, hosting regional municipal officials' workshops, or other special projects deemed appropriate.

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

The Tax Anticipation Note provides funds for the Town to operate until taxes are due. The expense in this appropriation is offset by interest earned on investments.

The General Assistance program provides for the basic needs of persons who apply and qualify financially. The 2014 appropriation was \$23,000. Expenditures totaled \$25,578.97 for the year, and are likely to increase in 2015 due to changes in eligibility for certain state assistance programs. Half of this expenditure is currently reimbursed by the state, and accrues to the General Fund.

**SIXTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CODE ENFORCEMENT** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$152,530	\$151,166
Selectmen Recommended	152,530	151,166
Budget Committee Recommended	152,530	151,166
Town Meeting Approved	152,530	

STATEMENT OF FACT: This budget request covers the operational expenses for two and one half employees who oversee the Code Administration, Community Development (grant writing and implementation), and Planning functions. Included are 1.55% pay increases and half of a 7% increase in health insurance premiums.

**SEVENTH** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Unassigned Fund Balance a sum not to exceed \$10,000 for the purpose of demolishing and disposing of the dilapidated structure located at 1158 Farmington Falls Road, Map U1 Lot 10 of the Town of Farmington Tax Maps, said amount plus attorney's fees and court costs to be recovered through a court order and, failing that, a special tax assessed on the subject property pursuant to 17 M.R.S. §2853.

STATEMENT OF FACT: In response to a complaint signed by nine nearby residents that was received on November 21, 2013, the Town initiated enforcement action against the owner of this neglected property. With no response from or mitigation action taken by the owner after required notification, the Town subsequently obtained Default and

Summary Judgment from Justice Nancy Mills in Franklin County Superior Court on December 17, 2014. The Judge Ordered the owner to repair or demolish/dispose the subject structure by March 17, 2015, granting the Town thereafter the right to demolish/dispose the subject structure and recoup all expenses from owner.

**EIGHTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **POLICE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,193,565	\$1,245,337
Selectmen Recommended	1,193,565	1,245,337
Budget Committee Recommended	1,193,565	1,245,337
Town Meeting Approved	1,193,565	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Police Department budget includes 1.55% pay increases, negotiated contract obligations, and half of a 7% increase in health insurance costs. Also included are expenses related to building operation and maintenance.

**NINTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$380,055	\$401,513
Selectmen Recommended	380,055	401,513
Budget Committee Recommended	380,055	401,513
Town Meeting Approved	380,055	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Fire Department's request includes a 1.55% increase in stipends, wages, and salaries and half of a 7% increase in health insurance premiums for the Chief, who is the only full-time member. The request also includes three per Diem firefighters for eight hours weekdays and two per Diem firefighters for eight hours on weekends. Also included is a \$36,306 appropriation to the Fire Equipment Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$51,818.89.

**TENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **OTHER PROTECTIONS** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$479,116	\$472,833
Selectmen Recommended	479,116	472,833
Budget Committee Recommended	479,116	472,833
Town Meeting Approved	479,116	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated <u>2014</u>	Requested <u>2015</u>
1. Street Lights	\$ 72,000	\$ 72,000
2. Fire Hydrants	276,378	276,378
3. Insurances	76,000	68,000
4. Ambulance	49,738	50,455
5. Traffic Light Maintenance	<u>5,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL	\$479,116	\$472,833

The Street Light budget is based on 2014 expenditures and expected 2015 costs. The cost of Fire Hydrants is governed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission, and is based on a percentage of the Water Company's total operating expenses. The Insurance category is decreased by \$8,000 because coverages were re-bid in 2014 for a three year contract. Included are employee cash handling bonds, blanket property and automobile coverages, public officials' liability, and unemployment insurance. The Ambulance subsidy is established by contractual agreement with NorthStar Ambulance. The Traffic Light Maintenance budget is based on 2014 actual expenditures and 2015 projected costs.

**ELEVENTH** - 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 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$258,883	\$264,951
Selectmen Recommended	258,883	264,951
Budget Committee Recommended	258,883	264,951
Town Meeting Approved	258,883	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated <u>2014</u>	Requested <u>2015</u>	Recommended <u>2015</u>
Parks and Recreation	\$153,002	\$152,740	\$152,740
Community Center	<u>105,881</u>	<u>112,211</u>	<u>112,211</u>
TOTAL	\$258,883	\$264,951	\$264,951

The Parks and Recreation Budget includes operational expenses for all recreational activities, including personnel costs for twelve part-time seasonal employees and stipends for seven program directors and coaches. Changes include a 1.55% pay increase and half of a 7% increase in health insurance costs for the Director. The Community Center budget includes personnel costs for one full-time Assistant Director and one part-time custodian.

**TWELFTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,053,087	\$1,238,583
Selectmen Recommended	1,053,087	1,238,583
Budget Committee Recommended	1,053,087	1,238,583
Town Meeting Approved	1,053,087	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Public Works Department budget includes a portion of the operational expenses required for maintaining and improving the Town's 120 miles of roads. Additional funding for the Public Works Department is received from the State (see Article 16). This budget covers the personnel costs for ten full-time employees. Included are 1.55% pay increases and half of a 7% increase in health insurance premiums.

**THIRTEENTH** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Unassigned Fund Balance a sum not to exceed \$300,000 for the purpose of replacing the failing drainage pipe running from Front Street beneath Prescott Field in a southwesterly direction to the Sandy River.

STATEMENT OF FACT: On August 13, 2014, a large sinkhole appeared in the southbound travel lane at 168 Front Street. The cause has been attributed to the failure of the drainage pipe which runs under Prescott Field to the river. Inspection has revealed extensive deterioration of the pipe, which is allowing infiltration of sand and debris. The pipe carries all of the drainage from a large section of the downtown, including some of the streets north of Broadway, Broadway itself, and parts of Main Street. The Town has determined that the pipe will need to be replaced. This Article seeks an appropriation from the Unassigned Fund Balance to replace the pipe in a new, more northerly location, which will result in a shorter run and greater pitch. The Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) currently stands at \$1,434,189. The auditors recommend carrying a UFB level that is adequate to cover two month's expenditures, which is approximately \$2,129,752. Approval of this Article could lower the UFB to \$1,134,189, which is \$995,563 below the Auditor's recommended minimum level.

**FOURTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **RECYCLING DEPARTMENT** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$70,448	\$72,138
Selectmen Recommended	70,448	72,138
Budget Committee Recommended	70,448	72,138
Town Meeting Approved	70,448	

STATEMENT OF FACT: This budget covers all operating expenses for the transfer station, including personnel costs for two part-time employees.

**FIFTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CEMETERIES** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$73,293	\$73,478
Selectmen Recommended	73,293	73,478
Budget Committee Recommended	73,293	73,478
Town Meeting Approved	73,293	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The 2015 request represents the amount needed to maintain the cemeteries in the current year. Included are 1.55% pay raises for cemetery personnel. The amount requested will be offset by cemetery fees estimated at \$17,645 and trust fund earnings estimated at \$15,000.

**SIXTEENTH** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate State of Maine Local Road Assistance Program (LORAP) funds in the amount of \$158,324 for the year 2015, and to authorize the expenditure of said funds for road improvements.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$173,000	\$158,324
Selectmen Recommended	173,000	158,324
Budget Committee Recommended	173,000	158,324
Town Meeting Approved	173,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The figure shown in this Article is the amount the Town is projected to receive from the Maine Department of Transportation for 2015 funding. This allocation is used for capital improvements to Town roads.

**SEVENTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR ROADS** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$133,000	\$233,000
Selectmen Recommended	133,000	150,000
Budget Committee Recommended	133,000	150,000
Town Meeting Approved	133,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount requested represents the amount that is needed, over and above the \$158,324 appropriation in the preceding Article, to fully fund the third year of a five-year Capital Improvement Program for road rehabilitation. Roads to be repaired in 2015 are a portion of Porter Hill Road, outer Bailey Hill Road, and a section of Route 43 (Clay Hill) in West Farmington. Also included is final surfacing for Morrison Hill Road, which was rebuilt in 2014. Roads planned for repair in 2016 are the

continuation of Porter Hill Road, Mohawk Drive, Seminole Drive, Shawnee Drive, Prescott Street, North Street, and Middle Street from Mount Blue Middle School to Route 43. Planned for repair in 2017 is Titcomb Hill Road. Additional projects will be reviewed and prioritized for 2018 and beyond.

**EIGHTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PUBLIC WORKS RESERVE** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$5,000	\$5,000
Selectmen Recommended	5,000	5,000
Budget Committee Recommended	5,000	5,000
Town Meeting Approved	5,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Public Works Reserve Account was established several years ago for use in planning and building the Town Garage, which was constructed in 2002. The current balance in the account is \$50,160.90. The amount requested for 2015 will be added to the balance and held in reserve for future garage-related expenses.

**NINETEENTH** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$166,248.37 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to cover an overdraft in the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** account.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Public Works account was overdrawn by \$166,248.37 (approximately 15.8%) at December 31, 2014. The overdraft resulted from numerous contingencies, including overtime expenses, fuel, and extra road salt purchases that were necessary as a result of the numerous early season snow and ice storms and unanticipated road repairs following several heavy summer rain storms. This Article authorizes the transfer of unassigned funds to cover the overdraft. Because of the unpredictable, weather-influenced nature of Public Works operations, state statute allows the municipal officers to authorize an overdraft of up to 15% of budget. Such overdrafts, however, must be ratified by Town Meeting vote.

**TWENTIETH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **DEBT SERVICE** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$158,413	\$155,170
Selectmen Recommended	158,413	155,170
Budget Committee Recommended	158,413	155,170
Town Meeting Approved	158,413	



STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated <u>2014</u>	Requested <u>2015</u>	Recommended <u>2015</u>
Municipal Garage Debt	\$58,395	\$57,880	\$57,880
Fire Truck Debt	50,789	49,335	49,335
Police Building Debt	<u>49,229</u>	<u>47,955</u>	<u>47,955</u>
TOTAL	\$158,413	\$155,170	\$155,170

The amount indicated in this Article represents the debt service (principal and interest) for bonds for the municipal garage, the 2007 fire truck, and the new police station renovations. The garage debt will be retired in 2022, the fire truck debt in 2016, and the police building debt in 2027.

**TWENTY-FIRST** - 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 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$18,000	\$15,000
Selectmen Recommended	18,000	15,000
Budget Committee Recommended	18,000	15,000
Town Meeting Approved	18,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The various administrative accounts contain funding to cover routine legal costs related to tax liens, personnel issues, contracts, general liability, zoning, etc. Those amounts are not adequate to cover ongoing litigation and unforeseen legal expenses. The Legal Reserve Account provides for such expenditures. The account balance as of December 31, 2014 was \$14,625.91. The amount shown is requested in order to achieve a target balance of approximately \$30,000 for legal expenses this year.

**TWENTY-SECOND** - 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 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$2,500	\$1,000
Selectmen Recommended	2,500	1,000
Budget Committee Recommended	2,500	1,000
Town Meeting Approved	2,500	

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 \$8,849.58

**TWENTY-THIRD** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FARMINGTON LIBRARY** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$138,771	\$146,666
Selectmen Recommended	135,938	138,666
Budget Committee Recommended	143,771	143,771
Town Meeting Approved	143,771	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount requested represents a portion of personnel costs for the library staff. The Selectmen recommend an amount that is \$8,000 less than the Library has requested. They feel that some reductions could be made in the areas of personnel compensation, heating oil use, supplies, and capital improvements. The Budget Committee, however, feels the library should be flat-funded at the amount appropriated in 2014 and not be reduced.

**TWENTY-FOURTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **GAY CEMETERY** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$900	\$900
Selectmen Recommended	900	900
Budget Committee Recommended	900	900
Town Meeting Approved	900	

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

**TWENTY-FIFTH** - 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 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$13,968	\$14,744
Selectmen Recommended	13,968	14,744
Budget Committee Recommended	13,968	14,744
Town Meeting Approved	13,968	

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. Effective July 1, 2015, the shelter will assess all participating communities at \$2.00 per capita.

**TWENTY-SIXTH** - 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, the distribution of funds is as follows: Shiretown Riders - 58%, Northern Lites - 21%, and New Sharon Snow Riders - 21%.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to take from the Unassigned Fund Balance sufficient funds to cover any account overdrafts resulting from unforeseen or emergency circumstances, provided that no single overdraft shall exceed \$20,000.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH** - 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 2015 budget in an effort to stabilize the tax rate in a manner consistent with prudent fiscal management.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) as reported by the auditors as of the end of the 2014 budget year is approximately \$1,434,189. The auditors recommend carrying a minimum UFB level that is adequate to cover two months' expenditures, which is approximately \$2,129,752. Approval of this Article would allow the Selectmen to utilize whatever amount of UFB, if any, that they deem to be advisable in order to reduce the property tax commitment while maintaining adequate reserves.

**TWENTY-NINTH** - To see what amount, if any, of the Year 2015 Bee Line Cable Contract Franchise Fee and equipment and facilities fund the Town will vote to appropriate for the **CABLE FRANCHISE FEE RESERVE FUND** for the benefit of Bee Line Cable subscribers, to be expended or allocated at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</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 2014, that amount was \$47,533.80. This payment is used to support the operations of

the Public, Educational, and Governmental channel, Mount Blue TV (Channel 11). The Franchise Agreement also allows for a \$5,000 annual payment for Mount Blue TV's equipment and facilities. The full franchise fee for 2015 is expected to be an amount similar to that received in 2014.

**THIRTIETH** - To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes due and payable on Monday, November 2, 2015 and, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 505(4), charge interest on overdue taxes at the rate of 7.00% per annum after November 2, 2015.

**THIRTY-FIRST** - To see if the Town will vote to pay interest on tax refunds at the rate of 7.00% per annum after Monday, November 2, 2015.

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

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

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

**THIRTY-FIFTH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to replace and/or purchase additional services or equipment for the Town at such times as the Board of Selectmen deems necessary or in the best interest of the Town, but only at such times as sufficient funds are available in reserve accounts to pay for such equipment or services.

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

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

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

**THIRTY-SEVENTH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budget amount in each category of the 2015 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2016 until the Town Meeting in March, 2016.

**THIRTY-EIGHTH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute multi-year contracts, including but not limited to, contracts or agreements in the following areas: auditing, tax assessing, solid waste disposal, equipment purchasing, leasing and maintenance, and collective bargaining agreements.

**THIRTY-NINTH** - Shall the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan, current version adopted March 13, 2006, be amended to incorporate revisions drafted in 2014.

(Copies of the Plan and a synopsis of same are available in advance at the Municipal Building and will be available at the Community Center during the Town Meeting.)

STATEMENT OF FACT: Using the 2010 Census and other data, all of the informational sections of the ordinance have been updated, and the Plan has been formatted to maintain consistency with State requirements.

**FORTIETH** - Shall an ordinance entitled the "The Town of Farmington Fire & Life-Safety Ordinance" be enacted.

(Copies of the "The Town of Farmington Fire & Life-Safety Ordinance" are available in advance at the Municipal Building and at the Community Center during Town Meeting.)

STATEMENT OF FACT: "The Town of Farmington Fire & Life-Safety Ordinance" will enable the Town to more directly and effectively administer and enforce the NFPA-1 (Fire) and NFPA-101 (Life-Safety) Codes. Both these Codes have been the State-wide

adopted standard for fire and life-safety for many years, and local adoption will provide more rigorous enforcement when such is necessary. The Fire Rescue and Code Departments are already familiar with these codes from past and present use as the standards for corrective and enforcement actions.

**FORTY-FIRST** - Shall an ordinance entitled the "The Town of Farmington Building Permit Ordinance" be enacted.

(Copies of the "The Town of Farmington Building Permit Ordinance" are available in advance at the Municipal Building and at the Community Center during Town Meeting.)

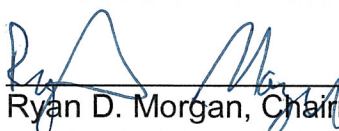
STATEMENT OF FACT: "The Town of Farmington Building Permit Ordinance" will enable the Town to more effectively maintain complete, accurate, and permanent records of building activity within the municipality, and to promote public health and safety. These records will be relied on extensively by three departments - Code, Assessing, and Fire-Rescue. The Town for years has been collecting such information through the Project Registration (Code) and Project Notification (Assessing) forms, and this ordinance will strengthen this activity under one system for data collection.

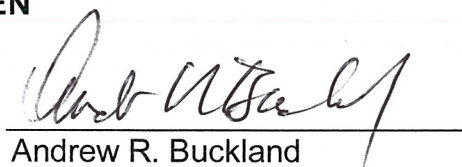
The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Community Center on March 23, 2015 at the time of the meeting to add new names to the voting list or make changes to the voting list.

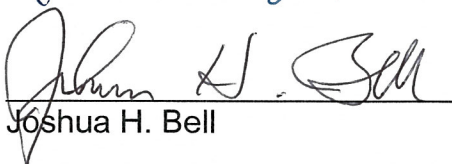
Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk intends to begin the process of casting absentee ballots at 2:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Town Meeting day.

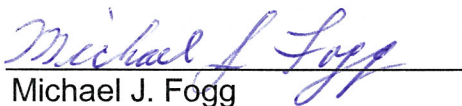
Given under our hands at Farmington, Maine this twenty-fourth day of February, A.D. 2015.

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

  
Ryan D. Morgan, Chairman

  
Andrew R. Buckland

  
Joshua H. Bell

  
Michael J. Fogg

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Stephan M. Bunker

**ORIGINAL:**

Leanne E. Pinkham

**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\_\_\_\_, 2015, which is a least 7 days prior to the day of said meeting.

Dated at Farmington, Maine this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2015.

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

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Leanne E. Pinkham  
Town Clerk