

**2022 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 **Mt. Blue High School Gymnasium at 129 Seamon Road** in said Town on Monday, the 9th of May, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 1 through 40 being set out below to wit:

**FIRST** – To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**SECOND** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$992,898 for **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$799,063	\$992,898
Selectmen Recommended	\$799,063	\$992,898
Budget Committee Recommended	\$799,063	\$992,898
Approved	\$799,063	

**STATEMENT OF FACT:**

	<u>Appropriated 2021</u>	<u>Requested 2022</u>	<u>Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommended</u>
1. Administration	\$261,081	\$306,500	\$306,500
2. Assessor	\$130,497	\$143,748	\$143,748
3. Treasurer / Clerk	\$284,811	\$418,100	\$418,100
4. Committees & Events	\$7,800	\$5,500	\$5,500
5. Municipal Building	\$84,874	\$94,050	\$94,050
6. Tax Anticipation Note	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
7. General Assistance	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$799,063	\$992,898	\$992,898

The Town pays 80% of the employee premium and 80% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for full-time employees in all departments.

The Administration Budget includes personnel costs for the Select Board, Town Manager, Town Executive Assistant and one half of the Planning Assistant, related office supply and equipment costs, and expenses for professional services such as the Town Report printing, annual audit, public notice advertising, and routine legal services. Included are pay adjustments for 2022. It includes pay scale adjustments for personnel (other than the Town Manager) in 2022.

The Assessor's Department consists of a part-time contracted Assessor provided by John E. O'Donnell & Associates and a 20-hour per week in-house assistant position. Also included is \$27,900 for the Revaluation Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$237,597.

The Treasurer/Clerk Budget includes pay Adjustments for this position as well as \$90,000 for contracted accounting and business management services.

Committees and Events include Memorial Day Flags (\$2,000), Planning Board (\$200), Conservation Commission (\$800), and Special Projects (\$2,500) which is a discretionary account for the Selectmen through which they may authorize expenditures for special projects, promotions, or events deemed appropriate.

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

The Tax Anticipation Note Is no longer used to provide funds for the Town to operate until taxes are due. This is now handled through funds utilized from and returned to the Sewer Budget.

The General Assistance program provides for the basic needs of persons who apply and qualify financially. The 2021 appropriation was \$25,000. Expenditures totaled approximately \$7,030 for the year, which was well below average. Seventy percent of this expenditure is now reimbursed by the state and accrues to the General Fund.

**THIRD** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$236,000 for **CODE ENFORCEMENT** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$163,593	\$236,000
Selectmen Recommended	\$163,593	\$236,000
Budget Committee Recommended	\$163,593	\$236,000
Approved	\$163,593	

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 pay adjustments for 2022.

**FOURTH** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,695,400 for the **POLICE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,509,268	\$1,695,400
Selectmen Recommended	\$1,509,268	\$1,695,400
Budget Committee Recommended	\$1,509,268	\$1,695,400
Approved	\$1,509,268	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Police Department budget includes negotiated contract obligations for union members. A competitive pay scale was implemented for 2022 to ensure 24-hour, 7 day a week public safety protection. Also included are expenses related to building operation, vehicles, and maintenance.

**FIFTH** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$963,799 for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$771,154	\$963,799
Selectmen Recommended	\$771,154	\$963,799
Budget Committee Recommended	\$771,154	\$963,799
Approved	\$771,154	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The increase in the Fire Department’s request includes creating two full-time “Utility” firefighters to cover vacations and time off for improved scheduling and reduced cost from wages formerly paid to per diem firefighters for coverage. The budget includes pay scale adjustments for personnel in 2022. Included is a \$75,000 appropriation to the Fire Equipment Reserve Account, to replace Engine 2, the balance of which is currently \$93,000.

**SIXTH** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$584,900 for **OTHER PROTECTIONS** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$562,586	\$584,900
Selectmen Recommended	\$562,586	\$584,900
Budget Committee Recommended	\$562,586	\$584,900
Approved	\$562,586	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
1. Street Lights	\$63,550	\$70,000
2. Fire Hydrants	\$345,475	\$350,000
3. Insurances	\$96,700	\$106,800
4. Ambulance	\$36,861	\$36,600
5. Traffic Light Maintenance	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$21,500</u>
TOTAL	<b><u>\$562,586</u></b>	<b><u>\$584,900</u></b>

The Street Light budget has increased slightly even with the conversion of the high-pressure sodium lights to more energy-efficient LED fixtures, due to the higher number of streetlights in town on High Street and Front Street. The Fire Hydrant cost is governed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission and is based on a percentage of the Water Company's total operating expenses. The Insurance category is based on anticipated premium costs in 2022. Included are employee cash handling bonds, blanket property and automobile coverages, public officials' liability, and unemployment insurance. The Ambulance subsidy is established by a contractual agreement with NorthStar Ambulance. The Traffic Light Maintenance budget is based on 2021 actual expenditures and 2022 projected costs.

**SEVENTH** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$564,695 for the **PARKS AND RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER DEPARTMENTS** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$349,502	\$564,695
Selectmen Recommended	\$349,502	\$564,695
Budget Committee Recommended	\$349,502	\$564,695
Approved	\$349,502	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>
Parks and Recreation	\$203,342	\$386,815	\$386,815
Community Center	<u>\$146,160</u>	<u>\$177,880</u>	<u>\$177,880</u>
TOTAL	\$349,502	\$564,695	\$564,695

The Parks and Recreation Budget includes operating expenses for all recreational activities, maintenance, equipment, and personnel costs including one Director, one Assistant, and one additional full-time program staff as well as part-time and seasonal positions such as program directors and coaches. The Community Center budget includes maintenance, equipment, and personnel costs. The long-term, part-time custodian position is being changed to full-time to better utilize their expertise. Both budgets include pay scale adjustments for personnel in 2022.

**EIGHTH** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,841,582 for the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,506,788	\$1,841,582
Selectmen Recommended	\$1,506,788	\$1,841,582
Budget Committee Recommended	\$1,506,788	\$1,841,582
Approved	\$1,506,788	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Public Works Department budget covers the operational expenses required to maintain the Town's 120 miles of roads. This includes \$650,000 for road repair and the offset increased costs for paving supplies. The budget covers the personnel costs for eleven full-time and two part-time employees. This includes pay scale competitive adjustments for personnel in 2022. An Office Manager position is being added to streamline the resolution of citizen concerns and more efficiently handle purchasing of supplies, allowing the Director to focus on road repair, snow removal, and other projects.

**NINTH** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$178,050 for the **RECYCLING DEPARTMENT** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$174,612	\$178,050
Selectmen Recommended	\$174,612	\$178,050
Budget Committee Recommended	\$174,612	\$178,050
Approved	\$174,612	

STATEMENT OF FACT: This budget covers all operating expenses for the transfer station, pay scale adjustments for the current two part-time employees in 2022. Included is \$40,000 for a recycling service agreement with Archie's, Inc. This budget is offset by approximately \$40,000 of revenue that accrues to the General Fund.

**TENTH**—Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,810 for **CEMETERIES** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$96,485	\$3,810
Selectmen Recommended	\$96,485	\$3,810
Budget Committee Recommended	\$96,485	\$3,810
Approved	\$96,485	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The 2022 request represents the amount needed to provide Sexton services (plot sales, genealogical information, grave preparation, etc.). Approximately \$21,780 for the maintenance of the Fairview and Riverside Cemeteries in the current year has been included in the Public Works budget. The amount requested is offset by cemetery fees estimated at \$15,500 and trust fund earnings estimated at \$15,000.

**ELEVENTH** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate State of Maine Local Road Assistance Program (LORAP) funds in the amount of \$154,900 for the year 2022, and to authorize the expenditure of said funds for road improvements.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$154,827	\$154,900
Selectmen Recommended	\$154,827	\$154,900
Budget Committee Recommended	\$154,827	\$154,900
Approved	\$154,827	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The figure shown in this Article is the amount the Town is projected to receive from the Maine Department of Transportation for 2022 funding. This allocation is used for capital improvements to Town roads.

**TWELFTH** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650,000 for the **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR ROADS** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$300,000	\$650,000
Selectmen Recommended	\$300,000	\$650,000
Budget Committee Recommended	\$300,000	\$650,000
Approved	\$300,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The request represents the amount that is needed, over and above the \$154,900 appropriation in the preceding Article, to fully fund the Capital Improvement Program for road rehabilitation in the current year. The 2022 funds also reflect the increased cost of paving materials. Planned for 2022 is the completion of the High Street project, additional projects will be included for 2022 and beyond, subject to annual funding approval.

**THIRTEENTH** - Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$260,400 for **DEBT SERVICE** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$212,568	\$260,400
Selectmen Recommended	\$212,568	\$260,400
Budget Committee Recommended	\$212,568	\$260,400
Approved	\$212,568	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>
Public Works Garage	\$52,600	\$0	\$0
Police Building Debt	\$41,917	\$42,000	\$42,000
Engine 1 - Fire Truck Debt	\$118,051	\$118,100	\$118,051
Engine 2 - Fire Truck Debt	\$0	\$42,800	\$42,800
Community Center Roof	\$0	\$57,500	\$57,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$212,568</b>	<b>\$260,400</b>	<b>\$260,400</b>

The amount indicated in this Article represents the debt service (principal and interest) for bonds for the police station renovations and the fire truck that was approved at the November 5, 2019, referendum. The Public Works garage debt was retired in 2021, the police building debt will be retired in 2026, and the Engine1 fire truck debt in 2029. The replacement engine 2 fire truck and the new roof for the Community Center represent the estimated amounts for new bonds in the amounts of \$650,000 and \$900,000 respectively. Both amounts may be reduced by federal grants the Town applied for.

**FOURTEENTH** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the **LEGAL RESERVE ACCOUNT** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$10,000	\$5,000
Selectmen Recommended	\$10,000	\$5,000
Budget Committee Recommended	\$10,000	\$5,000
Approved	\$10,000	

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, 2021, was \$33,311.98. The amount shown is requested to achieve a target balance of \$38,300 for legal expenses this year.

**FIFTEENTH** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) RESERVE ACCOUNT** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,000	\$2,500
Selectmen Recommended	\$1,000	\$2,500
Budget Committee Recommended	\$1,000	\$2,500
Approved	\$1,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The ADA Reserve Account is used to improve accessibility to public facilities for people with disabilities. It currently has a balance of \$11,497.88.

**SIXTEENTH** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$228,000 for the **FARMINGTON LIBRARY** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$205,404	\$228,000
Selectmen Recommended	\$205,404	\$228,000
Budget Committee Recommended	\$205,404	\$228,000
Approved	\$205,404	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount requested represents approximately 74.4% of the library's total projected budget for 2022 and is an 11% increase over the 2021 Town appropriation.

**SEVENTEENTH** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the **GAY CEMETERY** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,000	\$1,000
Selectmen Recommended	\$1,000	\$1,000
Budget Committee Recommended	\$1,000	\$1,000
Approved	\$1,000	

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

**EIGHTEENTH** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,900 for the **FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER** for the year 2022.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$17,072	\$16,900
Selectmen Recommended	\$17,072	\$16,900
Budget Committee Recommended	\$17,072	\$16,900
Approved	\$17,072	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The State of Maine mandates that all municipalities designate a shelter that will accept stray animals. Farmington contracts with the Franklin County Animal Shelter for this service. The shelter currently assesses all participating communities at \$2.20 per capita based on the most recent US Census.

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

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

**TWENTIETH** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the year 2022 the sum of \$17,998 for **NONPROFIT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES** that are impacted by the cuts that the Franklin County Commissioners made beginning in 2017.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Town of Farmington for 35 years has funded social services and economic development through the Franklin County Government. Franklin County Commissioners in 2017 reduced funding to social services and economic development by 70% or \$143,000 and an additional \$31,000 in 2018 and withheld \$58,000 in approved funding in 2019. This reduction eliminated funding to 8 nonprofits and reduced support to 1 other. The Town of Farmington’s taxation by the County was reduced by \$17,998 in 2017 as a result of these cuts. This Article asks if the Town wishes to continue support to these organizations for service rendered in Farmington in the same amount saved in 2017, \$17,998. The organizations agree to use this funding to support Farmington residents. The organizations recommend this funding be distributed based on the proportion of the amount lost by each nonprofit.

<b>Proposed Disbursement of Town Funding</b>						
<b>Breakdown</b>	<b>Total Avail FY17</b>	<b>Dept Req. FY18</b>	<b>Comm. Req. FY18</b>	<b>Amount Lost</b>	<b>% Of Loss</b>	<b>Farmington Share</b>
Franklin County Children’s Task Force (FCCTF)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	5%	\$ 857.00
Franklin County Adult Basic Education	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.00
Western Maine Transportation Services (WMTS)	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	3%	\$ 2,000.00
Western Maine Community Action Inc. (WMCA)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.00
Greater Franklin Development Council	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 42,000.00	40%	\$ 5,714.00
Seniors Plus	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.00
Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services (SAPARS)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.00
Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice (AHHCH)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,130.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.00
Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	5%	\$ 857.00
	\$ 171,200.00	\$ 209,330.00	\$ 66,200.00	\$ 105,000.00	100%	\$ 17,998.00

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	\$17,998	\$17,998
Selectmen Recommended	\$17,998	\$17,998
Budget Committee Recommended	\$17,998	\$17,998
Town Meeting Approved	\$17,998	

**TWENTY-FIRST** – Shall the Town vote to adopt the following Resolution.

**Statement from the voters of Farmington on April 25, 2022**

Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners have funded economic development and social services programs that serve the entire region for over 35 years, and

Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners have cut all funding to social services agencies and economic development programs, and

Whereas these organizations and their important services benefit the entire region and improve the quality of life for our residents,

Now, therefore, the Town of Farmington requests that Franklin County reverse its policy of not funding these programs, restore funding to these organizations and continue the regional approach for these services.

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

**TWENTY-THIRD** – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Unassigned Fund Balance those funds deemed necessary by the Select Board to reduce the amount of property taxes to be collected to fund the Year 2022 budget to stabilize the tax rate in a manner consistent with prudent fiscal management.

**TWENTY-FOURTH** – STATEMENT OF FACT: The Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) as reported by the auditors as of the end of the 2021 budget year is approximately \$2,951,908. The auditors recommend carrying a minimum UFB level that is adequate to cover up to three months’ expenditures, which is approximately \$1,906,358. Approval of this Article would allow the Selectmen to utilize whatever amount of UFB if any, that they deem to be advisable to reduce the property tax commitment while maintaining adequate reserves.

**TWENTY-FIFTH** – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the full amount of the year 2022 Bee Line Cable Contract Franchise Fee and equipment and facilities fund for the Cable Franchise Fee Reserve Fund for the benefit of Bee Line Cable subscribers, to be expended or allocated at the discretion of the Select Board.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amount Requested	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Selectmen Recommended	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Budget Committee Recommended	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Approved	Full Franchise Fee	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Cable Television Franchise granted to Bee Line, Inc. by the Town of Farmington requires Bee Line to pay the Town 5% of its gross annual revenues as compensation for the rights and privileges granted by the Agreement. In 2021, that amount was \$50,885.85. This payment is used to support the operations of the Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) channel, Mount Blue TV (Channel 11). The Franchise Agreement also allows for a \$7,500 annual payment for Mount Blue TV’s equipment and facilities. The full franchise fee for 2022 is expected to be an amount similar to or slightly less than that received in 2021

**TWENTY-SIXTH** – To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes due and payable on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, or 45 days from the tax commitment, whichever is later and, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 505(4), charge interest on overdue taxes at the rate of 4.00% per annum after November 1, 2022.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH** – To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 506-A, to pay interest on refunds of overpaid or abated taxes at the rate of 2.00% per annum after Tuesday, November 1, 2022, or 45 days from the tax commitment, whichever is later.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH** – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements approved by the Select Board/Assessor from the property tax overlay or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance.

**TWENTY-NINTH** – 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.



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

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

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

**THIRTY-THIRD** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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 Select Board to accept, on behalf of the Town, any and all unconditional gifts of any type of property.

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

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

**THIRTY-FOURTH** – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budget amount in each category of the 2022 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2023, until the Town Meeting in March 2023.

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

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

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

**THIRTY-EIGHTH** – Shall the following addition (in underlined, italicized, bold) to the section entitled 11-14.10.A.3 Standards For Permit/License in the current Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Stores, Cultivation Facilities, Manufacturing Facilities, and Testing Facilities Ordinance be adopted:

“A property containing a building housing one or more Adult Use or Medical Marijuana business(es) may not be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of another property containing a building housing one or more Adult Use or Medical Marijuana business(es), **unless such properties are located in the General Purpose District and are owned or controlled by the same person or entity or an affiliate of such entity that holds right, title, or interest in each property, by way of a deed, lease, sublease, purchase and sale agreement, or similar, in which case there shall be no separation by distance between same required.**

**For the purposes of this section, “Affiliate” means, as to any entity, any other entity that, directly or indirectly, is in control of, is controlled by, or is under common control with such entity. For purposes of this definition, “Control” of an entity means the power, directly or indirectly, to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such entity whether by contract or otherwise.**

**THIRTY-NINTH** – Shall Chapter 11 - Land Use, Article 2 - Town of Farmington Floodplain Management Ordinance, the current version adopted on March 13, 2006, be amended to incorporate revisions in the State model Floodplain Management Ordinance.

NOTE: Copies of the Ordinance (Chapter 11, Article 2), with deletions, ~~struck through~~ and additions underlined in italics, are available in advance at the Municipal Building and will be available at the Community Center during the Town Meeting.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: When the Town did the last update of its Floodplain Management Ordinance in 2006, the State model was used. Minor revisions made to the State model since that time have been drafted into these modifications to stay current with the State model. The proposed changes will not affect property owners and are essentially administrative in nature to make the Ordinance more readable and the process more easily understood.

**FORTIETH** – Shall the following addition, E.1-5 Activation, to the section entitled 11-14.10 Standards For Permit/License in the current Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Stores, Cultivation Facilities, Manufacturing Facilities, and Testing Facilities Ordinance be adopted.

**§11-14.10 Standards For Permit/License**


**E. ACTIVATION**

1. Once a Licensee/Permittee has had their License(s)/Permit(s) issued by the Board of Selectmen, they have one year to begin business activity thereunder at their designated location.
2. If a Licensee/Permittee has not implemented business activity within one year of having been Licensed/Permitted by the Board of Selectmen, their License(s)/Permit(s) shall become null and void.
3. Once a Licensee/Permittee has had their License(s)/Permit(s) issued by the Board of Selectmen, they have one year to obtain their State license(s) from the Office of Marijuana Policy (OMP) for their designated location.
4. If a Licensee/Permittee has not obtained their State license(s) from OMP for their designated location within one year of having been Licensed/Permitted by the Board of Selectmen, their License(s)/Permit(s) shall become null and void.
5. If a Licensee/Permittee has had a State license application on file for one year with OMP, and OMP has not yet issued a State license, and such delay has not been the result of any action or fault of the applicants, and the issuance of said OMP license remains pending, the applicant is entitled to the remaining time necessary for OMP to complete said licensing.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the **Mt. Blue High School Gymnasium at 129 Seamon Road** on May 9th, at the time of the meeting to add new names to the voting list or make changes to the voting list.

Given under our hands at Farmington, Maine this 24th day of February, A.D. 2022.


**TOWN OF FARMINGTON SELECT BOARD**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew W. Smith, Chairman

  
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Michael J. Fogg

  
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Stephan M. Bunker

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Joshua H. Bell

  
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H. Scott Landry

**ORIGINAL:**

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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 April \_\_\_\_, 2022, which is a least 7 days prior to the day of said meeting.

Dated at Farmington, Maine this \_\_\_\_ day of April 2022.

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S. Clyde Ross  
Resident of Farmington  
True copy:

  
Leanne E. Dickey  
Town Clerk