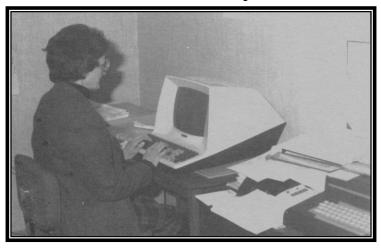
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Town Office Installs First Computers In 1984



Students Benefit From Advanced Technology Today



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Switchboard Operators



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Voter Hill Cell Tower

Telephone Lineman



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Mt. Blue TV



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Titcomb Hill Cell Tower



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WKTJ Station



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DECEMBER 31, 2010

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DEDICATION

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we dedicate the 2010 Annual Town Report to

Charley Murray

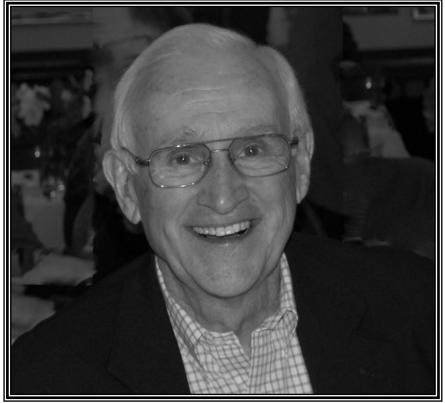


Photo courtesy of Sheila McMillan

The citizens of Farmington take this opportunity to thank Charley for his many contributions to make our town and community a better place to live. Charley arrived in Farmington at the age of nine. He attended Farmington schools and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1956. Soon thereafter he married Amanda Winter of Kingfield, and they settled in Farmington. Charley began his career with Bass Shoe Company, and after it was sold, he held executive positions in other shoe companies in Wisconsin, New York and Tennessee. Following his retirement as CEO of the Johnston and Murphy Shoe Company in 1993, he returned to Farmington.

It didn't take long for the community to realize that Charley's business experience, steady, upbeat disposition, and deep affection for his hometown made him the perfect candidate for public service. Charley was on the Planning Board for two years and served on the Board of Selectmen for eleven years, the last two as Chairman. He was also involved with the development of the Comprehensive Plan and Space Utilization for the Public Works Building.

Charley was the Chairman of the Franklin Memorial Hospital Board. He worked to raise the funds for the new Medical Arts Building, and remains on the hospital's finance and investment committees. Charley served as co-chair in the drive to expand the Farmington Public Library. He was a member of the University's Board of Visitors, and served on the planning committee for the new Education Center. Charley was a founding board member of the Greater Franklin Development Corporation. At Old South Church, Charley has served as deacon and as a member of its finance and search committees.

Charley and Amanda are the parents of three children, Marcy Gould of Burlington, VT, Chuck of Yarmouth, and Chris of Bass Harbor, who collectively have presented them with seven grandchildren. Charley and Amanda have skied, camped, canoed, and fished throughout the State, and to their children and grandchildren they have passed on their love for the outdoors, Farmington, and the State of Maine.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Jonathan R. Luce

05/20/38 - 01/22/10



Born in Farmington, Jon was a descendant of two of the original founding families of the Farmington area. He attended Farmington High School and graduated in 1956 from Kents Hill School. After serving in the U.S. Army in France, Jon graduated from University of Maine at Orono, and then the University of Maine Law

School. He established his law practice in Farmington, and served part-time as County Clerk of Courts from 1968 – 1970, and as County Attorney for Franklin County. Jon was legal counsel for the Town of Farmington, and served on the Budget Committee from 1972 – 1976. He served on the Board of Selectmen from 1992 - 1995, including a year as its Chairman. Jon was an active member of the Lions Club, the Elks Lodge, and Masonic Lodge, as well as the Volunteer Fire Department of West Farmington. He was an avid skier, golfer, and tennis player, and he shared his passion for boating with his family.

James M. Witt, III

02/10/32 - 03/22/10



Jim was born in New York City, and attended schools in Yonkers, NY. He served for four years in the Navy during the Korean Conflict as a medical corpsman. Jim graduated with honors from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy with a degree in Pharmacy. He moved to Farmington in 1959 to work at Howard's

Rexall, and bought the business in 1972. Jim worked there with his two sons, Jim and Rob, until his retirement in 1994. He was a member of the Maine Masonic Lodge 20, the Kora Shrine Temple, the American Legion, VFW, and was the past commander of Pilgrim Commandery. Jim served on the Board of Selectmen from 1985 – 1987, and was involved with the planning of the present site for Mt. Blue High School, and initiating the Downtown Revitalization Project. He served on the MSAD 9 School Board, the Farmington Downtown Business Association, Farmington Village Corporation, and was past president of the Farmington Ski Club. He was an avid fan of the Mt. Blue Cougars and Boston Red Sox.

Richard E. Caton, III



Dick was born in Farmington, and served as class president his senior year when he graduated from Mt. Abram High School in 1975. He went to work for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department as a deputy. Dick graduated from the University of Maine at Augusta in 1980 with a degree in Criminal Justice,

and was hired by the Farmington Police Department where he was promoted to Police Chief in 1998. In 1996, Dick served as interim Town Manager, and was a member of the Parking Ordinance Committee as well as Safety, Transportation Advisory, and both Municipal Building Space Utilization Committees. As a member of the Police Space Needs Committee, Dick was a steadfast advocate for the construction of a new Police Station. He was involved with many organizations including: Boy Scouts, Elks Lodge, Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society, Maine and International Chiefs of Police Association, and SAVES. Dick was an avid hunter and fisherman, and loved to landscape with his Kubota. His favorite times were spent with his wife Melinda and dog Dakota, as well as laughing and playing with his children and grandchildren. He was the Rolling Stones' greatest fan.

Sources: Daily Bulldog Photos courtesy of Daily Bulldog and Witt Family



Farmington Communications: Some Historic Glimpses

By Paul Mills

This year's Farmington Town Report features a collage of photos on communications through the years. It's thus a fitting occasion to take an historic look at the interplay between our town and some of its modes of communications.

In the era just after the town's settlement in the I780s, the spread of information was transmitted directly from person to person. After all, according to Butler's History, everyone owned either a horse or oxen or if not, could borrow one from a cooperative neighbor. News from the outside world was ordinarily carried by such means from Hallowell, which was a major shipping port at this time.

It was from Hallowell in I793, that the first mail-route was opened to Farmington. The destination: a tavern owned by Moses Starling, who also became the first postmaster. (A street in West Farmington bears his name today.)

The town's first newspaper, the *The Sandy River Yeoman*, made its debut in I83I but only published for a year and it would be several years before a newspaper would establish a permanent foothold in Farmington.

Periodicals got a further boost with the widespread installation of home gas lighting technology in the mid-1850s. As Bill Bryson in his most recent book, *At Home,* explained, "Gas had an irresistible advantage. It was bright...the average room with gas was twenty times brighter than it had been before. It is no coincidence that the mid-nineteenth century saw a sudden and large boom in newspapers, magazines, books, and sheet music."

Part of that boom was the advent in the I840s of the *Franklin Register,* a predecessor to the newspaper which by I845 became known as the *Chronicle* and which by I9I9 would be merged with a competing weekly, *The Franklin Journal.* The result of the merger was one of the nation's few twice weekly news publications, *The Franklin Journal and Farmington Chronicle.* Until 1961 it was owned by Jacob Wirth, the famed Boston restaurateur and Temple summer resident, and continues to thrive today.

Several other papers along the way have also made their appearance in Farmington, most notably the *Daily Bulldog*, founded in 2007 by the Hanstein family. Its website, hosting some 5,000 visitors a day, has reflected the growth of other communications technology, including high speed wireless and mobile devices that routinely access its website. Forerunners to such interactive communications as the *Daily Bulldog* also have deep roots in Farmington.

In July I865, the commercial telegraph made its way to town. It was, as federal Judge Margaret McKeon recently observed, the "Victorian internet," and described in its own time as the "highway of thought."

Though advancements in communications have offered many advantages, they are also accompanied by a number of risks. The abuses to which communications of any era can be susceptible were brought home by a sensational 1885 telegraph criminal fraud The perpetrator went by the name of Walter in Farmington. Wanzer, who tapped the telegraph wire in West Farmington to send a false message to Timothy Belcher, cashier of the Sandy River National Bank (then at the same downtown location as the current The supposedly authentic telegram message told TD Bank). Belcher that Wanzer's check for \$5,000 could be safely cashed. Acting on the message Belcher then proceeded to do just that, when the smooth appearing and clever Wanzer showed up at the bank, even though Belcher was not usually one to be easily duped. He was, after all, in his 27th year as head of the town's leading commercial bank. The equipment used to tap out the spurious message was eventually located near the West Farmington Railroad tracks.

Wanzer never was.

The communications technology of any era can thus be vulnerable to "hacking" and identity theft. Unsuspecting victims like Belcher unfortunately continue to let down their guard.

In the same era as Wanzer pulled off his audacious heist, more ingenuous talent was helping to launch the use of yet another form of communications: the telephone. Many local players had a hand in its development here: Chester Greenwood, Dr. John J. Linscott, and Seth Beedy among them. After some years of experimentation by these and others, local service became a reality by the early 1890s. No single company was afforded a monopoly and up through the 1940s at least two separate phone companies provided service to the community.

The I920s ushered in yet another innovation: radio. In 1922, Farmington enthusiasts could tune to Maine's first licensed station, Auburn's WMB. In subsequent decades entrepreneurs took a stab at establishing a locally based broadcasting facility, including one that briefly operated in the 1950s out of the old State Theatre building. The first to catch on permanently, however, was WKTJ, opened initially as a daytime AM station by Denny Shute in I959. With its expansion to FM in 1973, came nighttime programming as well. This was just a year after University students took to the air with their own FM outlet, WUMF. Both continue as mainstays of news and entertainment communication in Farmington today.

Even as Shute introduced "Katie-J" to Farmington, viable television reception had been a reality for half a dozen years. This occurred with the debut of Portland and Bangor-based stations in 1953. In the 1956 town report, Music Supervisor Iola Perkins reported on the WCSH-TV appearances of two high school students who were to soon audition for the nationally acclaimed Ted Mack show.

By 1967 Shute, joined by Broadway retailer Bob Chassie and Wilton's Nick Craig, established the area's first cable TV services. This was at the outset designed to simply enhance the reception of the five or six stations already available and allow its customers to dismantle their rooftop antenna systems. The offering was slow to catch fire.

By the 1970s, even while most local roofs were still decorated with antennas, cable did allow viewers to sign on for stations based in such major cities as Boston and New York that were outside the range of the typical TV receiver. In the 1980s, at the same time the personal computer was becoming a fixture for many, an array of cable based networks such as CNN, sports and entertainment stations also made their appearance in most Farmington living rooms.

Live coverage of Congress through the C-Span networks became an option for Farmington cable by 1991, twelve years after the introduction of such coverage in many other areas of the country. At the same time, fax machines were becoming an affordable tool of immediate written communication. Good-bye Western Union.

By the end of the decade, e-mail and internet services were no longer a novelty but a necessity.

In 1999, regular programming on the local cable access station now channel 11's Mt. Blue TV - made its debut. Not long thereafter did regular taped broadcasting of notable community events.

As Farmington entered the first few years of the 2lst century it witnessed the expanded availability of high speed internet. Google, Facebook, Twitter and billions of other options were as close at hand as one's proverbial fingertips.

But as communications technology races on at an accelerated clip, an informed citizenry must also pursue wisdom as it also sometimes seeks contentment. In the present information age, we occasionally ask, do we really know more and are people happier? We all hope so but the need to pose the questions suggests that there is not yet a consensus on the points. After all, communications are a means but not an end.

So it is as Farmington continues its journey through the fascinating realm of communications.



Photo courtesy of Don DeRoche

George Maxham, Operator of Farmington's Western Union Office Located on Main Street - 1949





Photos courtesy of Angela Maxham

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 Year Term

Stephan Bunker, Chairman Jon Bubier, Vice Chairman Nancy Porter, Secretary Ryan Morgan Andrew M. Hufnagel Dennis Pike (Term ended 2010) (March 2013) (March 2011) (March 2011) (March 2012) (March 2013)

RSD #9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FARMINGTON MEMBERS

3 Year Term

Raymond Glass, Chairman	(July 2013)
Robert Flick	(July 2011)
Claire Andrews	(July 2011)
Monique Claverie	(July 2013)
Iris Silverstein	(July 2012)
Yvette Robinson (Term ended 2010)	

APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Board of Appeals

3 Year Term

Galen Dalrymple, Chairman	(June 2013)
Lawrence Yeaton	(June 2012)
Alvin Da Costa	(June 2011)
Robert Vallette	(June 2012)
Robert Yorks	(June 2012)
Dennis O'Neil	(June 2012)
Sally Clark-Utans (Appointed 04/13/10)	(June 2012)
Alternate - 1 Year Term	
(2) Seats Vacant	

Board of Assessment Review

3 Year Term

Michael Moffett, Chairman	(June 2012)
Paul Judkins	(June 2011)
Emily Floyd	(June 2011)
Lawrence Yeaton	(June 2013)
Thomas Mellen	(June 2011)
Richard Davis, Secretary - Ex-Officio	

Planning Board

3 Year Term

Clayton King, Jr., Chairman	(June 2012)
Ray Stillman, Vice Chairman	(June 2013)
Thomas Eastler	(June 2013)
Lloyd Smith	(June 2012)
Donna Tracy	(June 2011)
Craig Jordan	(June 2012)
William Marceau	(June 2011)
L. Herbert York (Term ended 2010)	
Alternate - 1 Year Term	
Timothy D. Hardy	(June 2011)
John Edgerly (Appointed 11/09/10)	(June 2011)

Zoning Board

3 Year Term

Michael Otley, Chairman Joel Chandler Fred Smith Adrian Harris (June 2013) (June 2013) (June 2012) (June 2012)

Regular - 3 Year Term (3) Seats Vacant Alternate - 1 Year Term (2) Seats Vacant

Budget Committee 3 Year Term

Ray Stillman, Chairm	an	(June 2013)
Dennis O'Neil, Vice O	Chairman	(June 2012)
Fred Smith, Secretar	у	(June 2012)
Emily Floyd		(June 2013)
Michael Mansir		(June 2011)
Michael Otley		(June 2013)
Joshua Bell		(June 2011)
Mike Stillman		(June 2011)
Robert Vallette		(June 2011)
Lloyd Smith		(June 2012)
Jeanne Simpson		(June 2011)
	Alternate – 1 Year Term	
Michael Deschenes		(June 2011)
S. Clyde Ross		(June 2011)

Conservation Commission

3 Year Term

Peter F. Tracy, Chairman	(June 2013)
Sally Rees-Speich, Vice Chairman	(June 2012)
Paul McGuire, Secretary	(June 2011)
Roberta Hanstein	(June 2011)
Alvin Da Costa	(June 2013)
Robert Zundel	(June 2012)
Ray Stillman	(June 2013)
Erick Apland (Term ended 2010)	
1 - Year Associate	
Jean-Luc Therriault	(June 2011)
Patty Cormier	(June 2011)

Recreation Committee

3 Year Term

Bruce Mochamer Gary Parlin	(June 2012) (June 2011)
Sheryl Farnum	(June 2013)
Laurie Churchill	(June 2013)
Frederick L. Conlogue, III	(June 2013)
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Parking Ordinance Committee

James Kiernan John Moore Paul Mills Richard Davis, Ex-Officio Richard Caton (01/01/10 – 07/08/10) Michael Bell Terry Bell Greg Roux Byron Davis Jack Peck

Police Space Needs Committee

Terry Bell Ryan Morgan Emily Floyd Dorothy Jahoda Robert Lawrence Paul Page Richard Caton (01/01/10 – 07/08/10) Richard Davis Timothy D. Hardy Craig Jordan William Crandall Robert Pachucki Nancy Porter Jack Peck

Recycling Committee

Richard Davis Denis Castonguay Cindy Gelinas Stephan Bunker Dennis Pike

Revolving Loan Fund

Emily Floyd Alvin Da Costa Robert Vallette Byron Davis John Moore

Ex-Officio Richard Davis

Steve Kaiser

Safety Committee

Terry Bell Jack Peck Cindy Gelinas Leanne Pinkham Denis Castonguay Richard Caton (01/01/10 – 07/08/10) Greg Soule (Appointed 08/01/10) Jim Kiernan (01/01/10 – 08/01/10) Ted Collins (01/01/10 – 08/01/10) Steve Moore Dennis Pike Clyde Ross Richard Davis Timothy Hardy Andrew Hufnagel Joseph Nelson Mark Caldwell

2010 Annual Town Report Committee

Richard Davis Nancy Twitchell Edmund Lewis Alvin Da Costa Arthur Perry Emily Floyd Marjorie Goodwin Cindy Gelinas

Farmington Transportation Advisory Committee

Allan Smith William Geller Lloyd Smith Nancy Porter Dennis Pike William McKinley John Edgerly Michael Otley

Ex-Officio

Denis Castonguay Richard Davis Richard Caton (01/01/10 – 07/08/10) Lorna Nichols Jack Peck

Administration



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

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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

TOWN MANAGER

To the Citizens and Board of Selectmen of Farmington:



I am pleased to present my annual report for the year 2010. I will take this opportunity to note only briefly some of the significant events of the year, since more detail will be provided in many of the departmental reports contained within this booklet. I hope you will find these reports to be both interesting and informative.

The event that dominated the year was, sadly, the death of our Police Chief, Richard E. Caton III, at the age of 52. Chief Caton passed away on July 18th as he was being treated for leukemia. He served our police department faithfully for thirty years, the last twelve as Chief. He was a dedicated, conscientious, and compassionate leader who left a lasting mark on the Farmington Police Department. Chief Caton's memorial service was a moving tribute to a man of great character and a life well-lived. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

Chief Caton wisely established a line of succession that enabled his department to transition smoothly to new leadership with the promotion of Lieutenant Jack D. Peck, Jr. to Police Chief. Jack Peck has over twenty years of service with the Farmington Police Department. His experience, training, education, and advanced certifications will serve him well in his new position. I am confident of Chief Peck's ability to rise to the challenges presented to him, not the least of which is meeting the Police Department's need for a suitable space in which to operate. Regarding that, I am excited to report that a possible solution arrived in December in the form of an extremely generous offer from a well-known community partner.

The Franklin Community Network (FCHN) has offered to donate the Franklin Health Family Practice building to the Town. If accepted by the voters at Town Meeting, this 6,000 square foot building located at 116 Franklin Avenue will make excellent headquarters for the police department. Of course, some renovations will be required in order to adapt the facility for use by the department.

The building, however, is sound, has plenty of parking, and is in a good location not far from the municipal building. A cost estimate and long term borrowing proposal for renovations will be presented at the annual Town Meeting. The cost will be much less than that of the original proposal to construct a new building. I urge Farmington citizens to support this approach as a long term solution to a frustrating problem that has plagued the Town for many years.

Despite limited funding, the Town has been able to continue making progress in addressing its other infrastructure needs. In 2010, the Public Works Department completed a three year program of reconstruction on the Whittier Road, resulting in better drainage and a smooth surface that is safer for winter travel and maintenance.

Also in 2010, the extension of water and sewer mains to Mt. Blue High School was substantially completed. This project was a cooperative effort of the Maine Department of Education, the Farmington Village Corporation, and the Town of Farmington. The Town received grants and low interest (2.5%) financing through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development program in order to complete its portion of the project with minimal impact on sewer rates.

Another much-needed project that was begun in 2010 is the replacement of an old sewer main running cross-country along Tannery Brook from the area of the UMF Fitness Center to Middle Street and from there over to Perham Street. The installation will be completed by summer, solving a longstanding environmental problem. This project is also being undertaken with USDA funds.

As we begin a new year of challenges and opportunities, I extend my gratitude to the citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town's department heads and employees for your continuing support and cooperation. Because of your good work and dedication, Farmington remains a strong and desirable community, able to overcome any obstacle in the pursuit of a high quality of life.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Davis Town Manager

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Farmington:



With the coming of our annual Town Meeting, we pause to reflect back on the challenges, issues and accomplishments of 2010. Lest we forget, our community was again touched by the loss of a respected and dedicated department head, Police Chief Richard E. Caton, III.

Photo courtesy of Sheila McMillan **Front L to R:** Jon Bubier and Stephan Bunker **Back L to R:** Andrew Hufnagel, Nancy Porter, and Ryan Morgan

Chief Caton's leadership skills, love of community and courage in facing his demise are an inspiration to all. We could only wish that he were here to see his vision for a new police station come to pass. That opportunity is provided this year. As we struggled with voter approval for adequate police work space, the department suffered the continued loss of young, well-trained officers to other towns/departments, perhaps a symptom of inadequate working space.

During the year, our department heads fought to stay within budgetary limits. Many creative approaches have been employed in this effort. Innovations in the highway department, for example, with the addition of specialized "CompuSpred" devices, saved thousands of dollars in the measured spreading of salt and sand.

On many positive notes, our community is a beehive of activities, with construction underway on several exciting projects to include renovations/expansion to Mt. Blue High School and Foster Regional Applied Technology Center campus. This project gave us a doubleblessing in the funding support to extend municipal water and sewer to the campus, thus improving the options for future development along the Whittier Road. Also well underway is the replacement for Mallett School, set to offer modern facilities for grades K-3. On the UMF campus, we see much work ongoing in the construction of the Emery Community Arts Center, a project sure to add to the cultural arts offerings found in our community. While not as exciting a project, but nevertheless, critical to our town's infrastructure is the completion of a major wastewater pipe replacement, running crosscountry through Perham and Middle Streets. In and around Meetinghouse Park, several CDBG funded projects will improve handicapped access, street lighting and parking/drainage along the Pleasant Street side.

At the writing of this letter, your Board of Selectmen, in close collaboration with our Town Manager and Budget Committee, are carefully deliberating on the final budget proposal for municipal operations for 2011, a proposal that attempts to maintain the level of municipal services that our citizens expect and deserve. Please review the details which are contained in the attached Annual Report.

Governments at all levels are faced with the daunting challenges of a depressed economy, mounting deficits and the need for costcontainment. While we watch Congress and our new Governor and legislative leadership struggle with budget proposals, it is clear that we cannot depend upon Augusta or Washington D.C. for ultimate solutions at the community level.

Fortunately, our community could teach a few lessons to others as it relates to balanced budgets, delivering expected services at a reasonable tax rate and saving for rainy days ahead. For the year 2010, following careful oversight by our Town Manager and department heads, we have ended the fiscal year in the black, which has helped to bolster our undesignated fund balance.

For 2011, our community is faced with several important public policy issues. First, following a lengthy planning process and rejection by voters of a new police building, our community was blessed by the generosity of Franklin Memorial Hospital in the donation of the Franklin Health Family Practice building on Franklin Avenue as a solution to the department's long-standing problem of insufficient space. With the anticipated voter acceptance of the property, the Board seeks scaled-down funding support to put the building into desirable shape and functionality, with interior space improvements, improved energy efficiencies, emergency power and building security systems.

Secondly, much discussion was focused on the condition of our roads. With decreased state road assistance funds and increases in the cost of asphalt products, resurfacing projects that would

traditionally be completed in one year now take several years, such as the recently completed Whittier Road project. Two things are clear: first, we cannot expect increased funds from the state and, secondly, unless we make a considerable local investment in our roads, they will continue to decline into disrepair. Members of the Budget Committee along with our highway department head have inventoried the condition of our roads and streets and researched various long-term funding strategies to catch up with road improvements. Such strategies will require the future support of voters in bringing our roads back to acceptable conditions.

Third, we have again discussed the seemingly perennial topic of changing the Town's fiscal year from the current calendar year to a July 1 - June 30 schedule. This change would align the Town's budgetary cycle with that of the State, County and school district. A typical July to June fiscal year would also provide for twice-yearly tax billing, designed to improve the flow of funds for municipal services, and eliminate the need for tax anticipated borrowing. The Budget Committee has completed considerable research on the change, surveying many communities in the state to understand the impact, and recommends its adoption. The final decision rests within the authority of the selectmen whether to enact or not.

Last, but not least, the Board and Manager expended much time and energy struggling with the issue of off-street parking and the related multi-year lease off Front Street. Among the many issues raised were the legality of the lease itself, options to renegotiate the terms/conditions, and the appropriate public policy on use of taxpayer funds for downtown apartment dwellers. The Board will seek the guidance of attendees at Town Meeting as to the appropriate direction to pursue. On a related note, the Town is the potential beneficiary of a proposed construction project as funded by Franklin Savings Bank, intended to unite Front Street with Main Street via a series of steps, and adding about 12 daytime parking spots to the increasingly busy Front Street area. Voter approval will make the terms and conditions of the proposal official.

For the proposed 2011 municipal operating budget, the Town Manager, Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen have worked to offer a very conservative budget proposal, one that continues to meet the requirements of L.D. 1, and preserves the delivery of

essential municipal services that we feel our citizens deserve and depend upon.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan M. Bunker Chairman



Proposed Franklin Savings Bank Staircase and Walkway Joining Main and Front Streets

Rendition courtesy of PDT Architects

FINANCE DIRECTOR

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



I want to thank my staff Leanne, Mavis, Diane and Daryl for their efficiency and helpfulness. They certainly help to make this department run very smoothly and enable us to provide services in a timely manner.

The interest rates continued to decline in 2010 and this has resulted in a very minimal return on investments.

We have been fortunate the number of properties that have been liened in 2010 are consistent with the average of past years. Unfortunately, the prolonged recession has more than doubled the number of properties that have been subject to automatic foreclosure in 2010.

I want to remind taxpayers that we accept partial payments on real estate taxes throughout the year. I would encourage taxpayers to take advantage of this and make monthly or weekly payments to help make budgeting easier for this household expense.

The Town's fund balance of \$1,595,061 reflects that the Town of Farmington continues to maintain a very sound financial condition.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana B. Young Finance Director

> American Cancer Society Fundraising Events Sponsored by the Farmington Police Department

"Jailhouse"



Community BBQ



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TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES * \$1,959,300 \$1,850,822 \$1,609,300 \$1,748,3					\$1,748,351

REVENUE HISTORY AND PROJECTION

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

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PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES



Farmington has the sixteenth highest tax exempt percentage of all Maine municipalities and the eighth highest percentage for service centers in the state.*							
In 2010, the Town sent letters to tax-exempt organizations requesting payments in lieu of taxes. The following organizations responded:							
Alternative Services-Northeast Inc.	\$	496.76					
Franklin Memorial Hospital	\$ 1 3	3,500.00					
LEAP	\$	5,000.00					
University of Maine at Farmington:							
Sewer Debt Contribution	\$ 1	7,333.00					
Contribution in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 10	0,000.00**					
Contribution to Ambulance Fee	<u>\$</u>	5,819.40					
Total Contributions	\$ 52	2,149.16					
*Source – State Planning Office							
**Plus many in-kind contributions							
The Town is extremely grateful to the above-listed tax-exempt organizations for their voluntary contributions. The citizens of Farmington thank you.							

TAX COLLECTOR

Bankruptcy Notice

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.

2010 End of Year Taxes Receivable					
2010 2009 2008	591,857 157,602 <u>70,761</u> 820,220				
Properties Liened . Properties Foreclos					

This notification is for the sole purpose of giving public notice of the outstanding taxes assessed by the Town against such property.

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

Post Office on Lower Broadway Before The Fire Of 1886



Photos courtesy of Farmington Historical Society

Current Post Office First Opened in 1936



TAXES RECEIVABLE 2010

		200 50		Devilser Demele Creith Christian	070.00	
	Abbott, Pamela	320.59		Boyker, Pamela, Smith, Christian	278.80	
	Abbott, Pamela, Barry, Eric S.	516.78		Brady's	20.74	
*	Adams, Anthony W. & Pamela J.	567.82		Brackett, Michael R. & Donna J.	1,336.61 712.45	
*	Adams, Barbara E. Adams, Gary K., Heirs of	1,193.06 344.52		Brackett, Penny A., Pers. in Pos.	8,290.81	
		344.52 346.11		Braconi, Stephen, Carlson, Joseph Braconi, Stephen, Carlson, Joseph		
	Adams, Randy W. & Bonita F. Air Valet	57.42		Braconi, Stephen, Carlson, Joseph Brady, Steven & Betsy	2,606.23	
			**		4,422.93	
	Alexander, Jonathan & Storer, A. All About you	1,342.99 15.95	**	Brady, Steven M. & Betsy H. Brady, Steven M. & Betsy H.	1,569.48	
	Allen, Dianne D.	296.35		Brennick, Patricia A.	1,452.73 532.41	
	Allen, Harold F. & Walter E.	290.35 177.05		Brennick, Peter H.	663.20	
	Ames, Edward T.	596.53		Bridges, R. Rodney, Pers. Rep.	531.14	
	Arnold, Kristopher, Gage, III, Niles	256.79		Broadway Barbershop	47.85	
	Assemblies of God, Northern New	1,239.31		Brown, Lisa M.	334.63	
	Atkinson, Edward	435.43		Brown, Lisa M.	429.06	
	Atwood, Johni	205.76		Bryant, Nancy L.	82.94	
	Atwood, Michael A.	311.02		Bryant, Nancy R.	1,117.78	
	Atwood, Michael A. & Wendy L.	867.36		Bryant, Nancy R.	157.91	
	Ayer, Karen B.	880.12		Bryant, Nancy, Pers. in Pos.	767.20	
*	Bachelder, Jr., Boyd & Michelle H.	1,785.44		Buckland, Andrew R. & Ann L.	2,408.13	
**	Bachelder, Jr., Boyd B.	82.94		Bullen, Greg R.	1,633.28	
	Bachelder, Jr., Boyd B.	638.00		Bullen, Timothy H.	1,189.55	
*	Bachelder, Jr., Boyd B.	815.05		C.E.D., Inc.	3,556.85	
**	Bachelder, Jr., Boyd B.	301.46		C.E.D., Inc.	2,783.27	
	Back Yard Repair	9.57		C J's Appliance	73.37	
	Bard, Chris	98.89		Callahan, Andrea K.	1,713.63	
	Bard, Christopher J.	1,440.29		Callahan, Timothy E.	775.17	
	Bard, Christopher	191.40		Campbell, Albert & Sandra	2,092.32	
	Bard, Jason T., Barker, Amy B.	535.92		Cape Lawson Trust	513.59	
	Barkow, Cheryl D.	583.45		Car Clinic	82.94	
	Barrera, Felix & Deborah E.	504.02	*	Cassidy, James H.	841.90	
	Barry's Auto Service	84.54	**	Chadwick, Raymond M.& Carolyn R.	1,995.03	
	Bartash, Andrew A.	2,701.93	**	Chadwick, Raymond M.& Carolyn R.	370.04	
	Barton, Frederick	661.61	*	Chapman, Bonnie J.	1,518.66	
	Barton, Frederick, Holt, Martilda R.	641.19	*	Chapman, Bonnie J.	1,332.22	
	Bates, III, Bernard D.	1,280.47	*	Chapman, Bonnie J.	1,310.02	
	Bates, Brian T.	1,065.14	*	Chapman, Bonnie J.	2,029.33	
	Batzell, Joel S.	415.98	*	Chapman, Bonnie J.	1,244.09	
	Beal, David R. & Donna S.	1,161.16		Chapman Family Holdings, Inc.	17.54	
	Beal, Deborah, Pers. Rep.	352.49		Chassie, Lynn	11.17	
**	Bean, Robert E. Trustee	826.21	*	Chin, Frank & Patricia Duane	3,287.18	
**	Bean, Robert E. Trustee	1,837.44		Chick, Jennifer	82.62	
	Beane, Eric V.	807.07		Chretien, Michael S.	655.23	
	Beaumont, Scott, Banks, James	2,700.34		Clark, Jr., Duane J.	882.04	
	Beck, Walter C.	170.67		Cliche, Donald	957.00	
**	Beckler, Douglas & Mary Lou	1,083.68		Cliche, Donald	275.94	
	Bell, Paul, Randolph, Bette Louise	1,365.32	**	Collins, Michael & Linda P.	1,237.21	
	Bellefeuille, James & Cory	285.19		Collins, Susan	2,893.01	
	Berry, Mark	229.68		Collins, Susan E.	7.98	
**	Besaw, Beverly A.	1,875.72		Conlogue, Sandra M.	722.22	
	Binns, Robin A.	405.13		Conlogue, Sandra M.	365.26	
**	Blaine, Victoria W.	1,816.29		Connor, Robert P.	1,569.48	
	Blake, Laurie M.	514.02	**	Cook, Scott E. & Debra	1,253.35	
	Blanchet, Michael W. & Renee M.	1,160.84		Corbett, Charlene, Pers. in Poss.	155.99	
	Blauvelt, Douglas S. & Sherry L.	1,365.00		Cordner, Peter K.	12.76	
	Blodgett, Kendall R. & Misty R.	2,561.57		Cordner, Peter K.	269.56	
	Body Mind & Spirit	25.52		Cordner, Peter K.	197.78	
	Bolduc, Michael A. & Julie A.	1,545.55		Coulombe, Craig M.	3,286.98	
	Boutilier, Betty A.	1,219.05		Cousineau Lumber, Inc.	7,051.50	
	Bowman, Tanya Labelle	27.12		Cousineau, Inc.	1,467.40	

*	Couture, Peter J. & Stephanie J.	1,729.15		Farrington, Dennis J.	57.42
*	Croteau, Dennis C. & Anathalie E.	1,494.33	*	Farrington, Michael & Brandy	182.23
	Cuddyer, Grace, Vicky, Et Al	344.52		FCI Corporation	441.82
	Cummings, Jonathan & Ben	798.78		Fernald Appraisal	27.12
*	Cunningham, Kurt D.	918.89		Fernald, Richard G. & Ann S.	2,145.81
**	Currier 1806 Limited Partnership	1,232.24		Ferrari, Scott A. & Lynne A.	3,026.99
	Currier, Laura A.	438.31	**	Ferris, Marla D.	2,320.41
	Cushman, Melissa J.	159.18		Filaroska, Joseph M.	293.16
	D & JM Properties, LLC	3,188.41		Fitness Express	376.42
	D & JM Properties, LLC	3,599.92		Foss, Jayme E. & Heather	157.91
	D & JM Properties, LLC	31.90		Foss, Neil C.	1,550.02
	Daku, Benjamin & Bridget	2,452.79		Foss, Neil C. & Norman S.	173.86
	Daku, Ginger	161.10		Foss, Norman S. & Neil C.	30.30
	Daku, Thomas	197.78		Foss, Norman S. & Ann Marie	705.96
	Daku, Thomas J. & Janice E.	51.04		Foss, Neil, Et Al	92.51
	Daku, Thomas J. & Janice E.	23.92		Fournier, Marc	252.01
	Daku, Thomas J. & Janice E.	365.26		Fournier, Rebecca Ann	634.49
	Daku, Thomas J. & Janice E.	797.50	*		1,262.62
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	Daku, Thomas J. & Janice E.	17.54		Fred's Auto Repair	31.90
	Dalrymple, Denis E. & Sarah H.	3,009.45	.	Friedman, David L.	2,343.05
	Daniel, Betsy Rachel	1,121.44	*	Fronk, Keith & Rachael	3,285.95
	Davis, Nancy E.	711.05		Front Street Investments	5,349.63
	Decker Cleaning	36.68		Frost, Judith A.	1,290.04
	Decker, Chris, Paulton, Tina	130.79		Frost, Kathleen	1,736.64
	Decker, Stephen & Catherine Ann	1,537.26		Gajdukow, Katherine S.	468.61
	Decarolis, Heather L. & Peter T.	315.81		Gay, Ted F.	586.96
	Decarolis, Heather L. & Peter T.	455.94		Gay, Ted F.	850.14
	Dell Financial Services, LP	19.14	**	Georgiady, Susie A.	187.89
	Demarsh, Donald J. & Lorraine	1,792.46		Gianquinto, Nina	1,649.23
**	Devaney Doak & Garrett Bookseller	47.85		Gilbert, Paul A. & Maxine	224.58
	Dubay, Shirley A.	1,159.25		Given, Barry A.	1,688.79
	Dube, Lisa	199.38		Given, Barry A. & Melinda	1,338.21
	Duckett, Lesley R.	1,047.60		Given, Shelly, Thorndike, Leslie J.	56.01
	Dunham, Betty D. & Joshua Sr.	229.68		Goldsmith, Dina M.	93.79
	Dunham, Betty D. & Joshua Sr.	433.52	*	Gordon, II, Lyle & Theresa L.	1,153.01
	Dunham, Betty B., Pers. in Poss.	329.85		Goding's Tae Kwon Do	22.33
	Dunham, Kevin E. & Linda J.	398.43		Grant, Shawn	1,805.54
	Dunham, Terry J.	495.73		Grant, Shawn A., Whipple, Cara D.	3,714.75
	Dunkin Donuts	1,849.87		Grant, Shawn A., Et Al	559.84
	Dunn, Brian D.	850.61		Greenlaw Collectibles & Pawn	12.76
	Durrell, Dawn E. & David R.	1,326.72		Greenlaw, Betty J.	1,130.54
	Dustin, Paul A.	1,845.42		Greenman, Mary	112.73
	Dyar, Rodney P.	601.31	**	Greenwood, Charles & Irene	170.67
**	Dyar, Nathan P.	194.59		Greenwood, Charles & Irene	60.51
	Eaton, Donna I.	127.27		Grenier, Karleen Ann	4,151.78
	Eaton, James R. & Judith	113.24		Griffin, Brian N. & Sandra L.	1,632.96
	Eaton, Robert P. & Brinda P.	524.44		Griffin, Brian & Sandra L.	111.65
*	Eaton-White, Sally, Pers. Rep.	397.28		Griffin, Sandra L.	1,821.49
	Egdall, David & Joan	3,237.85		Griffin, Sandra	180.24
	Elliot, Chris, Nadeau, Samantha L.	100.49		Grimanis, Anthony	1,293.54
	Ellsworth, Ralph M.	943.92		Grimanis, Rose V. & Michael	1,993.43
	Emerson, James W. & Diane	943.92 1,357.20		Grimanis, Rose	1,744.93
	Eubank, John R.	1,741.68		Griswold, Richard A. & Martha J.	•
**	Eubank, John R. Eubank , Poppy Joy & John R.	325.02		Grover, Jon M. & Angela M.	8,276.46 68.58
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-	Everett, Christopher & Alisa	325.87		Grover, Jon M. & Angela M.	1,495.79
	Fabric Inn, Inc.	28.71		Gund, John P.	2,977.87
	Farmer, Alice Pers. Rep.	25.52		Gund, John P. & Greenwood, Lisa	1,039.94
	Farmington Construction, Inc.	94.10		Gustafson, David & Naomi	414.70
	Farmington Automotive Service	81.35	**	H & R Block	121.22
	Farmington Martial Arts Academy	7.98	**	Haggan, Matthew B.	393.65
	Farmington Towing	15.95		Hall, Kamilla L.	1,814.79
	Farnum, Paul , Et Al	779.96		Hall, William L. & Ruby C.	1,519.72

*	Hallman, Kathleen S. Hanlon Pet Haven	1,521.31 113.24		Kimball, Catherine M. King Apartments	2,267.77 9.57
**		11.17		King, Jr., Clayton P. & Joyce M.	725.72
**	Hargreaves, Harold & Pamela A.	60.61		King, Jr., Clayton P.	274.34
	Hargreaves, Harold & Pamela A.	1,792.46		King, Jr., Clayton P.	328.57
*	Harmon, Brian S. & Mary Jo	233.15		King, Jr., Clayton P. & Joyce M.	3,298.14
	Harndon, Robin, Nathan, Esther	114.84		King, Jr., Clayton P. & Joyce M.	2,138.80
		1,580.33			3,030.50
	Hart, Alan P., Dulong, Heidi P.	482.97	*	King, Jr., Clayton P.	
	Heap, James R.			Klinko, Joseph & Sylvia	278.54
*	Heath, Glenn B. & Margaret K.	851.73 641.08		Knapp, Pauline, Heirs of Knowlton Corner Farm	1,253.67
*	Henderson, Naomi, Plog, Susan M.				564.63
*	Hennings, Pauline	382.79		Knowlton Estates, LLC Knowlton Estates, LLC	255.20 277.53
	Henry, Harold & Naomi Hewett, Amie M.	2,228.84 2,082.75		Knowlton Estates, LLC	202.57
	Heritage Appraisals	2,082.75		Knowlton Estates, LLC	36.68
	•	30.30		Ladd, Valdora A.	1,248.89
*	Heritage Ins. & Invest. Srv.,LLC	105.80		Ladd, Valdola A. Lakin, Linda & David	278.94
	Hiltz, Rupert, Kevin, Gary Hines, James & Rosemary A.	3,705.59	**	Lam, Michelle, Qi, Dian Wen	4,416.55
	Hiscock, Bessie L.	297.95	**	Lam, Michelle, Qi, Dian Wen	4,612.74
*	Hodgkins, Jr., Paul S.	883.87		Lam, Michelle, Qi, Dian Wen	1,819.90
	Hogan, Deborah S.	1,234.53		Lambert, Jr., Arthur	15.95
	Hogan, Robert D., Albert, Debbie	669.90		Lane, Jefffrey S.	74.96
	Hogan, Robert D., Albert, Debbie	285.51	*	Laplant, Richard D. & Lori T.	1,324.00
	Hoisington, Bernice A.	1,071.52		Larrabee Sr., Anthony & Larissa	3,397.03
*	Holbrook, Thomas & Angela	536.78		Leaf Financial Corporation	141.95
	Howard, Stuart	1,423.66		Leclair, Alfred A. & Marilyn C.	468.93
	Howard, Juli, Elkins, Delano	818.23		Leddin, Frederick G. & Scott F.	1,247.29
	Howard, William K. & Kelly	1,733.45	*	Leonard, Robert J. & Judith M.	1,133.53
*	Howe, Sandra J.	250.00		Lesperance, Bruce D. & Penny	675.96
*	Hoyt, Kay & David P.	142.16		Lewis, Joan A.	352.49
**	Huish, Wendy A.	298.22	**	Lilly, Jr., Herbert B.	191.40
	Hunter, James N.	853.01		Littlefield, Marita E.	1,469.00
	Hunter, Sr., Robert A.	801.97		Loose Ends Hair Salon	12.76
	Hutchins, Daniel & Marlene	1,955.15		Love, Kevin D.	1,014.10
	Hutchins, Clyde S.	875.20		Love, Pamela J.	607.69
	Hutchins, Shirley	1,420.83		Lovejoy, Phyllis Ruth	120.90
	Hutchinson, Carl S.	289.97		Lovejoy, William & Melissa,	2,320.73
	Hutchinson, Mary E.	17.03		Lovejoy, William W., Et Al	1,561.19
	Hutchinson, Priscilla J.	213.41		Lovell, Kendra S.	170.35
	Hyde, Mary A.	554.17		Luger, Charles P.	886.50
	IMR Capital	11.17		Mac-Lin Medical	692.23
	Imlay, Kenneth W.	141.95	*	M.S.B. Associates, Inc.	1,762.69
	JR's Used Cars	86.13	*	MacDonald, William H. & Glenice	1,542.36
	Jackson, Christopher K, Pers in P	1,232.94		Mahar, Marilee	535.92
**	Jade Palace	283.91		Mahar, Stephen M.	632.90
	Jacobs, Orin & Kimberly	1,881.78		Maine Real Estate Maintenance Srv.	63.80
	Jacobs, Patricia, Heirs of	1,136.92		Marchetti, Michael & Karren	634.49
	Jalbert, Ronald D. & Cheri B.	1,758.97	*	Marcotte, Thomas & Stephanie	699.41
	JD Allen's Pet Supplies	385.99		Marquis, Maxine	496.04
	Jespersen, Sten	59.01		Marquis, Gregory, Mulford, Johanna	263.17
**	Joe's Plumbing & Heating	15.95		Mary McFarland's Custom Design	7.98
	Johnson, Dr. Jeffrey	121.22		Masselli, Arleen M.	5,711.38
	Johnson, Jeffrey D. & Valerie A.	2,285.63	**	Mawhinney, Britt & Jacqueline M.	1,571.92
	Jones, Ryan & Audrey	200.97		Maxham, Jr., George & Sheila	856.20
	K.C.'s Village Smithy	22.33		Mayer, Mike F., Pers. Rep.	55.83
	Keach, Mark E.	532.41		McCabe, Sally G. & Barry P.	1,572.67
	Kemp, Mark S. & Katherine A.	653.95		McDonald, Jeannine D.	253.61
	Kendall, David D.	856.20		McDonald, Jeannine D.	346.11
	Kennedy, Madeline	282.00		McDonald, Jeannine D.	1,623.71
	Kennedy, Phyllis	801.77		McDonald, Michael & Jeannine D.	1,145.21
	Kidder, Jeffrey A. & Karen E.	1,310.77	4	McDonald, Michael & Jeannine D.	3,902.65
	Kiernan, James P.	1,384.09		McFarland, Mary D.	903.42

*	McPhail, Kenneth K.	293.38		Pratt, Russell L. & Nancy C.	1,310.77
	Meader, James F.	267.96		Priebe, Paul G.	135.57
	Meader, James F.	13,224.14		Priest, Marnie P., & Jonathan W.	2,863.02
	Meader, James F.	232.87		Purington, Kathy	645.66
	Meader, James F.	972.95		Qi, Dian Wen, Lam, Michelle Lai	2,374.96
	Meader, James F.	1,767.26		R & R Auto Sales	17.54
	Meader, Shirley D. & Clyde H.	1,124.16		R & S Electric	31.90
	Merwin, F. Robert	516.71		Rains, PHD, Mark	25.52
	MET Property Management, LLC	2,894.93		Rackliff, Jr., Herschel J. & Sharon	951.84
	Metcalf, Jr., John L., Pers. in Pos.	296.67		Rackliffe, Hollis S. & Beverly G.	128.68
	Michals, Arthur & Richard	1,173.92		Rackliffe, Pamela D.	2,310.84
**	Milewski, Lucianne	1,000.00		Rackliffe, Pamela D.	110.06
	Millay, Rebecca T.	1,077.90		Reopell, Albert P., Pers. in Pos.	550.28
	Mobile Home Associates	7.98		Richard, Corey D.	98.57
	Moloney, William F. & Joanne E.	2,186.43		Richard, Leon	1,951.96
	Mooney, Deborah A.			-	
		3,248.70		Richards, Daniel A.	457.45
	Mooney, Deborah A.	314.21		Richards, Michael E. & Sheila	2,242.25
	Moore, Bradford L., Heirs of	625.24		Richards, Michael E. & Sheila	135.57
	Morgan, Jakoba K.	2,787.74		Richards, Sarah B.	417.89
	Morris, Michael	625.24	*	Robbins, Doris, Heirs of	60.00
	Mountain View Chocolate Shop	140.36		Robinson, DC, Yvette	19.14
**	Naaykens, Cindy	614.08		Robinson, Michelle, Western ME	333.35
	Nadeau, Melanie	1,278.87		Robinson, Michelle P.	1,854.67
	Nation Paving	590.15		Rogers, Aaron & Melissa	254.88
	Natural Relections	22.33		Rollins, Jason & Jeromie	259.98
*	Nevers, Karen A.	1,778.91	*	Roorbach, William F., Karlsen, Juliet	68.81
	Nile, Justin & Angela E.	385.99		Rowe, Kenneth & Tanya	2,366.66
	O'Donnell, Bettina L. & James W.	1,891.35		Rundlett, Amber	118.03
	Oliver, Ernest	7.98		Sandy River Excavating	733.70
	Oliver Burchand	79.75		Savage, Vivian A.	633.21
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	Oliver, Lendall L.	74.96		Sawyer, James	31.90
	Oliver, Jr., Robert & Diana C.	1,329.91		Sawyer, Shriley A.	974.55
	Oliver, Naomi & Charles, Et Al	251.69		Schanck, Vernon J. & Patricia A.	3,516.66
	Orr, Jr., Raymond B. & Deborah	1,302.80		Schanck, Vernon J. & Patricia A.	689.04
*	Panori, Lisa M.	336.78		Schanck, Vernon J. & Patricia A.	113.24
**	Parker, Jay S.	99.51		Scribner, Roy B. & Brenda	1,357.03
**	Parker, Maryanne	559.03		Seamon, Timothy A.	1,278.87
	Parlin, David W. & Mae E.	1,605.85		Seeley, Deborah L.	1,109.80
	Parlin, Herbert J. & Mary P.	398.75		Shea, Marilyn A.	3,461.15
	Parlin, Jerry R. & Bonnie J.	939.14	*	Shipley, Linda J.	942.65
	Parlin, Michael A. & Denise C.	1,630.09		Shufelt, Robert	2,317.54
	Parlin, Raymond E. & Raelene J.	884.91		Simoneau, Ronald E., Denise R.	245.63
	Pigley's Treasures	3.19		Simoneau, Ronald E., Denise R.	263.17
*	Phillips, Susan J.	2,179.28		Sirois, Robert J., Sirois, Lucas J.	2,193.13
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	Piawlock, Ashley L., Roy, Israel	519.97	*	Shiretown Tire	170.67
	Piawlock, Terry T. & Linda	231.27	*	Small, Joan U.	636.88
	Piawlock, Terry T. & Linda	2,569.23		Small, Joan U.	358.88
*	Pillsbury, Annie, Raymond & John	512.93		Small, Joan U.	1,368.19
	Pillsbury, Raymond	344.20		Smith, II, Fred O. & Mabel	1,404.88
	Pine View Homes Re: Powers	322.19		Smith, III, Thaniel C., Et Al	248.82
	Pins & Needles	515.18		Smith Robert L.	98.89
	Platt, Jarad W. & Gazette, Daniel	1,754.18		Snell, Jr., Charles H., Pers. in Pos.	256.48
	Platt, Nathan R.	1,320.34		Snow, Gary - Alan	614.07
	Pond, Douglas J. & Nancy J.	661.61		Starbird, David A. & Diana	677.56
	Pond, Thomas L. & Gail E.	830.68		Stasiowski, William A.	248.82
	Pond, Thomas T.	98.89		Stasiowski, William & Myers, Anne	6,105.66
	Porter, Nancy & Malcolm	192.99		State Farm Insurance	64.65
	Porter, Philip	1,593.09		Stearns, Jr., Drew T.	49.44
	Potter, Stephen C., Earle, Laurel	17.74		Steele, Joan K.	1,193.06
	Powers, Anna	534.32		Steenburg, Patrick	988.90
	Pratt, Curtis L., Pers. in Pos.	172.26		Stevens, Guy E.	617.27
	Pratt, Marion	525.41		Stevens, Lincoln	290.29

		070.04		Wallian Cania Dara Dan Et Al	4 4 4 4 7 4
	Stitsel, Joyce, Et Al	379.61		Walker, Sonja, Pers. Rep., Et Al	1,111.71
	Stump, Kristin L. & Christopher	223.30		Walker, Sonja, Pers. Rep., Et Al	494.95
	Sulea, Adrian & Nicole M.	143.87		Walker, Sonja, Pers. Rep., Et Al	444.72
**	Swett, Elva M.	1,585.11		Walker, Sonja, Pers. Rep., Et Al	90.92
**	Tartt, Eric B. & Evangeline	1,202.31		Walker, Sonja, Pers. Rep., Et Al	1,370.11
	Tartt, Evangeline, Webber, Sandra	955.09		Wallace, Thomas R., Catherine	4,886.76
	Tejas Corp. & San Juan Tour	42,696.56		Walace, Thomas R.	617.27
	Thebeau, Nancy, Blanche, Michael	339.42		Walsh, Barry & Susan	55.60
	Thomas, Anita	467.68	**	Warren, Joy	985.20
	Thomas, Barry Dennis	825.85	~~	Webber, Sandra, Tartt, Evangeline	759.22
	The Granary	818.23		Weeks, George	87.73
	Transco Business Technologies	39.88	**	Wertz, Suzanne H., Grunig, Joseph	572.53
	TRM ATM Corporation	47.85		Western Mountain Land Trust	118.03
	Thompson, Linda & Gordon K.	2,309.56		Western Mtn. Land Trust, Rearick	437.03
**	Tomlinson, Steven, Terra, Thomas	245.63		Westgate, Edward & Doris	934.35
	Tracy, Alberta	508.49		West Mount, Inc.	121.22
	Tucker, George	1,256.54		Western Mountain Jujutsu Society	15.95
	Tyler, Amanda	34.77		W. A. Mitchell, Inc.	728.92
	Tyler, Edward	511.99		White, Jill M.	320.28
	Tyler, Edward	207.35		White, Richard & Leslie	106.87
*	Tyler, Cynthia J. & Edward	1,521.63		Wilbur, Judy	78.16
	Tyler, Darryl D. & Judith L.	1,794.06	**	Wilde, John & Judith A.	1,312.37
	Tyler, Joshua A.	529.54		Williams, Ernest R. & Corliss G.	1,396.90
	Tyler, Peter A.	146.74		Williams, Gerard K., Pers. Rep.	703.40
	Tyler, Peter A.	346.11		Williamson, Burchard	125.69
	Tyler, Peter A.	2,513.72		Wirta, Eric J.	682.34
	Tyler, Peter A.	229.68		Wolfstone - Francis, Pamela R.	482.65
	Tyler, Peter A.	298.27		Woodcock, Samuel A.	490.94
	Tyler, Peter A.	2,745.00		Woodman, Kirt C.	628.11
	Tyler, Tess Elizabeth	1,917.19		Worster, II, Linwood E.	2,052.45
	Tyler, Toby W.	891.29		Wuori, Guy P.	715.84
*	Tyler, Tony S.	362.94		Wuori, Guy P.	275.94
	Underwood, Robert W. & Charlotte	1,599.47	**	Wyman, Allan & Katherine D.	1,559.59
	Up Front & Pleasant Gourmet	7.98		Wyman, Linda	1,261.33
	Upholstery Shop	30.30		Wyman, Michael Shawn	237.27
	V. & M. Holdings, LLC	848.24		Wyman, Wendy, Heirs of	116.43
	Velazuez, Felix	59.01		Xerox Lease Equipment, LLC	130.79
	Violette, Kurt R.	894.48	*	Yamashiro, Lennie	671.43
	Vining, Kenneth H.	202.25		York, Charles, Heirs of	111.65
*	Walker, Sonja, Pers. Rep., Et Al	14.23		Yorks, Jeffrey Stewart	253.61
	Walker, Sonja, Pers. Rep., Et Al	33.49		Young, Russell, Pers. Rep., Heirs of	1,094.17
	Walker, Sonja, Pers. Rep., Et Al	74.96		Ziehm, Debbie, Pers. Rep.	720.94
				Zundel, Robert A., Clawson, Melissa	23.35

2010 TOTALS

All about You	18.36		Beal, David R. & Donna S.	1,247.79
Abbott, Pamela J.	182.87	*	Beaumont, Scott E. Banks, James	36.00
Abbott, Pamela J., Barry, Eric S.	627.53		Bellefeuille, James & Cory	213.27
Adams, Anthony W. & Pamela	634.07		Binns, Robin A.	462.83
Allen, Harold F. & Walter E.	227.01		Brackett, Penny A., Pers. in Pos.	707.30
Ames, Edward T.	143.12		Brennick, Patricia A.	546.78
Atkinson, Edward	292.02		Bryant, Nancy, Pers. in Pos.	853.13
* Atwood, Johni	256.43	*	Bullen, Greg R.	1,712.75
Ayer, Karen B.	886.81		Bullen, Timothy H.	1,203.97
Bard, Jason, Barker, Amy B.	653.69		C.E.D., Inc.	3,697.69
** Barrera, Felix & Deborah E.	562.13		C.E.D., Inc.	2,898.27
Barry's Auto Service	88.74	*	Callahan, Timothy E.	199.06
Batzell, Joel S.	411.09		Cape Lawson Trust	83.14

**	Cape Lawson Trust	158.34		Heap, James R.	386.83 488.84
*	Cape Lawson Trust	46.69	*	Hiscock, Bessie L.	
	Cape Lawson Trust	151.80		Horse Stuff	24.48
	Cape Lawson Trust	166.51	*	Howard, Juli, Elkins, Delano	890.74
	Car Clinic	82.62		Howard, William & Kelly	286.80
	Chretien, Michael S.	680.83		Hunter, James N.	865.57
*	CIT Group, Inc.	2.40		Hutchins, Shirley	1,447.55
	Clark, Adelaide, c/o Duane Clark	202.09		Hutchinson, Priscilla J.	203.47
	Cliche, Donald	887.46		Inner City Auto Sales, Inc.	21.42
	Cliche, Donald	278.46		Jackson, Jr., Fred & Ann E.	1,100.98 122.40
	Collins, Susan E. Collins, Susan E.	2,974.46 7.65		Johnson, Dr. Jeffrey Kenney, Phyllis	798.85
	Corbett, Charlene	144.61		King, Clayton P. & Joyce M.	859.67
	Cuddyer, Grace, Et Al	415.00		King, Jr., Clayton P.	3,151.67
	Cummings, Jonathan & Ben	964.30		King, Clayton P. & Joyce M.	3,458.37
	Daku, Ginger	210.66		King, Jr., Clayton P. & Joyce M.	2,237.81
	Daku, Thomas	449.82		Lakin, Linda & David	285.20
	Dalrymple, Denis E. & Sarah H.	1,062.30		Lambert, Jr., Arthur	61.89
*	Davis, Nancy E.	522.14		Lambert, Gladys B., Meader, James	145.27
	Decker, Chris, Paulton, Tina	179.59		Larrabee Sr., Anthony & Larissa	3,486.16
	Demarsh, Donald J. & Lorraine	1,875.87		Leddin, Frederick G. & Scott F.	1,343.58
	Dunham, Sr., Joshua, Dunham, Betty	333.26		Lesperance, Bruce D. & Penny	86.65
	Dunham, Sr., Joshua, Dunham, Betty	371.57		Lewis, Joan A.	429.72
	Dunham, Betty B.	322.80		Loose Ends Hair Salon	13.77
	Dunton, Pamela	191.04		Macdonald, William H. & Glenice	1,654.19
*	Durrell, Dawn E. & David R.	542.01		Mahar, Marilee	610.49
*	Ellsworth, Ralph M.	42.36	*	Mahar, Stephen M.	633.25
	Farmington Automotive Service	81.09	*	Maine Real Estate Maint. Service	3.43
	Farmington Medical Supplies	749.70		Marchetti, Michael & Karren	621.97
	Farmington Towing	15.30		Maxham, Jr., George & Sheila	862.29
	Farnum, Paul A.	312.01		Meader, James F.	320.18
	FCI Corporation	516.36	*	Meader, James F.	12,247.54
	Fitness Express	403.92		Meader, James F.	290.76
	Fournier, Rebecca Ann	603.99		Meader, James	1,052.58
	Franklin Surgery	800.19		Meader, Shirley D. & Clyde	1,136.94
	Frost, Judith A.	1,313.49		Metcalf, Jr., John, Pers. in Poss.	349.62
	Frost, Kathleen	1,671.24		Mobile Home Associates	7.65
	Gajdukow, Katherine S.	465.03		Moore, Bradford L., Heirs of	715.81
	Given, Barry A.	1,728.74		Mountain View Chocolate Shop	151.47
	Given, Barry A. & Melinda	1,433.76		Nadeau, Melanie	1,283.77
	Grant, Shawn	1,906.22 660.50	*	Nation Paving Natural Reflections	566.10 1.85
	Grant, Shawn A., Et Al Greenlaw Collectibles & Pawn	12.24		Northern New England Telephone	6,988.56
	Greenlaw, Betty J.	1,079.99		Northern New England Telephone	5,878.26
	Grimanis, Rose V. & Michael	2,031.45	*	Northern Woods Energy, LLC	239.50
	Griswold, Richard A. & Martha J.	8,558.24		Oliver, Naomi & Charles, Et Al	257.41
	Grover, Jon M. & Angela M.	119.38		Oliver, Jr., Robert H. & Diana C.	1,354.37
	Grenier, Kathleen	151.81		Oliver, Burchard	76.50
	Grenier, Kathleen	1,250.39		Orr, Jr., Raymond B. & Deborah	1,326.57
	Grenier, Kathleen	187.77		Pare, Michael	91.31
	Grenier, Kathleen	220.47		Parker, George	15.30
	Grenier, Kathleen	133.82	*	Parlin, Jerry R. & Bonnie J.	19.08
	Grenier, Kathleen	177.96		Peter's Seafood & Steak	50.49
	Grenier, Kathleen	251.53		Piawlock, Terry T. & Linda	294.03
	Grenier, Kathleen	236.82		Piawlock, Terry T. & Linda	2,619.71
	Grenier, Kathleen	140.36		Pins & Needles	546.21
	Grenier, Kathleen	207.39		Pond, Rosalie, Devisees of	784.39
	Grenier, Kathleen	155.08		R & R Auto Sales	18.36
	Grenier, Kathleen	169.79		R S Electric	30.60
	Grenier, Kathleen	159.98		Reopell, Albert P., Pers. in Pos.	719.08
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	Grenier, Kathleen Grover, Jon M. & Angela M.	1,636.20 1,661.00		Richards, Daniel A. Robinson, Michelle	453.59 387.22

	Root 4 Pets	32.13		The Granary	786.42
	Rundlett, Amber	166.52		Tyler, Edward	579.62
	Seeley, Deborah L.	679.07	**	Tyler, Cynthia J. & Edward A.	763.72
	Sandy River Excavating	703.80	*	Tyler, Joshua A.	588.29
	Shea, Marilyn A.	3,593.07		Tyler, Toby W.	904.79
*	Shipley, Linda J.	751.55		Underwood, Robert & Charlotte F.	1,521.37
*	Shufelt, Robert	1,263.77	*	Upholstery Shop	22.02
	Smith, III, Thaniel, Et Al	300.57	*	V & M Holdings, LLC	101.80
	Snell, Jr., Charles H., Pers. in Pos.	290.11		Warren, Joy	2,173.72
	Starbird, David A. & Diana	685.74		Warren, Michael	233.54
	Stasiowski, William A.	300.57		Weeks, George	84.15
	Stasiowski, William, Myers, Anne	6,359.15		West Mount, Inc.	117.81
*	Stearns, Jr., Drew T.	44.21	*	Western Mountain Land Trust	36.07
	Steenburg, Patrick	1,163.75		Western Mtn Land Trust, Rearick	513.09
*	Stevens, Guy E.	430.69		White, Richard J. & Leslie	155.07
	Stitsel, Joyce, Et Al	452.61		Wilbur, Judy	125.64
	Stump, Kristin L. & Christopher	274.42		Williamson, Burchard	124.99
*	Tracy, Alberta	505.90		Woodcock, Samuel A.	515.71
	Transformations	74.97		Xerox Lease Equipment, LLC	7.65

157,601.89

2009 TOTALS

TAXES RECEIVABLE 2008

Abbett Demole Derry Frie C COCCO FO	mington Towing 15.28
Abbott, Pamela, Barry, Eric S. 629.68 FCI	Corporation 516.53
	rnier, Rebecca Ann 808.51
	nklin Surgery 760.94
	st, Judith A. 1,322.39
Barbara's Boutique 74.87 * Gaj	dukow, Katherine S. 104.39
	en, Barry A. 1,743.90
-	en, Barry A. & Melinda M. 1,458.83
* Beal, David R. & Donna S. 155.34 ** Gra	nt, Shawn A., Et Al 104.97
Bellefeuille, James A. & Cory 203.73 * Gre	enlaw, Betty J. 107.73
Bolduc, Joe 97.79 Gre	enlaw Collectibles & Pawn 12.22
Brackett, Penny A., Pers. in Poss. 804.38 Grir	nanis, Rose & Michael 2,061.70
* Brennick, Patricia A. 503.83 Gro	ver, Jon M. & Angela M. 119.96
Bryant, Nancy L. 129.41 Gro	ver, Jon M. & Angela M. 1,690.11
Bryany, Nancy R. 1,177.69 * Hor	se Stuff 9.52
Bryant, Nancy, Pers. in Pos. 859.29 Hov	vard, Juli, Elkins, Delano 72.66
* Bullen, Timothy H. 1,271.84 * Hute	chins, Shirley 891.35
** Cape Lawson Trust, McKellar, D. 63.96 Hut	chinson, Priscilla J. 169.61
** Cape Lawson Trust, McKellar, D. 63.39 Imp	erial Board Lords 13.75
** Cape Lawson Trust, McKellar, D. 152.14 Jac	kson, Jr., Fred L. & Ann E. 1,107.20
** Cape Lawson Trust, McKellar, D. 152.14 King	g, Clayton P. & Joyce M. 950.80
** Cape Lawson Trust, McKellar, D. 222.03 * King	g, Clayton P. & Joyce M. 2,008.88
** Cape Lawson Trust, McKellar, D. 359.93 King	g, Clayton P. & Joyce M. 2,268.58
Car Clinic 84.04 King	g, Clayton P. Jr. 3,198.68
** C.E.D. Inc. 6,694.08 * Lak	in, David & Linda 300.57
Cliche, Donald 279.62 * Led	din, Frederick G. & Savastano, S. 873.31
* Collins, Susan E. 862.75 * Lew	ris, Joan L. 261.58
Community Correctional Altern. 27.50 Loo	se Ends Hair Salon 13.75
Corbett, Charlene 133.84 * Mac	Donald, William & Glenice B. 287.21
Cuddyer, Grace, Et Al 40.10 Mar	chetti, Michael & Karren 515.43
Cummings, Jonathan & Benjamin 1,639.64 * Max	ham, Jr., George & Sheila 761.18
* Daku, Ginger 87.28 ** Mea	ader, James F. 316.86
* Demarsh, Donald & Lorraine 1,593.89 ** Mea	ader, James F. 1,062.28
Dunham Sr., Joshua & Betty D. 330.18 Mea	ader, Shirley & Clyde H. 1,111.37
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Dunton, Pamela 185.42 Mot	bile Home Associates 7.64
Farmington Automotive Service 84.04 Mod	ore, Bradford L., Heirs of 719.52

	Mountain View Chocolate Shoppe	165.02		Rundlett, Amber	160.46
	Nation Paving	565.36		Sandy River Excavating	702.88
*	Northern Woods Energy	239.50		Shea, Marilyn A.	2,509.65
	Oliver, Naomi & Charles	248.66		Snell, Jr., Charles H., Pers. in Pos.	281.93
*	Orr, Jr., Raymond B. & Deborah	1,226.77	*	Stasiowski, William A., Myers Anne	298.32
	Pare, Michael	83.92		Starbird, David A. & Diana B.	6,497.67
	Parker, George	15.28		Steenburg, Patrick	1,174.31
	Parker, MD, Michael	423.26		Stitsel, Joyce, Et Al	449.31
*	Piawlock, Terry T. & Linda A.	67.22		Stump, Kristin L. & Christopher I.	270.28
	Pillsbury, Raymond & Kimberly	2,701.19		T & G's BBQ Smokehouse	79.46
	Pins & Needles	556.19	**	Tracy, Alberta	501.56
	Quad M's Cabin Restaurant	255.18	*	Tyler, Edward	506.81
	R & R Auto Sales	18.34	**	Tyler, Joshua A.	63.00
	Reopell, Albert P., Pers. in Pos.	722.86		White, Richard & Leslie	148.82
*	Richards, Daniel A.	350.99		Wilbur, Judy	118.87
				Woodcock, Samuel A.	511.54
				2008 TOTALS	70,760.86
**	Paid in full by January 31, 2011		*	Partial payment as of January 31, 2011	

Knowlton, McCleary & Co. 1871 - 2000



Photo courtesy of Farmington Historical Society

ASSESSING

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



The growth in taxable valuation for 2010 was \$2 million, a 0.50% increase from last year. The growth this year came from both the residential and commercial segments of our community.

The net amount the Town needed to raise from property tax increased by \$253,358.41 for 2010. As a result of the new taxable properties, budget changes, reductions in state revenues and without appropriating funds from the Undesignated Fund Balance (UFB), the Town's tax rate was set at \$15.95 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation (.01595).

The actual figures used to set the tax rates are:

ITEM	2009 TAX YEAR	2010 TAX YEAR
TAXABLE VALUATION	\$399,381,460.00	\$401,380,446.00
TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$ 6,110,536.34	\$ 6,402,018.00
TAX RATE	.01530	.01595

As of this writing, the tax abatements (reductions) and supplements (additions) for 2010 are:

ITEM	VALUATION	TAXES
ABATEMENTS (-)	\$268,120.38	\$4,276.52
SUPPLEMENTS (+)	\$452,521.00	\$7,217.71

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

The real estate market in Farmington is showing an increase in the number of sales. Through October 2010 we had 71 sales vs. 59 sales over the same time last year or a 17% increase. The total sales for 2009 were 70.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Caldwell Town Assessor

2010 Ground Breaking Ceremonies

Emery Community Arts Center



Photo courtesy of Sheila McMillan

W.G. Mallett School



Mt. Blue High School Learning Campus



Photos courtesy of Daily Bulldog

2010 PROPERTY TAX RATE COMPUTATIONS

ASSESSMENT

County tax	\$ 445,972.00	
Municipal appropriation	\$ 4,413,560.00	
TIF financing plan amount	\$ 15,401.66	
School appropriation	\$ 3,374,905.06	
Overlay	\$ 15,929.74	
TOTAL ASSESSMENT		\$ 8,265,768.46
ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS		
State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 525,000.00	
Other revenue	\$ 1,189,300.00	
Homestead & BETE Reimbursement	149,450.35	
Homestead & BETE Reimbursement UFB appropriation	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u>\$ 1,863,750.35</u>
UFB appropriation	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u>\$ 1,863,750.35</u>
UFB appropriation	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u>\$ 1,863,750.35</u> <u>\$ 6,402,018.11</u>

VALUATIONS

Taxable Personal Property Valuation	25,187,300	
Taxable Real Estate Valuation	376,193,146	
Total Taxable Valuation		401,380,446

RATE CALCULATIONS

Net Assessment for Commitment divided by Total Valuation = Tax Rate \$6,402,018.11÷ \$401,380,466 = .01595

GROSS ASSESSMENT CALCULATIONS

Total Taxable Valuation	401,380,446
X Tax Rate	\$ 0.01595
Equals Net Assessment for Commitment	\$ 6,402,018.11

BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

The 2010 Budget Committee was fully staffed with eleven members and two alternates. The first meeting occurred on September 15, 2009, earlier than usual. Following the election of a chair, vice-chair and secretary, the Committee heard a presentation regarding a proposed referendum for a new police station, which received unanimous support. This meeting also included a decision to request written information from each outside agency requesting taxpayer funds, prior to their presentation to the Committee.

Five regular meetings were held, starting on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 to hear budget information and consider requests from the Town Manager, Department Heads and outside agency representatives. In general, presentations reflected either a reduction in services and/or requested funds over last year or a zero increase. Little was recommended for reserve accounts to fund future needs.

The Budget Committee met on two occasions after the budget was passed at Town Meeting. On May 5, 2010, the Committee met with the Board of Selectman and others interested in exploring the possible benefits of changing from the current calendar year budget cycle to a fiscal year budget cycle. It was concluded more information was needed and a sub-committee was selected to prepare and present the additional findings to the full Committee for further action. On October 13, 2010, the Board of Selectman met jointly with the Budget Committee and the Transportation Advisory Committee to explore possible approaches to address the current condition of several roads in Farmington. Information resulting from these two meetings will be made available at the upcoming Town Meeting.

These two final meetings served to re-emphasize what has become an ongoing concern for the Budget Committee. Farmington continues to face questions about the services we need and/or want, the infrastructure we need to provide them, and the short and long term strategies to pay for them, while assuring we are on the very best financial footing possible. Finding a consensus on these issues remains a challenge.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Stillman Chairman

PROGRAMS THAT COULD AFFECT YOUR TAXES



For the following programs the application must be submitted to the Assessor by April 1, 2011. Applications and brochures are available at the Municipal Office or they can be downloaded from our web site 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, 2011 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, 2011. 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 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT (BETR) – If you purchased or transferred taxable business property to a Maine location after April 1, 1995, you may be eligible for the Maine Property Tax Reimbursement Program.

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

PROPERTY TAX AND RENT REFUND PROGRAM – If your 2009 property taxes were more than 4% of your 2009 income or if the rent you paid in 2009 was more than 20% of your 2009 income, you may be eligible for the "Circuit Breaker Program". Applications must be filed by May 31, 2011.



Town Manager Richard Davis presents the Boston Post Cane to Leona Cross

Photo courtesy of Darlene Mooar

TOWN CLERK

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



This year was busy again with two big elections. Each election brought out many voters both with absentee ballots and at the polls. Election days ran smoothly with very few problems. It is good to see the voter participation increasing with every election. I would like to thank all my ballot clerks who worked

the elections and to everyone in the office who helped process the ballots.

Another change this year is the increase of Vital Records. It now costs \$15 for the first certified copy of a record and \$6 for each additional copy ordered at the same time. Marriage licenses increased to \$40 and burial permits are now \$20. Also, any corrections made to a record will cost \$60 paid to the State of Maine. Due to security, the laws have also changed as to who may obtain records and what ID is required. Please contact the office regarding these changes.

Work continues in entering the Vital Records into the computer program we currently have. This makes it easier for counter clerks to find records and print them off faster for the customer. We also have on-going work in the Voter Registration Program and will continue scanning voter cards into the system.

A big change this year is in regards to the dog licenses. I would like to remind all dog owners who have not renewed their dog(s) licenses for the year 2010 to come in to the office to do so. **The late fee now is \$25 and begins February 1, 2011.** Please remember to bring in the current rabies certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne E. Pinkham Town Clerk

2010 Town Meetings / Elections

March 30, 2010

April 27, 2010

May 18, 2010

June 8, 2010

November 2, 2010

Annual Town Meeting

Special Town Meeting

SAD #9 Budget

Gubernatorial Elections

General Elections

Licenses	
Dog	589
Inland Transactions	589

Vitals	
Birth	349
Marriage	52
Death	205

Ballot Clerks

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



It is with a heavy heart that I submit my first report to the citizens of Farmington. On July 18th, Chief Richard E. Caton III passed away as a result of complications from leukemia. Chief Caton was one month shy of his 30th anniversary with the Town of Farmington, and will be remembered as a caring, dedicated, and passionate employee of the Town.

Due to Chief Caton's unfortunate passing, many changes have occurred within the Police Department. I was promoted to Police Chief and I am extremely proud to serve the citizens of Farmington. I can only hope to do as well as Dick Caton and we will continue to honor his legacy by providing the same professional and courteous service that he always professed. Shane Cote was promoted to Deputy Chief after an extremely competitive promotional process, and Michael Adcock was promoted to Sergeant. Three new officers were hired in 2010 and all are exceptional. Officer Kimberly Bates was hired in February and has attended the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, graduating at the top of her class. Officer Jordan Norton was hired in August and Officer Wayne Drake was hired in October. Both will attend the 18 week Basic Law Enforcement Training Program at the M.C.J.A. In 2010, Officer David Galvan left to become a police officer with the Town of Cape Elizabeth. This leaves just one open position that we will fill in the spring of 2011.

Our space needs have certainly not diminished. The Farmington Police Department is located in the Farmington Municipal Building, and consists of four small rooms that combined have approximately 800 square feet. Franklin Memorial Hospital has generously donated their Franklin Avenue property to the Town for the potential relocation of the Police Station, which will be voted on at the March 19, 2011 Town Meeting. Please feel free at any time to stop in to meet our officers and walk through our current space.

Our Department always strives to provide the best service and contribute to our mission "To create a feeling of safety for people within the Town of Farmington". To meet this mission our officers continue to make traffic enforcement a high priority. Although traffic crashes in Farmington have steadily declined over the last several years due partly to this enforcement action, we did investigate a double fatal accident this past summer when two young members of our community were tragically killed on the evening of July 3rd. We will continue enforcement activities to ensure safety on our roadways and prevent another such terrible tragedy.

Elderly, child and spousal abuse is another major concern of our Department. This past year alone, we responded to over 87 calls for service concerning these issues, with nine being sexual abuse of a minor. Please report any suspected abuse to the Farmington Police Department day or night at 778-6311.

On a positive note, members of the Farmington Police Department and their families participated in the American Cancer Society's 2010 Relay for Life held in June at the MBHS. The team raised just over \$7,000 for the relay by receiving donations from local businesses, area residents, friends and family members. Our team held a community BBQ, and spearheaded a "jailhouse" fundraiser. I would like to personally thank Bonnie Pomeroy and Marc Bowering for their dedication to this project that touches all of us so deeply. We have renamed our team "Caton's Crew" and have set a lofty and ambitious goal to raise \$10,000 next year.

The Farmington Police Department participated once again in Maine's Law Enforcement Traffic Challenge where our traffic enforcement initiatives are documented and compared to other Maine police departments' efforts. This is modeled after the National Highway Safety Challenge and is sponsored by the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety. Our Department placed third throughout the State of Maine and as a result we were awarded a free Laser Radar Gun and a strobe light.

The Department received over \$55,000 in grants during 2010. The various grants gave us money for seatbelt enforcement, OUI enforcement, Law Enforcement Traffic Challenge, bulletproof vests and other equipment.

I would like to thank the Farmington Walmart store for generously donating security cameras to the Town, which were being replaced during their recent renovation. This donation included hiring the security company to install them at the Municipal Building.

I would like to thank Farmington Fire Rescue, Farmington Public Works, NorthStar Ambulance, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Maine State Police, Maine Drug Enforcement, Wilton Police Department, Jay Police Department, Livermore Falls Police Department, and all other agencies that assisted us in the last year.

I also would like to thank the community of Farmington and all of our community partners for your continued support.

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

The Farmington Police Department maintains a website at **www.farmingtonpd.org** that contains public service announcements and other helpful information. Please take a minute and check the site from time to time as the information changes frequently.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jack D. Peck, Jr. Chief of Police

Members of the Farmington Police Department

Chief Jack Peck, Jr. Deputy Chief Shane Cote Det. Marc Bowering Sgt. Peter Barton Sgt. Michael Adcock Off. Bridgette Gilbert Off. Darin Gilbert Off. Brian Ross (MDEA) Off. Ted Neil Off. William Tanner, IV Off. Kimberly Bates Off. Jordan Norton Off. Wayne Drake Sec/Disp. Bonnie Pomeroy Sec./Disp. Rachel Heseltine Res. Off. Conley Gould Res. Off. Mary Hastings Res. Off. Kyle Ellis Traf. Guide Robert Hallman Traf. Guide David Lewis Animal Control Off. Wayne Atwood Traffic Guide and Parking Enforcement Cindy McCully

New Officers



Kimberly Bates



Jordan Norton



Wayne Drake

Employee of the Year 2010



Bonnie S. Pomeroy Congratulations!

Employee of the Quarter

Winter 2010 Bonnie S. Pomeroy

Crime	2007	2008	2009	2010	%Change
Rape	20	14	13	15	15%
Assault	85	73	56	81	45%
Burglary	20	23	18	19	6%
Thefts (combined)	231	230	248	213	-17%
Criminal Mischief	101	104	160	76	-53%
Criminal Trespass	80	62	65	74	14%
Drug Cases	112	61	43	72	67%
Domestic Disturb.	52	53	83	59	-29%
Traffic Crashes	499	496	455	429	-6%
Arrests	266	200	207	207	0%
OUI Arrests	74	43	46	33	-28%
Summons	773	693	1,035	1,031	0%
Speeding Summons	399	394	391	331	-15%
Traffic Warnings	4,413	2,823	5,253	4,277	-19%
Parking Tickets	1,204	1,234	1,167	1,309	12%
Missing Persons	20	5	12	14	17%
Harassment Calls	190	151	123	160	30%
Security Checks	919	1,054	972	1,250	29%
Other Service	<u>2,964</u>	<u>3,182</u>	<u>8,160</u>	<u>1,745</u>	-79%
Total	12,422	10,895	18,507	11,395	39%
Total Traffic Stops	5,202	4,234	5,953	5,187	-13%

Summary of the Most Common Crimes or Police Calls/Complaints

Police Revenues							
2008 2009 2010							
Parking Tickets	\$ 17,170.00	\$ 24,225.00	\$ 23,000.00				
Police Reports	\$ 2,185.50	\$ 2,091.00	\$ 2,117.00				
Court Fee & Outside Extras	\$ 3,878.68	\$ 3,878.68	\$ 5,164.73				
Misc. & Gun Per.	\$ <u>1,173.00</u>	\$ <u>1,168.00</u>	\$ <u>1,437.00</u>				
TOTAL	\$ 24,407.18	\$ 31,362.68	\$ 31,718.73				

Farmington Police Department 2010



Front L to R: Secretary Rachel Heseltine, School Resource Officer Bridgette Gilbert, Chief Jack Peck, Deputy Chief Shane Cote, Reserve Patrolman Mary Hastings, and Secretary Bonnie Pomeroy.

Middle L to R: Patrolman Jordan Norton, Reserve Patrolman Conley Gould, Detective Marc Bowering, and Patrolman William Tanner IV.

Back L to R: Patrolman Ted Neil, Patrolman Wayne Drake, Patrolman Darin Gilbert, Sgt. Peter Barton, and Sgt. Michael Adcock.

Absent from photo: Off. Brian Ross, Off. Kimberly Bates, Reserve Off. Kyle Ellis, Traf. Guide Robert Hallman, Traf. Guide David Lewis, Animal Control Off. Wayne Atwood, and Parking Enforcement Cindy McCully.

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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



I submit my annual report for the Farmington Fire Rescue Department for 2010. The Department participated in 41 training classes, which included 4,515 man-hours. The Department also responded for mutual aid 12 times, and received mutual aid 13 times. The Department responded to 318 calls for assistance which are broken down as follows:

2009 2010 Calls for Assistance

- 44 33 Fire related call
- 19 29 Rescue, extrication and emergency Medical Incident
- 94 130 Hazard conditions with no fire
- 49 38 Service calls
- 35 43 Good Intent Call
- 37 44 Alarm Malfunction/False Alarms
- 0 1 Severe Weather/Natural Disaster
- 0 0 Special Incident Type

One of those calls was on January 30th at 5:50 am to respond to a fire alarm at the Medical Arts Building on the grounds of Franklin Memorial Hospital. This was an actual fire, and the area mutual aid departments, EMS, hospital staff and management, as well as State agencies assisted our Department. We were able to manage and bring this incident under control due to the cooperation of all involved and the training we have had.

Our membership has increased by one as we now have 28 members on our roster. One member resigned, Kyle Baker, as he relocated to Augusta as a career firefighter. In August, two new members were added, Mike Cote and Pat Spiotta. They both have been firefighters with neighboring mutual aid departments.

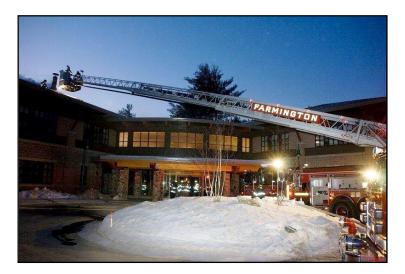
The per diem program has been in place for four years and has proven to work well. There are numerous duties performed by the per diem staff. For fire prevention we visited eight day cares and 90 first graders toured the station. There have been 27 building and or chimney inspections. Over 40 repairs have been done on apparatus, which was in addition to routine maintenance. These repairs would cost considerably more if done by an outside repair shop. This also keeps the apparatus out of service for a much shorter time and does not require the added time or expense of taking the apparatus to a shop. The per diem staff also assists other departments as requested.

In the coming year we hope to be starting a junior firefighting program as a way to possibly recruit new members. At the time of this writing we are mentoring three students in the Foster Tech firefighting program.

Our department is only as good as all of its members and the other departments and agencies that assist us. I would like to thank them all for their time, training and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry S. Bell, Sr. Fire Chief



Franklin Memorial Hospital Medical Arts Center

FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

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



The Farmington Fire Rescue Department has continued its extensive training programs for regular members and new personnel who have come on board this past year. As mentioned in previous reports, the department is constantly facing new challenges, either from new mandates or practices and procedures used in emergency responses.

During the past couple of years budgets have been tight and making do with current equipment has been difficult at times. We must adapt training classes to materials available.

Some of the training topics this past year included the following; Confined Space Rescue, Tower #3 Operation, Vehicle Extrication, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (use, maintenance and updates), Ladders, Size Up of Location/Risk Management, Ventilation and the use of proper equipment, Pumping/Rural Hitch uses, Rapid Intervention Team (R.I.T), Hose Advancement into multi-story buildings, Cold Weather Emergencies, Proper Lifting Techniques, Forcible Entry, Hazardous Materials, and our necessary annual Physical Screening. Again this year we were fortunate to have the Traditional Training Group come back to offer us the weekend courses. This was again open to our Mutual Aid departments; several sent their personnel.

The "Company" training nights continued to offer more "hands-on" opportunities for each fire fighter. This allowed each of us to ask questions, demonstrate methods, do "walk thru" evolutions and take a more active part in training than is sometimes possible in a large group setting.

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

The Department continues to assist the Foster Tech Fire Fighter program with instructors and the use of our facilities. This program has, over the past years, trained a number of local area fire fighters. This year we are sponsoring three students in this program, hopefully they will continue to be available in the months to come. Speaking of working with young people, we have participated in the Career Day Program at the Mount Blue Middle School for several years discussing fire fighting and the Foster Tech Program.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

S. Clyde Ross **Deputy Fire Chief**

Timothy D. Hardy Lieutenant



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

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



With administration and coordination provided by the Code Enforcement Office, during 2010 there were twelve Planning Board meetings held and two Planning Board site walk-overs conducted. During its meetings, the Planning Board reviewed fifty-four applications under the following ordinances: Site

Review, Subdivision, Shoreland Zoning, Floodplain Management, and Soil Erosion Control/Stormwater Management. The Board usually meets on the second Monday of every month, and at this time there are no vacancies on the Board. <u>The Board has also</u> changed its meeting start time from 7:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

On June 14, 2010, Planning Board Chairman, Bussie York, was honored with a brief ceremony at his last meeting. Bussie stepped down as Chairman and we would like to thank him for his many, many years of dedicated service to the Town. Vice Chairman, Clayton King, was then voted in as Chairman.

The Board of Appeals reviewed six applications and conducted one site walk-over. They also held their annual administrative meeting in July. There are currently two vacancies for alternate Board members.

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

The Code Enforcement staff is presently working on performance standards for wind energy systems, and this will be considered at the upcoming Annual Town Meeting in April of 2011. A draft of these standards has been reviewed by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board.

During 2010, forty-seven residential registration forms, seventeen business registration forms, and four home occupation registration forms were filed with the Code Enforcement Office, and twenty-two sign permits were issued by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Three septic systems were constructed in 2010 under the Small

Community Grant Program (SCGP), funded by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Through this program limited funds may be available in 2011 for septic systems that pose environmental and/or health threats.

Community Rating System (CRS) re-certification for the Federal Emergency Management Agency/National Flood Insurance Program (FEMA/NFIP) was filed again in 2010. The purpose of the CRS is to continue stabilization of flood insurance rates through the Town's ongoing efforts to mitigate flood damage and losses.

Please check the Town's website **www.farmington-maine.org** for Board meeting dates, agendas, ordinances, and applications. These are listed under Code/Planning on the homepage. All meetings are open to the public.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

J. Stevens Kaiser, Code Enforcement Officer



The Town Manager Presents Bussie York with a Plaque in Appreciation of his Long Service

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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



The past year of 2010 was kind to us with moderate weather and average storms. Our overtime, fuel usage and road treatment expenditures were average. Minimal wind and storm damages were reported in October and November rainstorms.

As we prepare for winter the repairs on plows were also minor with no major breakdowns from last winter. Again this is a direct reflection on very good maintenance by our shop manager and experienced plow operators.

Thanks to the help of the entire Public Works Department our conservation of diesel fuel, heating oil and electricity has allowed savings on our budget numbers for 2011. Changes to our heating system and identifying waste of electricity have had a direct impact on our budget savings. Also, with better winter road treatment savings on anti-icing and cutting edges have created a tremendous savings. Plow operators are now more aware of when to apply traction aid, and anti-icing, and also when to plow.

Speaking of conservation, our Recycling Center continues to perform well, saving the citizens money. Thanks to the taxpayers in Farmington and the personnel at the Recycling Center, the municipal recycling rate for 2010 was 57.46%.

We also need to thank our highway crew for working nights and holidays to keep our roads safe in all types of inclement weather. When we travel to work in the morning or travel on holidays the roads are safe because someone is working during these times

Our biggest challenge in the coming years will be, as we all know, road and drainage repairs. In 2010 we spent over \$18,000 on new drainage and culvert replacement. This does not include ditching and normal shoulder maintenance. Also, FEMA had funded almost \$30,000 of mitigation for drainage repairs on Bailey Hill and Porter Hill Road from 2009 storm damage, and these jobs also were completed this past summer. We also completed reconstruction and paving and water drainage on 2.98 miles of the Whittier Road. The Whittier Road took three years to complete at a cost of \$150,000 per mile. This number seems staggering and is because

of increased costs over the past five years. The cost five years ago would have been about \$50,000 per mile. With inflation these costs will likely not diminish. With 70 miles of roads to repair and because of reduction to State infrastructure funding (URIP Funds) in past years the Town of Farmington has to address some type of road plan funding soon. Although no one wants to spend more money in these hard times, to not spend on road repairs will only cost more money in the future. We cannot keep our backs turned on infrastructure repairs because every year that we do not do repairs our problems and costs are growing. We must act now or pay much more in coming years.

The State of Maine is now doing a highway simplification study and if enacted would add another 18.5 miles of roads to our year round road maintenance. This would add more to an already strained road maintenance budget.

We can only maintain and repair our roads to a certain level without increasing our expenditures. Please consider any and all plans that will be discussed this year as we work on budgets and road plans. The Transportation Committee, Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen have been discussing these issues for almost a year now, and will be submitting recommendations soon. Most of our roads have been maintained with overlay in the past, but it now is time for a total rebuild on many of our roads. Overlays are simply a patch to very serious road structure problems.

Increased traffic flow at all times of day and night is adding to winter and summer road maintenance with little or no money being added to budgets. This is and will be a challenge to all Public Works Departments nationwide.

In closing, please consider the problems we will pass on to our future generations if we do nothing about a failing infrastructure that once was the best in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Castonguay Public Works Director

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WINTER ROADS OPERATING PROCEDURE

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

WHEN A STORM BEGINS - For nights and weekend storms, the PWD relies on the Police Department to call our Director or Foreman when the road conditions deteriorate. Sometimes, however, the Public Works Director may call some plow units out earlier if ice or severe weather is forecast. When the snowstorms begin, all of our units are called. The major roads are Priority One (Major roads are determined by traffic volume and time of day). Priority One roads are plowed and pretreated with salt and calcium chloride when liquid additive is needed. 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/?g=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 will be cleared as soon as possible after the storm and any others with accumulation. Our priority is to clear the sidewalks near the schools and churches. The downtown area sidewalks that are not the responsibility of the area businesses will be cleared as soon as possible. We have over 7 miles of sidewalks. Again, depending on the storm intensity more than one day may be needed to accomplish clearing the sidewalks.

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

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

CATCH BASINS - Most of us forget about the catch basins in the height of winter. But should we get any rain, those catch basins are

needed for drainage and to prevent the streets from icing. So, if you have a catch basin near your property, would you please keep it clear? That would be a tremendous help to the Public Works crew as our Department is responsible for over 600 basins.

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.A., Section 2396.4)

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



SAFETY COMMITTEE

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



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

Over the years the Town has applied for and has been approved for various Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Workers Compensation Funds, including the Safety Enhancement Grants and Scholarship Grant Programs. When approved for these grants, the funds cover two-thirds of the cost of the award, which is a savings for the Town. During the 2010 coverage year, the Town received a value of \$1,330 in grants for safety equipment that would otherwise have to be funded by tax dollars.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief Terry S. Bell, Sr. Chairman



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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



The year 2010 will go down as a memorable one for the Recreation Department for several reasons. Milestones were achieved, important facilities were rebuilt, programs came, went or returned and, as always, weather played a prominent role in our efforts to provide leisure services to Farmington area residents.

We began the year with a somewhat extended skating season at the Hippach Field rink. Last winter the rink stayed smooth and skatable until February 14th giving our skating public nearly two weeks longer to enjoy the fruits of the hard work put in by our skating rink staff.

At the February Board of Selectmen's meeting I was honored with an attractive commemorative plaque for my 30 years as the Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Farmington. My longevity and contributions to the Town were also noted, and I had the opportunity to thank all those who had played a supportive role in my efforts.

In March, our municipal budget passed at Town Meeting and for the second year in a row our appropriations for the Department were funded at levels less than the preceding year. The effect of the proposed 2010 cuts were tangible: funding for two long-time summer programs were discontinued - the Track program which was created when I came aboard and the Paul Blauvelt Baseball Program which had been funded for 22 years. Other areas that were curtailed were, one fewer day per week of swim lessons at both the Wading Pool and UMF Fitness Center, lighting for night sports at Hippach, reduced funding for the skating rink and a seasonal layoff of the Community Center custodian.

As summer rolled around, big doings were happening at Hippach Field. The first of a two-phase project to encapsulate and repaint the exterior walls of the Fieldhouse was undertaken with the Main Street side of the building receiving a long-needed facelift. The other three Fieldhouse side walls, porch and deck are scheduled to be dealt with in 2011. Also in June a much-awaited project to rebuild the twin tennis courts got underway. This reconstruction was funded through a \$20,000 matching federal grant due to the excellent grant writing by Assistant Director, Joe Nelson in 2009. With the additional funding the Town was able to replace the courts and make several improvements to the venue that previously had been the only substandard facility at our recreation complex.

In July, our Little League field was the primary field in the Cal Ripken 10 and Under Maine State Championship Baseball Tournament. Many spectators from away commented favorably about our facility. The summer was uncommonly hot and dry and taxed our mowing and irrigation efforts, but the fields survived and thrived because of our in-ground sprinkler system and Kifco Water Reel device.

Other improvements at Hippach Field included re-sodding the pitcher's path on the Major League Field, repainting the Fieldhouse roof, and purchasing the walk-behind seeding machine so that field repair and over-seeding work can be done in house.

The Sumner P. Mills Swim Program returned after a one-year hiatus because no Water Safety Instructor could be found to run the program in 2009. Enrollment in Field Hockey and Backyard Sports Camp exceeded the turnout of the last few seasons. Also, Playground was more popular than it had been in years.

Finally, 2010 has marked the comings and goings of other significant personnel. At the end of 2009 we welcomed maintenance staffer Matt Grover who has become an integral part of the Department. However, it is with great regret that I acknowledge the departure of Assistant Director Joe Nelson effective the end of the year. For four and a half years Joe dedicated himself to our Town in an effort to provide the quality recreational opportunities and facilities. To many of us he represented the future face of this Department. While his contributions will remain his presence will be missed. Thanks Joe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Shible Director of Parks & Recreation

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

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



2010 was probably the busiest year we have had since the plant upgrade in 1992. We have continued to upgrade and improve our aging sewerage system and equipment.

One project that has taken place in 2010 is the construction of the Whittier Road sewer line. This

line picks up wastewater from the Mt. Blue High School. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) wouldn't renew the school's expiring license of the existing 41-year-old package treatment plant, requiring that it be connected to a public owned treatment plant. The wastewater now makes its way to the Farmington WWTP. The new sewer line consists of 27 new manholes and over one mile of 12" gravity sewer main. Jordan Construction of Kingfield won the bid to install the new sewer line.

Another project taking place is the replacement of a 10" crosscountry sewer main located between the UMF Fitness Center and Perham Street. This line has dips in it, along with excess infiltration from ground water. It will be replaced by an 18" PVC line by E. L. Vining and Son, Inc., who was the lowest bidder for this project.

The Sunny Hill Subdivision Pump Station is being upgraded with two new pumps, control panel, and guide rails. It will be energy efficient as these new pumps should save on electricity and maintenance. The money for this project came out of the WWTP operating budget while grants from the other projects have been funded by Rural Development.

One project of particular interest is that of a passive solar wall that has been erected on the south side of the Dewatering Building. This wall will use warm air, heated by the sun, to heat the building in colder months which should help with our heating oil costs.

Our new influent pump system continues to perform well although we have had some warrantee issues with one pump but the problems are being ironed out. We are entering into the last year of our present wastewater license. DEP and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) personnel have been studying the Sandy River in 2010 to determine what effect the phosphorus coming out of the plant is doing to the river. We can expect some kind of phosphorus limits in our next license.

On a side note, I was notified at 6 AM on the morning of April 15, 2010, that our influent sample house had burned down. Sure enough, when I arrived, the Farmington Fire Department was wetting down the few remaining embers left from the small hut. Luckily no one was hurt. The "snack bar and gift shop" were still intact.

I would like to thank Terry, Joe, and Mavis for their tireless efforts to make this Department run smoothly. I would also like to thank the Town Manager and office staff for being helpful.

Respectively Submitted,

Steven S. Moore Superintendent

Whittier Road Sewer Line



Passive Solar Wall



SEWER DEPARTMENT

Past Due Receivables as of December 31, 2010

ACCOUNT	BALANCE	EARLIEST YEAR DUE
Bell, Danielle A	240.06	2010
Brackett, Penny	1012.32	2008
Carleton, Brandon R	251.32	2010
Carsten, Randolph S	234.36	2009
Correll, Denise	232.15	2010
Cox, Belinda	183.54	2010
Cummings, Jonathan T	2694.82	2008
Cunningham, Kurt	361.27	2009
Davis, Nancy	282.71	2009
Deutsche Bank National Trust Co	220.31	2009
Eighty Two High St	6456.34	2009
Fernald, Richard G	287.28	2010
Fraser, Bruce M	1220.91	2008
Galouch, Earl N	521.90	2009
Gay, Ted	359.87	2009
Grant, Shawn	4584.98	2009
Grimanis, Rose V	1171.36	2008
Hutchinson, Priscilla J	592.84	2008
Johnson, Jeffrey D	184.16	2010
Jones, Blair	412.38	2009
Lacasse, Richard A	128.25	2010
Lakin, Linda & David	912.41	2008
Meader, Shirley D	562.59	2009
Meader, Steven T	128.27	2009
Olivadoti, Robert & Alanna	70.66	2008
Pond, Thomas & Gail	153.54	2010
Priest, Jonathan & Marnie Cooper	184.88	2010
Provenzano, James	26.96	2010
Rackliffe, Pamela D	582.62	2010
Robinson, Michelle	669.11	2009
Rollins, Jason & Jeromie	191.40	2010
Shufelt, Robert	1576.84	2009
Smith, Fred O II & Mabel	234.29	2010
The Granary Brew Pub & Rest	10370.14	2009
Thomas, Arthur	84.26	2010
Walker, S & S Kennedy Trustees	241.80	2009
White, Corey A	824.92	2008
Winchester, Loralee & Patrick	155.70	2010
Ziehm, Debbie, Pers Rep	263.57	2010

SANDY RIVER RECYCLING ASSOCIATION

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



The Member Towns of the Sandy River Recycling Association (SRRA) recycled 1,282.9 tons of material, which is an increase of 80.8 tons from 2009.

The price for most recycled materials has remained fairly strong in the last three quarters of 2010. We received \$126,479 in revenue from the sale of recyclables this year, an increase of \$65,376 from 2009. Even with the increase in revenue and the reduction of our budget by 8.95%, the Directors thought it prudent to increase the cost per ton from \$45 to \$52 per ton, an increase of \$7 per ton. This fee includes transportation and processing of recyclables and is well below the cost of disposal of municipal solid waste.

Operating costs for 2010 were \$223,037, and this was \$5,763 under a budget of \$228,800. We also expended \$14,774 from our capital reserve for repair of containers and to cover the loss of revenue from last year.

We received 36.4 tons of food scraps for composting this year from Aramark (UMF) and the Mallett School and sold about \$250 worth of compost to area residents this past year. We are currently looking into expanding the compost project to other area schools.

Our web site is up and running at **www.sandyriverrecycling.org.** Please log on and take a look. The site is very informative and we hope it will give people tips on recycling and answers to questions they may have. There are also links to other sites that people may find informative and interesting.

Please feel free to call SRRA's office at 778-3254 or e-mail us at srra@megalink.net if you have any questions about recycling, composting or municipal solid waste.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Slater Manager

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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



2010 was a quiet, yet supportive year for the Farmington Conservation Commission (FCC). The FCC furnished Memoranda of Support for two grant applications.

The Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation

INCE CITY USA Service is seeking a grant to provide training for landowners to identify and control invasive plant species in Clifford Woods. Here and many locations around town have many species of aggressive, non-native plants which threaten local biology. Just a few of these plants are knotweed, autumn olive, honeysuckle, barberry and bittersweet.

The Flint Woods and Bonney Woods trustees, along with the Farmington Village Corporation are applying for a grant to improve and upgrade existing hiking trails. The FCC furnished a Memorandum of Support for this endeavor. To back up our words, the FCC has pledged 100 volunteer hours to each project.

The Flint, Bonney, Clifford Woods, and the Village Corporation Water Department woodlot, are open to the public for non-motorized use. Comprising nearly 150 acres of forests and wildlife, these are just a few minutes walk from downtown Farmington.

The FCC is brainstorming and researching the network of trails, and their sponsors, in and around Farmington. With a "bird's-eye" view, we are looking at issues that include safety, connectivity and accessibility.

In the spring, the FCC replaced two tree lilacs on Main Street that had been severely damaged. Also replaced was a weeping crab tree in the garden in front of the Farmington Community Center. In the summer, maintenance was provided to FCC's trees and garden beds and several dead "disease resistant" American elms from the Hippach Field were removed.

Farmington is again a Tree City, USA, for the 33rd consecutive year.

The FCC's "to do list" includes inventory and maintenance in the Edgett Nursery (near the Farmington Treatment Plant), an inspection of town plantings, and an assessment of tree planting needs.

Finally, the FCC and the Town says <u>**"Thank You"**</u> to long-time member <u>**Erick Apland**</u>, with 25 years of service on the Farmington Conservation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Forrest Tracy Chairman



Arbor Day

Photo courtesy of Daily Bulldog



IMPORTANT NOTICES

PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND MEETINGS

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

VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

TRANSFER STATION PERMITS

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

BURN PERMITS

Burn Permits may be obtained at no cost online at **www.burningpermit.com**, or Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Fire Rescue Office, which is located on the second floor of the Municipal Office Building. 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.



Proven Expertise and Integrity

February 23, 2011

Board of Selectmen Town of Farmington, Maine Farmington, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Farmington and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Farmington as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2010 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

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

RHR Smith & Co. Certified Public Accountants

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2010

						Total
		General		Nonmajor	Go	vernmental
100570		Fund		Funds		Funds
ASSETS	•	0.040.570	•	000 407	•	
Cash	\$	3,646,578	\$	382,467	\$	4,029,045
Investments		-		713,949		713,949
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)						
Taxes		634,938		-		634,938
Liens		231,090		-		231,090
Notes		-		220,365		220,365
Other		15,320		-		15,320
Prepaid expenses		41,736		-		41,736
Tax acquired property		2,331		-		2,331
Due from other funds		9,566		445,484		455,050
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	4,581,559	\$	1,762,265	\$	6,343,824
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$	153,800	\$	-	\$	153,800
Payroll related payables		17,119		-		17,119
Accrued expenses		73,190		-		73,190
Prepaid taxes		325		-		325
Due to other governments		15,550		-		15,550
Due to other funds		2,040,019		9,566		2,049,585
Deferred revenues		686,495		-		686,495
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,986,498	·	9,566		2,996,064
Fund Equity Reserved reported in:						
Special revenue funds		-		1,000,822		1,000,822
Permanent funds		-		752,696		752,696
Unreserved, reported in:						
Special revenue funds		-		(819)		(819)
General fund						
Designated		-		-		-
Undesignated		1,595,061				1,595,061
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		1,595,061		1,752,699		3,347,760
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$	4,581,559	\$	1,762,265	\$	6,343,824

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

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

			Totals
	General	Nonmajor	Governmental
	Fund	Funds	Funds
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$6,397,561	\$-	\$6,397,561
Excise taxes	772,470	-	772,470
Intergovernmental	886,263	-	886,263
Miscellaneous revenues	263,874	368,848	632,722
TOTAL REVENUES	8,320,168	368,848	8,689,016
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	752,971	-	752,971
Public safety	1,545,683	-	1,545,683
Health and welfare	18,532	-	18,532
Recreation and culture	314,239	-	314,239
Education	3,374,905	-	3,374,905
Public works	1,152,170	-	1,152,170
County tax	445,972	-	445,972
Community services	145,388	-	145,388
Unclassified	62,568	320,278	382,846
Debt service:			
Principal	90,152	-	90,152
Interest	39,951		39,951
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,942,531	320,278	8,262,809
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u> </u>	48,570	426,207
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers in	-	36,399	36,399
Transfers (out)	(36,399)	-	(36,399)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(36,399)	36,399	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER	2		
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	341,238	84,969	426,207
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	1,253,823	1,667, 730	2,921,553
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$1,595,061	\$1,752,699	\$3,347,760

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

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Budgete	ed Ar	mounts	Actual	/ariance Positve
	Original		Final	Amounts	legative)_
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1 Resources (Inflows):	\$ 1,253,823	\$	1,253,823	\$ 1,253,823	\$ -
Property taxes	6,402,018		6,402,018	6,397,561	(4,457)
Excise taxes	784,500		784,500	772,470	(12,030)
Intergovernmental	863,250		863,250	886,263	23,013
Miscellaneous revenues	216,000		216,000	263,874	47,874
Transfers from other funds			-	-	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	9 ,5 19 ,591	-	9 ,5 19 ,591	9 ,573,991	 54, 400
Charges to Appropriation (Outflows): Current:					
General government	808,549		808,549	752,971	55,578
Public safety	1,674,798		1,674,798	1,545,683	129,115
Health and welfare	15,000		15,000	18,532	(3,532)
Recreation and culture	326,234		326,234	314,239	11,995
Education	3,374,905		3,374,905	3,374,905	-
Public works	1,233,200		1,233,200	1,152,170	81,030
County tax	445,972		445,972	445,972	-
Community Services	145,388		145,388	145,388	-
Unclassified	75,217		75,217	62,568	12,649
Debt service:					
Principal	90,152		90,152	90,152	-
Interest	39,951		39,951	39,951	-
Transfers to other funds	36,402		36,402	36,399	 3
Total Charges to Appropriations	8,265, 768		8 ,265, 768	7 ,978,930	 286, 838
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 1,253,823	\$	1,253,823	\$ 1,595,061	\$ 341,238
Utilization of designated fund balance Utilization of undesignated fund balance	\$ - -	\$	-	\$ - -	\$ -
Totals	\$ -	\$	-	\$	\$ -

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SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

			L L L		2					
		Applied		Total				Balance	e	
	Budget	Revenues	Ā	Available		Actual		Lapsed	Carried	B
General government:										
Administration	\$ 237,015	' \$	θ	237,015	⇔	217,389	€	19,626	Ь	ı
Assessor	113,946	ı		113,946		115,178		(1,232)		ı
Clerk Treasurer	228,069	ı		228,069		215,027		13,042		ſ
Municipal building	81,535	•		81,535		60,385		21,150		ı
CEO	141,284	'		141,284		140,798		486		ı
Committees	6,700	·		6,700		4,194	I	2,506		ı
	808,549	1		808,549		752,971		55,578		•
Public safety:										
Police department	1,017,944	'	•	1,017,944		902,737		115,207		ı
Fire department	279,970	I		279,970		265,769		14,201		ı
Hydrants	256,415	'		256,415		255,884		531		ι
Street lights	68,000	ı		68,000		71,500		(3,500)		ı
Traffic lights	8,000			8,000		5,325		2,675		ı
Ambulance	44,469	T	:	44,469		44,468		1		1
	1,674,798	•		1,674,798		1,545,683		129,115		•
Heath and welfare:						1				
General assistance	15,000	'		15,000		18,532		(3,532)		•
	15,000	1		15,000		18,532		(3,532)		۱
Recreation and culture:										
Parks and recreation	157,135	•		157,135		155,933		1,202		ı
Community center	107,222			107,222		101,827		5,395		ı
Cemeteries	61,877	ı		61,877		56,479		5,398		•
	326,234	1		326,234		314,239		11,995		1

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SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Appropriations	Applied Revenues	Total Available	Actual	Balance Lapsed	ce Carried
Education	3,374,905	1	3,374,905	3,374,905		'
Public works: Highway department Recycling department Tipping fees Local roads	993,419 70,182 9,599 160,000 1,233,200		993,419 70,182 9,599 160,000 1,233,200	913,367 69,205 9,598 160,000 1,152,170	80,052 977 1 -	• • • •
County tax	445,972	'	445,972	445,972	3	T
TIF - Transfer	15,402	1	15,402	15,402	'	ľ
Debt service Principal Interest	90,152 39,951 130,103		90,152 39,951 130,103	90,152 39,951 130,103		
Community Services Animal shelter	11,056	1 1	11,056	11,056	,	
Public library Abused Women's Advocacy Project	1		122,132 5.000	122,132 5.000		
Red cross		, ,	2,000	2,000		1 1
Shiretown riders snowmobile	1,000		1,000	1,000	ı	ı
Gay cemetery Chamber of Commerce	700 2,500	1 1	700 2,500	700 2,500		
	145,388		145,388	145,388	I	1

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SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

		Applied	Total		Balance	ICE
	Appropriations	Revenues	Available	Actual	Lapsed	Carried
Unclassified						
TAN	3,288	'	3,288	82	3,206	
Insurances	56,000	ι	56,000	62,486	(6,486)	ı
Overlay	15,929	•	15,929	'	15,929	
	75,217		75,217	62,568	12,649	•
Transfers to other funds						
Legal reserve	16,000	'	16,000	15,997	e	ι
Public works	5,000	,	5,000	5,000	•	•
	21,000		21,000	20,997	e	
Total Expenditures	\$ 8.265.7 68	، چ	\$ 8.265.768	\$ 7.978.930	\$ 286.838	ю.

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

		Special Revenues	P0	ermanent Funds		al Nonmajor overnmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash	\$	148,995	\$	233,472	\$	382,467
Investments		187,609		526,340		713,949
Accounts receivable		-		-		-
Notes receivable		220,365		-		220,365
Due from other funds		443,034		2,450		445,484
Total assets		1,000,003	_\$	762,262	_\$	1,762,265
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Due to other funds Total liabilities	\$	-	\$	9,566 9,566	\$	9,566 9,566
FUND EQUITY Fund balance: Reserved: Designated for subsequent years'		4 000 000		750.000		
expenditures Unreserved:		1,000,822		752,696		1,753,518
Undesignated		(819)		-		(819)
Total fund equity		1,000,003		752,696		1,752,699
Total liabilities and fund equity	_\$	1,000,003		762,262	\$	1,762,265

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -- NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Special Revenues	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES	<u>\$ 327,291</u>	\$ 41,557	\$ 368,848
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	310,113	10,165	320,278
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	17,178	31,392	48,570
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers In Transfers (Out)	36,399	- 	36,399
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	36,399		36,399
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER)			
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	53,577	31,392	84,969
FUND BALANCE, JANUARY 1	946,426	721,304	1,667,730
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31	\$ 1,000 ,003	\$ 752,696	<u>\$ 1,752,699</u>

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

2011 WARRANT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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

GREETING: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Farmington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Community Center at 127 Middle Street in said Town on Friday, the FIRST DAY OF APRIL, 2011, 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 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon Article Second.

And also notify and warn the said Inhabitants to meet at the Community Center at 127 Middle Street in said Town on Saturday, the SECOND DAY OF APRIL, 2011 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, then and there to hear the results of the secret ballot on Articles 1 and 2 and to act on Articles 3 through 51, all the Articles being set out below, to wit:

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

SECOND - To choose by ballot, according to the provisions of Title 30-A, M.R.S.A., Section 2528 as amended, two Selectmen and two School Directors, each for a term of three years.

THIRD - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate such anticipated revenues as vehicle excise taxes, state revenue sharing, supplemental taxes, license fees, and such other miscellaneous revenues to be received in the calendar year 2011, to reduce the taxes committed, in the amount of \$1,670,000.

FOURTH - To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. section 5721-A.7, to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,701,048 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 meets the 2011 property tax limit. Because, however, the Town Meeting process is active, interactive, and unpredictable, the Selectmen cannot know with certainty whether the municipal budget being proposed will be increased or decreased by the Town Meeting. Therefore, it is advisable to include this Article if there is any chance that the Town Meeting will raise

and appropriate sums in excess of the property tax levy limit. It is also possible that unanticipated reductions in non-property tax revenues will result in a tax commitment that exceeds the limit. In such cases, State law requires voter action to authorize an increase in the limit. A vote on this Article requires a <u>written ballot</u>.

FIFTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION** for the year 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$685,553	\$694,021
Selectmen Recommended	685,553	694,021
Budget Committee Recommended	685,553	694,021
Town Meeting Approved	685,553	

STATEMENT OF FACT: Selectmen & Appropriated Requested **Budget Committee** Recommended 2011 2010 \$233,645 1. Administration \$237,015 \$233,645 121,984 121,984 2. Assessor 113,946 3. Treasurer / Clerk 228,069 229,380 229,380 4. Committees & Events 6,700 6,700 6,700 85,299 5. Municipal Building 81,535 85,299 6. Tax Anticipation Note 3,288 2,013 2.013 7. General Assistance 15,000 15,000 15,000 TOTAL \$694,021 \$694,021 \$685,553

The <u>Administration Budget</u> 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 2.15% pay increase for employees, based upon the average of the consumer price index from October 1 to September 30, and one half of a 9.5% 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 <u>Assessor's</u> Department personnel consist of one full-time contracted Assessor and a non-benefit 25-hour per week assistant position. Changes in this budget include 2.15% pay increases and half of a 9.5% health insurance increase for the Assessor. This budget includes \$10,000 for the Revaluation Reserve, the balance of which is currently \$70,520.16.

The <u>Treasurer/Clerk</u> Budget includes pay increases of 2.15% and half of health insurance premium increases of 9.5%.

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

The <u>Municipal Buildings</u> budget includes funds to maintain and operate the Town Office and various outbuildings and structures not covered by other departments. Included is \$14,523 to install more energy efficient lighting.

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

The <u>General Assistance</u> program provides for the basic needs of persons who apply and qualify financially. The 2010 appropriation was \$15,000. Expenditures totaled \$19,150 for the year, but are expected to be lower in 2011. Half of this expenditure is reimbursed by the state.

SIXTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CODE ENFORCEMENT** for the year 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$141,284	\$145,445
Selectmen Recommended	141,284	145,445
Budget Committee Recommended	141,284	145,445
Town Meeting Approved	141,284	

STATEMENT OF FACT: This budget request covers the operational expenses for two and one half employees who oversee the Code Administration, Community Development (grant writing and implementation), and Planning functions. Included are 2.15% pay increases and half of a 9.5% increase in health insurance premiums.

SEVENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **POLICE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,017,944	\$1,015,292
Selectmen Recommended	1,017,944	1,015,292
Budget Committee Recommended	1,017,944	1,015,292
Town Meeting Approved	1,017,944	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Police Department budget includes 2.15% pay increases and half of a 9.5% increase in health insurance costs.

EIGHTH - To see if the Town will vote to accept the dedication by Franklin Memorial Hospital of its premises on Franklin Avenue dated January 28, 2011.

STATEMENT OF FACT: Franklin Memorial Hospital has generously offered the land and building located at 116 Franklin Avenue, which formerly housed Franklin Health Farmington Family Practice, to the Town for use as a Police Department facility. Approval of this Article will accept ownership of the property.

NINTH - Shall the Town **(1) approve** a capital improvement project consisting of renovations to the building donated to the Town by Franklin Memorial Hospital to accommodate its use as the Town's police station, including engineering and design costs, transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto; **(2) appropriate** the sum of Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$490,000) to fund the project; **(3) authorize** the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$490,000); and **(4) delegate** to the Treasurer and the Chair the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness:

A.	Outstanding balance of the Town's general obligation bonds:	\$ 816,900
В.	Outstanding balance of the Town's sewer department bonds:	\$1,719,065
C.	Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ -0-
D.	Bonds to be issued if this Article passes:	\$ <u>490,000</u>
	Total:	\$3,025,965

<u>Costs</u>: At an estimated maximum interest rate of 4.5% for a twenty (20) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$490,000
Interest:	\$ <u>263,386</u>
Total Debt Service:	\$753,386

<u>Validity</u>: The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance.

Donub Young Town Treasurer

TENTH - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Balance a sum not to exceed \$80,000 for the purpose of replacing the Police Department's obsolete Information Management System, including computer hardware and software.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The current information management system was installed in 1992 and has had only four upgrades since then, the last occurring in 2004. The Department pays \$5,500 yearly for maintenance of this system, which does not include service calls. Recently, the system underwent an audit by the State which identified many deficiencies that cannot be corrected with the current system. These problems will cause the Department to lose its connection with the State and further restrict the functionality of the Department's outdated software. The software solution proposed will bring the Department up to date and in compliance with the State and FBI security policies. It will also ensure the protection of data and enable the Department to engage in information sharing to help it accomplish its mission. The Undesignated Fund Balance (UFB) as reported by the auditors as of the end of the 2010 budget year is \$1,595,061. The auditors recommend carrying a minimum UFB level that is adequate to cover two months' expenditures, which would be approximately \$1,610,000. Approval of this Article could lower the UFB to \$1,515,061, which is approximately \$95,000 below the auditor's target UFB level.

ELEVENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$279,970	\$287,725
Selectmen Recommended	279,970	287,725
Budget Committee Recommended	279,970	287,725
Town Meeting Approved	279,970	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Fire Department's request includes a 2.15% increase in stipends, wages, and salaries, as well as half of a 9.5% increase in health insurance premiums for the Chief, who is the only full-time member. Also included in the request is an \$18,166 appropriation to the Fire Equipment Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$56,937.85.

TWELFTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **OTHER PROTECTIONS** for the year 2011.

Se Bu	nount Requested lectmen Recommended dget Committee Recommended wn Meeting Approved	2010 \$432,884 432,884 432,884 432,884	<u>2011</u> \$442,411 442,411 442,411
STATEME	NT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested
3. 4.	Street Lights Fire Hydrants Insurances Ambulance Traffic Light Maintenance TOTAL	2010 \$ 68,000 256,415 56,000 44,469 <u>8,000</u> \$432,884	<u>2011</u> \$ 68,000 256,415 66,000 45,996 <u>6,000</u> \$442,411

The Street Light budget remains unchanged, based on 2010 expenditures. The cost of Fire Hydrants is governed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission, and is based on a percentage of the Water Company's total operating expenses. The Insurance category is increased by \$10,000 based on 2010 expenditures. It includes employee cash handling bonds, blanket property and automobile coverages, public officials' liability, and unemployment insurance. The Ambulance subsidy is established by contractual agreement with NorthStar Ambulance. The Traffic Light Maintenance budget is reduced based on 2010 actual expenditures and 2011 projected costs.

THIRTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PARKS AND RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER **DEPARTMENTS** for the year 2011.

Amount Requested Selectmen Recommended Budget Committee Recomm Town Meeting Approved		<u>2010</u> \$264,357 264,357 264,357 264,357	<u>2011</u> \$261,776 261,776 261,776
STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	2010	2011	2011
Parks and Recreation	\$157,135	\$156,649	\$156,649
Community Center	<u>107,222</u>	<u>105,127</u>	<u>105,127</u>
TOTAL	\$264,357	\$261,776	\$261,776

The Parks and Recreation Budget includes operational expenses for all recreational activities, including personnel costs for twelve part-time seasonal employees and stipends for nine program directors and coaches. Changes include a 2.15% pay increase and half of a 9.5% 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.

FOURTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** for the year 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$993,419	\$991,954
Selectmen Recommended	993,419	991,954
Budget Committee Recommended	993,419	991,954
Town Meeting Approved	993,419	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The <u>Public Works Department</u> 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 17). This budget covers the personnel costs for eight full-time employees and two seasonal employees. Included are 2.15% pay increases and half of a 9.5% increase in health insurance premiums.

FIFTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **RECYCLING DEPARTMENT** for the year 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$70,182	\$71,332
Selectmen Recommended	70,182	71,332
Budget Committee Recommended	70,182	71,332
Town Meeting Approved	70,182	

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

SIXTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CEMETERIES** for the year 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$61,877	\$69,385
Selectmen Recommended	61,877	69,385
Budget Committee Recommended	61,877	69,385
Town Meeting Approved	61,877	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The 2011 request represents the amount needed to maintain the cemeteries in the current year. This will be offset by a small amount of investment income from the cemetery trust funds. Increases include 2.15% pay raises for cemetery personnel and a capital outlay of \$5,849 to replace a tractor.

SEVENTEENTH - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate State of Maine Urban Rural Initiative Program (URIP) funds in the amount of \$170,000 for the year 2011, and to authorize the expenditure of said funds for road improvements.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$160,000	\$170,000
Selectmen Recommended	160,000	170,000
Budget Committee Recommended	160,000	170,000
Town Meeting Approved	160,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount indicated in this Article is the amount the Town is projected to receive from the Maine Department of Transportation for 2011 funding. This allocation is used for capital improvements to Town roads.

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 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$5,000	\$5,000
Selectmen Recommended	2,000	5,000
Budget Committee Recommended	2,000	5,000
Town Meeting Approved	2,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Public Works Reserve Account was established several years ago for use in planning and building the Town Garage, which was erected in 2002. The current balance in the account is \$38,725.80. The amount requested for 2011 will be added to the balance. A portion of these funds will be used to upgrade the lighting at the garage. The remainder will be held in reserve for future garage-related expenses.

NINETEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **DEBT SERVICE** for the year 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$130,103	\$126,506
Selectmen Recommended	130,103	126,506
Budget Committee Recommended	130,103	126,506
Town Meeting Approved	130,103	

STATEMENT OF FACT:			
	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	<u>2010</u>	2011	<u>2011</u>
Municipal Garage Debt	\$71,584	\$69,672	\$69,672
Fire Truck Debt	<u>58,519</u>	<u>56,834</u>	<u>56,834</u>
TOTAL	\$130,103	\$126,506	\$126,506

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

TWENTIETH - 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 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$16,000	\$16,000
Selectmen Recommended	16,000	16,000
Budget Committee Recommended	16,000	16,000
Town Meeting Approved	16,000	

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, 2010 was \$7,213.56. The amount shown is requested in order to achieve a target balance of approximately \$23,000 for legal expenses this year.

TWENTY-FIRST - 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 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$0	\$7,500
Selectmen Recommended	0	7,500
Budget Committee Recommended	0	7,500
Town Meeting Approved	0	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The above recommended funds will be used along with an appropriation of \$2,500 from the ADA Reserve Account to provide a \$10,000 local match for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to improve ADA access at Meetinghouse Park as described in the following Article, if said Article is also approved. The ADA Reserve Account currently has a balance of \$4,145.66.

TWENTY-SECOND - Shall The Town of Farmington vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application under the Public Facilities (PF) Program for the Meetinghouse Park Project in the amount of \$40,000, and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and, if said program is approved, to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, to assume such responsibilities, and to exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The above funds will be used for improving ADA access to Meetinghouse Park by creating curb cuts and installing a ramp connecting the upper and lower sections of the park. Town funds appropriated from the ADA Reserve Account in the amount of \$10,000 will complement the grant funds to accomplish this project.

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 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$122,132	\$127,655
Selectmen Recommended	122,132	127,655
Budget Committee Recommended	122,132	127,655
Town Meeting Approved	122,132	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount requested represents a portion of personnel costs for the library staff.

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 2011.

Amount Requested	<u>2010</u> \$700	<u>2011</u> \$900
Selectmen Recommended	700	900
Budget Committee Recommended	700	900
Town Meeting Approved	700	

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 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$11,056	\$11,056
Selectmen Recommended	11,056	11,056
Budget Committee Recommended	11,056	11,056
Town Meeting Approved	11,056	

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. In 2011, the shelter will assess all participating communities \$1.60 per capita. The shelter, however, agreed in 2004 to adjust Farmington's population figure downward by 500 to 6,910 in order to partially reflect the presence of the University students who reside on campus, and are therefore prohibited from keeping animals in the residence halls.

TWENTY-SIXTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **SANDY RIVER RECYCLING** for the year 2011.

Amount Requested	<u>2010</u> \$9,599	<u>2011</u> \$9,487
Selectmen Recommended	9,599	9,487
Budget Committee Recommended	9,599	9,487
Town Meeting Approved	9,599	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Sandy River Recycling Association, located adjacent to the Farmington Recycling Center, serves eighteen communities in Franklin, Kennebec, and Somerset Counties. The Town of Farmington's 2011 assessment is based on the tonnage of recyclable materials from Farmington that was processed in 2010 (191.7 tons) multiplied by the current processing rate of \$49.49 per ton. By comparison, the cost to citizens to dispose of non-recycled waste is \$64.74 per ton. Each ton of material that is recycled saves \$15.25.

TWENTY-SEVENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **AMERICAN RED CROSS** for the year 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$3,500	\$3,000
Selectmen Recommended	2,000	0
Budget Committee Recommended	0	3,000
Town Meeting Approved	2,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: A majority of the Selectmen believe support for charitable organizations is a personal choice by the individual taxpayer rather than by the involuntary use of property taxes by the Town. While many on the Budget Committee hold the same view, a majority believes the Red Cross serves all segments of the community, and therefore supports the request.

TWENTY-EIGHTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **SAFE VOICES** (formerly known as the Abused Women's Advocacy Project) for the year 2011.

Amount Requested	<u>2010</u> \$5,000	<u>2011</u> \$5,050
Selectmen Recommended	3,000	0
Budget Committee Recommended	0	0
Town Meeting Approved	5,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Selectmen and Budget Committee concur on the recommendation to provide no funding for Safe Voices, based on the beliefs expressed in the Statement of Fact for the previous Article.

TWENTY-NINTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **SHIRETOWN RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB** for the year 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</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	

THIRTIETH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **NORTHERN LITES and NEW SHARON SNOW RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUBS** for the year 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</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	

THIRTY-FIRST - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** for the year 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Amount Requested	\$2,500	\$2,500
Selectmen Recommended	2,500	2,500
Budget Committee Recommended	2,500	0
Town Meeting Approved	2,500	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Selectmen believe the Chamber, by providing services that benefit local businesses, benefits the entire community. While the Budget Committee generally agrees, the majority believe support for the Chamber should be an individual business decision, rather than the involuntary use of taxpayer funds by the Town.

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

THIRTY-THIRD - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Balance those funds deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen to reduce the amount of property taxes to be collected to fund the Year 2011 budget in an effort to stabilize the tax rate in a manner consistent with prudent fiscal management.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Undesignated Fund Balance (UFB) as reported by the auditors as of the end of the 2010 budget year is \$1,595,061. The auditors recommend carrying a minimum UFB level that is adequate to cover two months' expenditures, which would be approximately \$1,610,000. 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.

THIRTY-FOURTH - To see what amount, if any, of the Year 2011 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>2010</u>	<u>2011</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 2010, that amount was \$47,432.78. 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 2011 is expected to be an amount similar to that received in 2010.

THIRTY-FIFTH - Shall the Town vote to approve the Condemnation Order and award of just compensation of \$2,200 approved by the Selectmen on February 8, 2011, wherein certain easement and right-of-way rights are taken from Bryan D. McNaney, the owner of record and Bank of America, N.A., the mortgagee of record, said rights bounded and described as follows: A twenty (20) foot wide Easement Area bounded as follows: Beginning on the east boundary line of the land of said McNaney at an iron pin set approximately 153 feet northerly of the north right-of-way line of Middle Street; thence northerly along the west boundary line of Michael Worthley in Book 2347, Page 59 in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds a distance of approximately 38 feet to an iron pin set on said line; thence northwesterly a distance of approximately 64 feet to an iron pin; thence northerly a distance of approximately 28 feet to an iron pin set on the south boundary line of Eduardo A. Ibarguen and Dorothy M. Ibarguen in Book 1669, Page 148 in said Registry; thence westerly along said boundary line a distance of approximately 20 feet to an iron pin at the northwest corner of said McNaney's land and the northeast corner of land of Danielle A. Bell in Book 2974, Page 268 in said Registry; thence southerly along said Bell's east boundary line a distance of approximately 33 feet to an iron pin; thence southeasterly a distance of approximately 102 feet to the point of beginning. The Easement Area is shown on a drawing titled "Town of Farmington, Tannery Brook Sewer Main Replacement Project, Proposed Sewer Easement, Map U-13 Lots 18, 19", dated October 5, 2010. The Construction Easement Area shall be adjacent to all sides of the Easement Area and shall be in the same location as the Easement Area, but wider, an equal amount on either side, of the Easement Area. The Construction Easement Area is forty (40) feet wide and centered on the proposed sewer main on said drawing. Hereby taking the perpetual, exclusive right to construct, maintain, repair, supplement, and replace a sewer line or main and any appurtenances thereto upon, within, and/or under the Easement Area. Also hereby taking a perpetual, exclusive right to use the Construction Easement Area from time to time for the excavation, construction, installation, maintenance, repair, supplementation, and replacement of the sewer main and any appurtenances necessary thereto.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Selectmen have determined that public exigency requires the taking of the above described property interests. As documented in the "Environmental Report for the Town of Farmington, Tannery Brook Sewer Main Upgrade", dated April 14, 2009, James M. Lord, licensed professional engineer, the Tannery Brook sewer main runs along Tannery Brook, conveying wastewater from Outer Perham Street, Outer Middle Street, Granite Heights and the Middle School to The main is at or near capacity with deficiencies that cause flow Lincoln Street. restrictions and allow infiltration. On occasion, during wet weather, the main has exceeded its capacity and surcharged the system, resulting in the overflow of untreated wastewater. The main no longer adequately serves the area, poses a substantial threat to the environment, and must be replaced. The new pipe and manholes cannot follow the path of the existing main on the McNaney property and cannot be installed either in the same location or immediately adjacent to the existing pipe. The existing main runs so close to the structures on the McNaney property that it would be difficult or impossible to replace it, in its current location, without damaging those structures. The circumstances require the relocation of the line to the location hereinabove described.

A Certified Appraiser has determined the amount of just compensation due to the property owner for the above-described easement and right-of-way rights to be \$2,200.

THIRTY-SIXTH - To see if the Town will vote to tender to Farmington Construction and the University of Maine System, the Town's withdrawal from the agreement between the Town of Farmington, the University of Maine at Farmington, and Farmington Construction Company, dated October 7, 1993, as amended in May of 2000, pertaining to lot 4 on the survey plan dated July 16, 2009, prepared by Acme Engineering and Design, Inc., and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 5312, conditioned upon retaining any utility rights.

STATEMENT OF FACT: At the Special Town Meeting held on April 27, 2010, a Warrant Article ratifying the agreement failed to pass. This vote may or may not, as a matter of law, have terminated the Town's involvement in the agreement. (A party to a three-way contract cannot withdraw from that contract without the consent of the other two parties). Adoption of the above Article would terminate the Town's involvement if the other parties accept the Town's offer to withdraw from the agreement.

THIRTY-SEVENTH - To direct the Selectmen to enter into an amendment to the Front Street Parking Lease so as to provide an increase in annual payments to the owner of the premises and to negotiate such other changes as they deem fit and proper in the 99-year lease. (Said lease is dated October 7, 1993 and supplemented by a Memorandum of May of 2000.)

STATEMENT OF FACT: December 14, 2010 four of the Selectmen voted to place on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant an article to tender to the other two parties to the lease the Town's withdrawal from the agreement. However, it was assumed that both of the other parties would accept the Town's withdrawal. It is now evident that there is a substantial possibility that at least one of the parties will not accept the withdrawal. If that happens the Town will not thus be able to withdraw from the lease. Accordingly, a purpose of the foregoing new article is to enable the Selectmen to preserve the lease. It is believed that this can most likely be accomplished by adjusting compensation to the owner and to authorize other changes in the lease so as to preserve the long standing interest the Town has in public parking.

THIRTY-EIGHTH - To see if the Town will vote to accept the dedication by Franklin Savings Bank of a license to use:

(a) Twelve (12) parking spaces situated at the easterly side of Front Street and the northerly portion of the premises conveyed to Franklin Savings Bank by Northern Woods Energy by deed of April 25, 2008 recorded Book 3022, Page 61, Franklin Registry of Deeds, boundaries of the lot depicted upon a plan by Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc. dated September 29, 2010 as revised in March 2011, use of the proposed spaces to be during certain limited hours as further specified in the dedication;

(b) A public walkway and covered staircase leading from Front Street to Main Street over said lot to and over land now or formerly of Woodlands, LLC and Franklin Savings Bank to Main Street;

(c) Parking spaces situated on the west side of Front Street depicted as "Lot 5" and "Lot 6" on a survey by Acme Engineering and Design, Inc. dated May 3, 1999 recorded among the Franklin County Registry of Deeds as Plan 3508, the premises being part of those conveyed to Franklin Savings Bank in deed of June 16, 1999, recorded at Book 1853, Page 46; use of the proposed spaces to be during certain limited hours as further specified in the dedication;

Other terms and conditions are set forth in said dedication.

(A copy of the dedication itself is available for inspection at the Town Office and will also be available at the Town Meeting.)

THIRTY-NINTH - Shall The Town of Farmington vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application under the Community Enterprise Grant (CE) Program for the Downtown Project in the amount of \$150,000, and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and, if said program is approved, to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, to assume such responsibilities, and to exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The above funds will be used for curbing and sidewalk construction in the Park, Pleasant, and Front Street areas, and for the repair of light pole bases for new luminaires to improve street lighting in the downtown area. These above streets will also have drainage and pavement improvements done through Town funds.

FORTIETH - To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes due and payable on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 and, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505(4), charge interest on overdue taxes at the rate of 7.00% per annum after November 1, 2011.

FORTY-FIRST - To see if the Town will vote to pay interest on tax refunds at the rate of 7.00% per annum after Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

FORTY-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.

FORTY-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.

FORTY-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.

FORTY-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.

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

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

Federal funds include the following categories: Community Development Block Grant funds, Federal Emergency Management Agency funds, Housing and Urban Development funds, Economic Development Administration funds, Rural Development (formerly Farmers' Home Administration) funds, federal grants and other federal funds. **FORTY-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 2011 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2012 until the Town Meeting in March, 2012.

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

FORTY-NINTH - Shall "Medical Marijuana Clinics and Dispensaries" be added to the Table of Uses and Definitions in the Town of Farmington Zoning Ordinance.

(Copies of the amended Table of Uses and Definitions are available in advance at the Municipal Building and at the Community Center during Town Meeting.)

Proposed addition of "Medical Marijuana Clinics and Dispensaries" to the "Table of Uses" (Section 8.9) and Definitions (Section 8.8) of the Town of Farmington Zoning Ordinance:

	GP	RLC	VC	VBD	VR	R	F&F
EDUCATIONAL, INSTITUTIONAL, PUBLIC							
Medical Marijuana Clinics and Dispensaries	*	*	*	*	Ν	Ν	Ν

Key: * = Permitted, subject to land use standards and Planning Board approval N = No, not permitted

<u>Definitions:</u> [changes & additions in italics]

<u>Medical Marijuana Clinic and Dispensary</u>: A state-licensed facility for the dispensing of medically prescribed marijuana in accordance to the State of Maine Medical Marijuana Laws.

<u>Offices:</u> Business, professional, medical, government: The place, such as a building, room or suite, in which services, clerical work, professional duties of a business, medical practice, government body or professional service are carried out, including but not limited to finance, real estate, accounting, data processing, legal, insurance, counseling, design, engineering and architecture, but expressly excluding any repair services, retail sales, chemical dependency treatment facility, *or medical marijuana clinics and dispensaries*.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The "Medical Marijuana Clinics and Dispensaries" use will be limited to the districts where retail business is allowed. In doing so, there is less chance of such a facility having negative impact on abutting land uses and/or the character of the district. Having medical marijuana clinics and dispensaries located in retail districts will also place them in areas where they can be optimally served by municipal infrastructure and services.

FIFTIETH - Shall a performance standard for "Wind Energy System" be added to Section 11-8.11 of the Town of Farmington Zoning Ordinance.

(Copies of the Wind Energy System performance standards are available in advance at the Municipal Building and at the Community Center during Town Meeting.)

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Wind Energy System performance standards will enable the Town to be informed of the intended placement of residential and commercial wind energy systems, to regulate the permitting of commercial and residential wind energy systems, to preserve and protect public health and safety, to allow for the orderly development of land, and to protect property values in the Town of Farmington.

FIFTY-FIRST - Shall Chapter 6, Licenses, of the Town's Code of Ordinances be amended to add Article 4, Motor Vehicles for Hire.

(Copies of the proposed regulations are available in advance at the Municipal Building and at the Community Center during the Town Meeting.)

STATEMENT OF FACT: The proposed amendment institutes a licensing requirement for Taxicab operators in Farmington. There are currently no such regulations in effect in the Town of Farmington.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Community Center on April 2, 2011 at the time of the meeting to add new names to the voting list or make changes to the voting list.

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk intends to begin the process of casting absentee ballots at 2:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Friday, April 1, 2011.

Given under our hands at Farmington, Maine this first day of March, A.D. 2011.

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Stephan M. Bunker, Chairman

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Andrew M. Hufnagel

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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____, 2011, which is a least 7 days prior to the day of said meeting.

Dated at Farmington, Maine this _____ day of March 2011.

S. Clyde Ross **Resident of Farmington** True copy:

Leanne E. Pinkham Town Clerk

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LEGISLATURE

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am honored to serve again as your representative to the Maine Legislature. I was sworn into office on December 1, 2010.

The legislature faced extraordinary challenges in fixing a significant hole in the budget for FY11. With hard work and sound negotiating, we were able to present an emergency supplemental budget that garnered bipartisan support and passed both the House and the Senate on the evening of February 8th.

Legislators will need to continue to work together in order to streamline our government and make sound structural changes that will reduce the cost of government and encourage an environment that will foster the growth of business in our state.

I am pleased to be returned to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. As a member of this committee I work on issues concerning government oversight, state employees, country and regional government issues and legislative policies. I promise I will continue to work diligently to ensure that we have an efficient system in place that still provides an effective government for Maine's residents.

Again, thank you and please call, write, or e-mail me with any questions or comments you may have concerning state government.

Sincerely

Lance E. Harvell State Representative District 89



Annual Report to Farmington A Message from Senator Thomas Saviello

January 2011

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you in the Maine Senate, and I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of this community and our region.

The State of Maine, like many of us, is experiencing tough economic times. Currently the state is facing an estimated \$800 million revenue shortfall for the next two-year budget. In order to bring the budget into balance, the Governor, along with the Legislature, must make some significant changes in the way state services are delivered and how taxpayer money is spent. We are committed to crafting a budget that adjusts the growth of state government, prioritizes core services like public health and safety, education, a safety net for our most vulnerable citizens, and our transportation infrastructure. Despite the challenges we face, this is an opportunity to retool state government, reduce the size of the bureaucracy, carefully review the effectiveness of current programs, and set Maine on the right course.

One of our first orders of business when the 125th Legislature convened in December was the passage of LD 1, *An Act To Ensure Regulatory Fairness and Reform*. The bill recognizes that one of the biggest impediments to job creation and keeping our young people in Maine is the regulatory burden the state currently imposes on business. Given this, LD 1 proposes to reach out to businesses and workers to identify duplicative and unnecessary regulations and eliminate or propose changes to these regulations in order to improve the business climate and encourage job creation and retention and expand opportunities for Maine people. I am proud that the legislative leadership has asked me to serve on this committee.

I am hopeful that by reducing state spending, prioritizing our wants and needs and developing strategies for improving our business environment, we can put Maine back on track toward prosperity and create the opportunities that will keep our young people here in Maine.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. I can be reached in Augusta at 287-1505 or by e-mail at <u>drtom16@hotmail.com</u>.

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Dear Farmington residents and friends,

Maine continues to face many challenges. As I travel across our state, I am inspired by stories of innovation and entrepreneurship, yet there is much more we need to do to improve our economy and create jobs.

That is why I am working so hard to improve our nation's trade policies and ensure that Mainers are competing on a level playing field. I was especially pleased that the International Trade Commission found in favor of U.S. paper manufacturers and their workers who filed a petition against Chinese and Indonesian companies that illegally dumped subsidized paper into our market. I worked hard to support this petition, and the tariffs that now apply to these imports will help keep Maine companies competitive and allow them to create and retain good paying jobs.

Our state is also making important strides in developing the types of jobs and economic opportunities that can only be done here in Maine. For example, when Eastport partnered with a U.S.-based company to act as an embarkation port for 500 dairy heifers heading to Turkey, congressional efforts were able to help cut through red tape and bureaucratic challenges. Moreover, the entire bipartisan congressional delegation has successfully urged the federal permitting agency to begin the process for a long-term certification of the Port of Eastport as a livestock exportation facility.

To that end, I cosponsored and helped pass into law last year the "America COMPETES Act," which will create jobs through innovative technology loan guarantees for small and mid-sized manufacturers. I was pleased that two amendments I offered also made it into the final bill ensuring that when implementing the bill federal agencies work together to prioritize the needs of small businesses and that those communities most hurt by our trade agreements will be given special consideration. There are too many small businesses that are struggling to survive, and we must listen to these independent owners when they tell us what they need to grow and create jobs.

However, my biggest commitment is to quality constituent services. Please do not hesitate to contact me at my Lewiston office at 207-782-3704 or by emailing me through my website at www.house.gov/michaud. While on my website, I also encourage you to sign up for occasional e-mail updates on issues important to Mainers and to join me on Facebook or Twitter.

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

With warmest regards,

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my best wishes and warmest greetings to the people of the Town of Farmington. With the New Year upon us, many of us have no doubt made resolutions that we will be striving to keep. For my part, I have renewed my pledge to tirelessly serve you as your Senior Senator in the United States Senate and to do so always with our great state of Maine at the forefront of every issue I consider and decision I make.

Undeniably, our economy remains the foremost challenge facing us today. We are confronted by an economic crisis that has already lasted for more than three years. There is still much to be done, with some Maine counties still experiencing an unemployment rate over 9 percent. The climate of economic uncertainty created by myriad new federal health care mandates and tax increases has created additional obstacles for our nation's small businesses and resulted in a consistently high unemployment rate. As Ranking Member of the Senate's Small Business Committee, it is unfortunate that several actions for which I have advocated that could have immediate and measurable effects on job creation nationwide have not been put into action.

At this very moment our nation's primary job creators – small businesses – are wrestling with the onerous reporting requirements that will force employers to file '1099' statements on all transactions over \$600. I will continue to fight alongside my colleagues from both sides of the aisle for decisive policies that simultaneously thwart tax increases and repeal the policies that devastate potential for job growth in the economy so that our nation's small businesses have an opportunity to expand, thrive, and put Mainers and all Americans back to work.

The world is moving ahead with action on innovative technologies and it is past time that we set a new course for how we think about energy. Energy efficiency has emerged as one of the most effective and expeditious initiatives that can be taken to preserve valuable resources for producers and consumers. I believe we can build upon the success of past tax credits with critical energy efficiency tax incentives, which will spark innovation in our building and industrial sector and afford our constituents and businesses financial incentives to simultaneously reduce energy bills and invest in our economy. This is why I introduced and will work to pass a comprehensive package of advanced energy tax incentives that will create thousands of clean-energy and manufacturing jobs and increase U.S. energy security. And, of course, we remember today – and every day – the extraordinary contributions and courage of our brave men and women in uniform in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world who are the faces of the world's finest defense force.

Again, you may be assured I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the people of Maine and America and – in so doing – I deeply appreciate the input of all those who share with me their insights, concerns, and opinions. I encourage you to visit my Senate website <u>www.snowe.senate.gov</u> for additional details on my efforts, to obtain helpful government information, and to share any concerns or legislative input you may have. You can also find links there to follow me on Twitter and Facebook, as well as signing up for my email newsletter and checking out videos on my YouTube page.

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