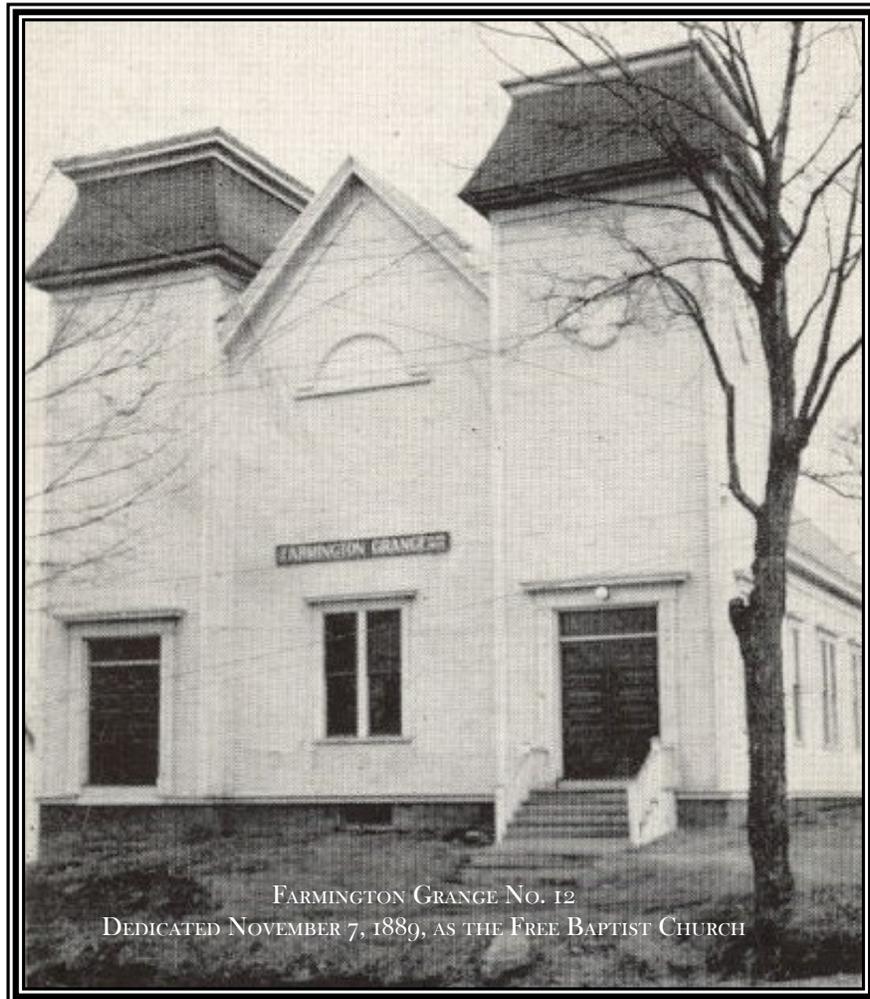


# TOWN OF FARMINGTON



FARMINGTON GRANGE NO. 12  
DEDICATED NOVEMBER 7, 1889, AS THE FREE BAPTIST CHURCH

Photo courtesy of Farmington Grange No. 12



## ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2008



**York Farm**



**Voter Hill Farm**



**Hardy Farm**



**Bailey Farm**



**McCleery Farm**

Photos courtesy of Voter/York, Hardy, Bailey, and McCleery families  
Voter Hill Farm now owned and operated by the Berry family

# **FARMINGTON, MAINE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**



**FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING**

**DECEMBER 31, 2008**

## Ceres

Ceres was the Roman goddess of agriculture and grain.



Ceres, in Roman mythology, an earth goddess, the patroness of agriculture, especially of fruit and grain. She was known to the Greeks as Demeter.

Ceres was the daughter of Saturn and Rhea, and a sister of Jupiter, by whom she was the mother of Proserpina.

While Proserpina was gathering flowers in Enna, in Sicily, a region of perpetual spring, she was admired by Pluto, who carried her off to his domain in the lower world, or the abode of the dead. In her anger, Ceres caused the earth to become barren, and she set out in search of her daughter. Disguised as an old woman, Ceres came to Eleusis in Attica, where she was received hospitably by King Celeus, who gave her care of his ailing infant son, Triptolemus. She cured the boy, but was prevented by his mother, Metaneira, from putting him in a fire to make him immortal. Ceres revealed her identity and took the boy away in her chariot. She taught him the arts of agriculture, which he gave to the world, and on his return home, he built a temple to Ceres and instituted the Eleusinian mysteries in her honor.

Pluto, urged by the gods, consented to give up Proserpina, but before he allowed her to return, he tricked her into eating some pomegranate seeds. Because of this, Proserpina was required to spend one-third of the year in Hades. Nevertheless, Ceres rejoiced at her daughter's return and restored fertility to the earth.

Sources: Encyclopedia Americana  
Illustration source: Encyclopedia Mythica

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## DEDICATION

It is with sincere appreciation that we dedicate the  
2008 Annual Town Report to

*~ L. Herbert "Bussie" and Brenda Voter York ~*



Photo courtesy of York family

**Bussie and Brenda York have made a positive difference  
to their native Farmington for many years  
and have served their community  
with distinction in numerous capacities.**

An outstanding farm family, Bussie and Brenda have been working the land since both were young and raised on separate farms in Franklin County. For the past 50 years they have managed the Sandy River Farm, a multi-faceted organic dairy and crop production organization comprising over 1,600 acres of land. With an Associates degree in Agriculture from the University of Maine at Orono, Bussie has promoted many environmentally conscious practices to sustain farming as an important value in the state of Maine. The farm was selected as the Maine Conservation Farm of the Year in 1965 and 1994.

Both Brenda and Bussie have been active leaders of the Maine State Dairy Show, the Maine Farm Bureau, the 4-H Dairy, Tractor and Beef Clubs, the Franklin County Extension Association, and the Farmington Grange.

In 1994, the Blue Hill Fair honored Brenda for her continuous support, and in 1995 she was named to the Agricultural Hall of Fame at the Skowhegan State Fair. This fall, Bussie received the Entrepreneur Award from the Farmington Rotary Club for his innovative practices and visionary thinking. Bussie has served on the Town's Planning Board since 1987 and as chairman since 1991. Both Brenda and Bussie have been members of the Town's Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee and the Farmington Budget Committee.

In 1995, Brenda and Bussie suffered the total loss of their home and barn when lightening struck on a summer afternoon. Deciding that they would rebuild, they hosted two weekends of an old-fashioned barn raising and asked for the community's support. Many Farmington residents, UMF students and friends came to help. This kind of community engagement is rare in our world today and speaks volumes about the role this couple plays in our town.

These two Farmington natives, ardent supporters of sustainable farming, committed stewards of the environment and tireless servants of their beloved community, are well deserving of this year's dedication honor. We thank you, Bussie and Brenda, for all that you have done to promote our community and to enhance it and its agricultural roots through your life's work.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Richard A. "Rick" Speich**

**2/2/51 – 4/3/08**



Born and educated in Rahway, NJ, Rick graduated in 1979 from Scotch Plains Technical Institute and worked as a boilermaker for Exxon in New Jersey. Rick's love for Maine began over 30 years ago when he volunteered his construction skills during the summers rehabilitating houses with the Mission at the Eastward. After retirement, Rick fulfilled his dream by moving to Farmington in 2000. He worked for the Parks and Recreation Department for three years and served on the Farmington Zoning Board for six years. Rick owned the Country Cricket Bed & Breakfast with his wife Sally, and enjoyed farming, camping, canoeing, and hiking.

**Clinton B. "Kit" Blaisdell**

**12/21/21 – 6/3/08**



Kit Blaisdell was born in Wilton, and graduated from Wilton Academy. He was a veteran of the Army and served in the 149<sup>th</sup> Infantry in the South Pacific and Philippines, earning the Purple Heart and Bronze Service Star. Upon Kit's return from the war he was employed at Parkview Service Station and later at Nickerson Buick Oldsmobile Car Dealership. He retired in 1983 after 20 years as a custodian at the University of Maine at Farmington. Kit was a dedicated member of the Farmington Fire Rescue Department for 25 years and a lifetime member of the Maine State Federation of Fire Fighters.

**Faye Colburn Voter**

**3/19/15 – 6/4/08**



Faye was born in Farmington and graduated from Bliss Business College in Auburn. She married Warren Voter and they eventually took over running the family's Voter Hill Farm. Faye was a member, past master, and lecturer of the Farmington Grange, and received her 75-year pin. She was a past president of the West Farmington Literacy Society and was an active member of the Farm Bureau and many other committees. Faye involved herself with the community by serving

on the Farmington School Board, the Franklin County Republicans and Election Committee, and volunteering as a Farmington Ballot Clerk for many years. She loved showing her prize-winning cows and sheep at fairs all over New England and visiting with her extended farm and fair family.

**Eugene L. Mosher**

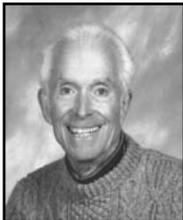
**7/16/30 – 7/15/08**



Eugene was born and schooled in Farmington. He owned Mosher's Insurance in Norridgewock for many years. He became a mail carrier for several local post offices before taking a full time route in 1984 in Farmington, and retired in 1993. He was a member of the Rural Letter Carriers Association. In 2000, Eugene started driving for the SAD 9 bus garage, where he worked for eight years driving special –needs children, who held a special place in his heart. He joined the Norridgewock Fire Department in 1965, and was past vice president and treasurer of the Maine State Federation of Firefighters for Somerset County. He transferred to the Farmington Fire Rescue Department in 1984. Eugene was a very active community member, and belonged to many organizations.

**Richard B. Gould, Sr.**

**8/23/16 – 10/19/08**



Richard was a lifelong resident of Farmington and graduated cum laude in 1938 from Bates College. "Mr. Gould" taught chemistry and physics, and coached winter sports and track at Farmington High School and School Administration District 9, for 55 years. He served as head of the Science Department for 25 years and held the record in Maine for teaching high school the longest. During this time, Richard was part owner of the family canning business, Franklin Farms Products Co. He initiated the building of new cross-country trails and ski programs for Titcomb Mountain, and in 2006 he was inducted into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame. Richard served on various boards and committees in the community including the Budget Committee for five years. He was dedicated to his community, family, and friends.

Sources: Morning Sentinel  
Photos courtesy of Franklin Journal and York family

## **Farmington Agriculture: Then and Now**

### **By Paul H. Mills**

In the early years of the town, some of our nation's most influential leaders, Washington and Jefferson, were farmers.

With the name *Farmington* bestowed on us at the time of incorporation in 1794 - now 215 years ago - it should also come as no surprise that from the beginning the town was a favored location for this most essential endeavor.

The "Great Intervale" on the Sandy River, including portions in recent years farmed by our long time Planning Board Chair, Bussie York, was the initial attraction for the earliest settlers. Butterfields, Titcombs, Tufts, and Whittiers were families with the first farms along this part of the Sandy River.

Throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century and into the 20<sup>th</sup> the leading livestock was sheep. In 1897, for example, the Voter Hill Farm - now operated by Bill and Irene Berry - maintained a herd of 225 sheep but only 30 head of cattle.

By the 1920's, with the advent of modern refrigeration, dairying became dominant. In the generation that followed, Farmington's biggest dairy farms included those of Archie Davis and John Pillsbury.

Major cattle dealers also emerged in this era. Fred and Sam Wheeler were among the most prominent.

In the 1950's, poultry became a crucial undertaking for some. These included Robert McCleery, who from 1977 to 2000 also served as the town's fire chief.

All the larger farms have also always raised crops. Wheat was an early favorite. Corns and beans later emerged as the most profitable. They achieved primacy in the century after the Civil War until the 1970's, supplying the many canning factories of the area.

The principal work animal on the 19<sup>th</sup> century farm was the ox, overtaken by the workhorse in the 1890's, which in turn was gradually replaced by gas-powered machinery during the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Throughout Farmington's history, farmers have often been among the leaders in town government. These included the Chair of the Board of Selectmen during the first seven years of the town, Peter Corbett. At the helm in the late 1940's was another farmer who dedicated several crucial years to running town government, Holmes Bailey. It was during his tenure the town adopted its present town manager system of government in 1948. Bailey was the grandfather to present farmers Mark and Konrad Bailey, who have likewise in recent years played active roles in Farmington government.

As recently as 1965, a majority of the Board of Selectmen, Pillsbury, Linwood York, and Milford Beal, were also farmers. So today is Raymond Orr, who served from 1967 to 1979 as the town's police chief.

Though now farming is no longer a widely held occupation, Farmington has recently benefited from a surge in organic farmers who have joined others who make agriculture a focal point of their lives. They, in the tradition of our founders, also play a leading role in our civic, professional, and social culture.

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### Early farming on Voter Hill Farm



Photos courtesy of York family

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

3 Year Term

Charles Murray, Chairman (March 2008)	(March 2008)
Stephan Bunker, Chairman	(March 2010)
Jon Bubier, Vice Chairman	(March 2011)
Dennis Pike, Secretary	(March 2010)
Nancy Porter	(March 2011)
John Frary	(March 2009)

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

3 Year Term

Raymond Glass, Chairman	(July 2010)
Francis Orcutt (resigned July 2008)	(July 2009)
Robert Flick	(July 2008)
Joyce Morton	(July 2008)
Yvette Robinson	(July 2010)
Claire G. Andrews	(July 2011)

## **APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

### **Board of Appeals**

3 Year Term

Galen Dalrymple, Chairman	(June 2010)
Jeffrey Mitchell, Secretary	(June 2009)
Alvin Da Costa	(June 2011)
Lawrence Yeaton	(June 2009)
Robert Vallette	(June 2009)
Robert Yorks	(June 2009)

Vacancies

(1) Seat Vacant

(2) Alternate Seats Vacant

**Board of Assessment Review**

3 Year Term

Michael Moffett, Chairman	(June 2009)
Paul Judkins	(June 2011)
Emily Floyd	(June 2011)
Lawrence Yeaton	(June 2010)
Richard Davis, Secretary - Ex-Officio	
Vacancies	
(1) Seat Vacant	

**Planning Board**

3 Year Term

L. Herbert York, Chairman	(June 2010)
David Averill, Vice Chairman (resigned June 2008)	(June 2009)
Clayton King, Jr., Vice Chairman	(June 2009)
Lloyd Smith	(June 2009)
Craig Jordan	(June 2009)
Donna Tracy	(June 2011)
William Marceau	(June 2011)
Thomas Eastler	(June 2010)
Alternates – 1 Year Term	
Ray Stillman	(June 2009)
Kyle Warren (resigned June 2008)	(June 2008)

**Zoning Board**

3 Year Term

Joel Chandler, Chairman	(June 2010)
Michael Otley, Vice Chairman	(June 2010)
Everett Vining	(June 2011)
Fred Smith	(June 2009)
Adrian Harris	(June 2009)
Alternates – 1 Year Term	
Richard Speich (April 2008)	(June 2008)
Vacancies	
Regular 3-Year Term	Alternate –1 Year Term
(2) Seats Vacant	(2) Seats Vacant

### **Conservation Commission**

3 Year Term

Roberta Hanstein, Chairman		(June 2011)
Erick Apland, Vice Chairman		(June 2010)
Loraine Norton		(June 2009)
Paul McGuire		(June 2011)
Alvin Da Costa		(June 2010)
Linda Davidson		(June 2010)
Robert Zundel		(June 2009)
	1 - Yr Associate	
Nancy Porter (March 2008)	Sally Speich	Ray Stillman

### **Budget Committee**

Jeanne Simpson, Chairman		(June 2011)
Lloyd Smith, Vice Chairman		(June 2009)
Emily Floyd, Secretary		(June 2010)
Michael Mansir		(June 2011)
Michael Otley		(June 2010)
Robert Vallette (June 2008)		(June 2008)
Ryan Morgan		(June 2009)
Kyle Warren (resigned June 2008)		(June 2009)
Ray Stillman		(June 2010)

Vacancies

Regular 3 -Year Term  
(3) Seats Vacant

Alternates - 1 Year Term  
(2) Seats Vacant

### **Recreation Committee**

3 Year Term

Bruce Mochamer		(June 2009)
Gary Parlin		(June 2011)
Sheryl Farnum		(June 2010)
Laurie Meader		(June 2010)
Frederick L. Conlogue, III		(June 2010)

### **Recycling Committee**

Richard Davis  
Cindy Gelinias  
Denis Castonguay

Stephan Bunker  
Dennis Pike

### **Revolving Loan Fund**

Emily Floyd  
Alvin Da Costa

Byron Davis  
John Moore

Ex-Officio

Richard Davis

Steve Kaiser

Vacancies

(1) Seat Vacant

### **Parking Ordinance Committee**

James Kiernan  
John Moore  
Paul Mills  
Richard Caton, III

Michael Bell  
Terry Bell  
Greg Roux  
Byron Davis

Richard Davis, Ex-Officio

### **Safety Committee**

Joseph Nelson, Chairman  
Clyde Ross, Vice Chairman  
Mark Caldwell, Secretary  
Leanne Pinkham  
Richard Davis  
Terry Bell  
Jim Kiernan  
Sabra Stirling (retired May 2008)

Steve Moore  
Dennis Pike  
Richard Caton, III  
Jack Peck  
Timothy Hardy  
Ted Collins  
Cindy Gelinias  
Denis Castonguay

## Administration



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

## Police Space Needs Committee

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

## Farmington Transportation Advisory Committee

Allan Smith	David Pike
William Geller	Pat Durham
Lloyd Smith	John Edgerly
William McKinley	Dennis Pike
	Ex-Officio
Denis Castonguay	Lorna Nichols
Richard Davis	Richard Caton, III

## 2008 Annual Town Report Committee

Richard Davis	Frances Hardy
Nancy Twitchell	Emily Floyd
Sabra Stirling (retired May 2008)	Arthur Perry
Edmund Lewis	Cindy Gelinis
Alvin Da Costa	Marjorie Goodwin

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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

## TOWN MANAGER

To the Citizens and Board of Selectmen of Farmington:



I am pleased to present my annual report for the year 2008. I will touch only briefly on some of the highlights of the year, since more detail will be provided in many of the departmental reports contained within this booklet. I hope you will find these reports to be both interesting and informative.

As might be expected, it was an expensive and challenging year, particularly for the Public Works Department. The winter of 2007-2008 was certainly “one for the record books”. Numerous heavy snowstorms kept crews busy all winter. Overtime wages and fuel costs were very high during the plowing season. Road salt and asphalt prices increased much faster than the standard economic indicators. Much credit is due to Denis Castonguay, our Public Works Director, for finding ways to dramatically reduce the amount of salt used on winter roads, while maintaining them in a condition that makes safe travel possible at prudent speeds. At this writing, the 2008 Public Works Department budget is approximately 92% expended for the year. It is being watched closely in hopes of avoiding an overdraft.

Despite high material expenses and limited funding, the Town was able to reconstruct about 4,400 feet of the south end of the Whittier Road, at a cost of approximately \$163,000. The funding for road capital improvement projects such as this comes from the State of Maine Department of Transportation through the Urban-Rural Initiative Program (U.R.I.P.). If not for these state monies, all local road maintenance and improvement projects would be paid for with property tax dollars. Unfortunately, due to the State’s budget shortfall, a decrease in U.R.I.P. funds is possible in 2009. This may further hamper the Town’s ability to maintain its roads in good condition.

Like most other municipalities, Farmington is faced with aging infrastructure that is in need of attention. Major influent pumps at

the wastewater treatment facility are failing, and will need to be replaced soon. Engineers are working on the design for replacement pumps that will be more cost effective than the old ones. Also, a major pumping station on the Wilton Road near Temple Stream is being replaced after 35 years of continuous use. While these projects are expensive, the Town has adequate reserves to undertake them without causing an undue burden on the sewer ratepayers. These vital projects serve to point out the importance of long range financial planning in maintaining the Town's infrastructure.

Looking ahead to 2009, a statewide citizen's petition has gathered enough signatures to place a measure on the November ballot that would, essentially, cut excise taxes in half. While this may seem a reasonable way to provide tax relief, it should be considered that excise taxes are the single largest source of *non-property tax* revenue for Farmington and many other communities. These funds are applied to the municipal budget to hold property taxes down. If excise tax revenues were cut in half, property taxes would increase by about \$400,000 just to maintain the current level of services that citizens enjoy. This equals approximately 1.2 mills, or \$1.20 per thousand of valuation. To give an example of how the excise tax helps, the amount collected each year is sufficient to fund 80% of the Public Works Department's operating budget. The excise tax is a progressive tax, meaning that, unlike the property tax, it bears at least some relationship to ability to pay. The referendum question would have an obvious major impact on one of the Town's largest income sources. I would be happy to speak with anyone who is interested in learning more about this proposal.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Davis  
Town Manager

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Farmington:



**Front L to R:** Dennis Pike, Stephan Bunker  
**Back L to R:** Jon Bubier, Nancy Porter, John Frary

Our nation, along with our state and community is faced with a major economic downturn, one that causes us to make very deliberate decisions on our personal and community finances and well-being. Such decisions must reflect the realities of the times; yet consider the means to ensure the continuance of essential services.

The year 2008 did not lack in its challenges to the community. Mother Nature reasserted herself in the last months of the year, bringing in major storms and slippery conditions, hard pressing our road crews with long hours and overextending our supplies of sand and salt. Salt prices continued to rise, along with that of diesel fuel for the fleet to operate. To that end our new Highway foreman has acquired new technology for two of the trucks that more precisely measures and applies salt/sand according to road conditions, resulting in better applications while reducing consumption by as much as 50% over traditional methods.

Construction projects include the much-anticipated replacement of the Mallet School, due to open in 2011. Also, the fundraising efforts of very dedicated group of area mothers led to the ribbon cutting of a delightful children's playground addition to Hippach Field.

Hippach Field was also the site of major improvements to the field house, made possible by the bequest of noted citizen, the late Peter Mills. The field house interior was modernized with new paneling and lighting, and the addition of a woodstove courtesy of Northern Lights Stove Shop. The Mills family and supporters of Hippach Field were in attendance at a brief ceremony as a portrait of Mr. Mills was unveiled in the field house.

2008 also saw the Town of Farmington formally take over the operation of Riverside and Fairview cemeteries at the wishes of the remaining directors of the Farmington Cemetery Association. The Town will now manage the care of the facilities, under the same

watchful eye of the sexton, and said finances will be incorporated into the town's operations. The Town also oversees 13 other cemetery sites throughout the community.

Noted in last year's annual report was the passing of former selectman/chairman, Mary Wright. With monies raised through donations, a beautiful granite bench was dedicated in her memory on a knoll overlooking Walton's Mills Pond Park, a place she championed and cherished. A brief dedication ceremony was attended by her family and many friends and colleagues to celebrate her memory and recognize the work done to maintain the beautiful setting.

Long on the waiting list of municipal projects has been the resolution of the major space inadequacies of our police department. When the department and town moved into the then new municipal building, it was a department of five. That same space provides for the work area for a department of twelve officers and staff, grossly inadequate by any modern standards. In 2008 a formal police space committee was established to identify the needs of the department and spearhead recommendations to the citizenry for resolving them, recommendations that will likely be put before the voters in the coming months.

In anticipation of the coming year, department heads and manager have presented a very conservative budget proposal for the operation of municipal services, with no increases in staffing or new programs/services. The goal was an attempt to maintain the level of essential municipal services that the town expects and deserves, while keeping to a minimum the cost of operations. Most challenging is the lack of control on some vital commodities such as fuel for our fleets and to heat municipal buildings, road salt, asphalt, electricity, virtually every product and service that the Town operates on.

Adding to the challenge in budgeting is the anticipated reduction in revenues for the coming year, particularly state revenue sharing and local road assistance. Furthermore, exercise tax; a major source of non-property tax revenue for the Town has also fallen off.

An anticipated referendum question for the November ballot, if passed, would slash excise tax revenues in half, suffering the Town with a crippling blow to our finances. This would cause us to either

make the loss up in increased property tax or cause significant cuts in essential Town services.

With all the negatives said and done, we must balance this against the many aspects of our town that we can be thankful for, including its rich history, our schools and university, our hospital, a thriving business community, places of worship, farms and forests, and most importantly the character of our citizens, which will help to see us through challenging times.

The one constant for our town has been the able guidance of our town manager, supported by a team of seasoned department heads and dedicated town staff, to which we are indebted. We must also recognize the many hours of service as provided by the many members of our boards, commissions and special committees that serve throughout the year. Also recognized is the staff and volunteers who serve our public access TV channel, providing many citizens with an opportunity to view and appreciate the Board meetings, town meetings and other civic events that make our community so special.

We hope that you take advantage of the wealth of information compiled in the pages of the Annual Report as assembled by municipal staff and the report committee, and come to Town Meeting, fully informed and ready to engage in that great remaining act of American Democracy.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen



Photos courtesy of Sun Journal

#### Dedication of Mary Wright Memorial

## FINANCE DIRECTOR

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



The downturn in the economy is reflected in our revenue for 2008. Our projections for 2008 were conservative so there is only a 1% variance between the actual versus projected revenues and we experienced no major shortfalls in our budget.

Our general fund investment revenue declined substantially this year. This is because the funds are invested in certificate of deposits and interest rates have gone down. The principal is never in jeopardy as the funds are invested in such a conservative manner.

The Town of Farmington saw very little increase in the number of homes that were in foreclosure from mortgage holders. We remain optimistic this trend will continue in this area. The number of delinquent taxpayers has remained consistent with prior years.

I want to thank my staff, as they remained calm and worked diligently to handle all the extra work required for the 2008 Presidential election. Everyone pitched in and helped in every way possible to make it go very smoothly.

### FINANCIAL COMPARISONS

	End of Year Tax Receivables	Tax Anticipation Note Borrowing	End of Year Undesignated Fund Balance
2008	592,949	400,000	1,259,137
2007	486,469	400,000	1,196,623
2006	534,159	0	1,368,497

The Town's fund balance of \$1,259,137 reflects that the Town of Farmington continues to maintain a very sound financial condition.

Respectfully submitted,

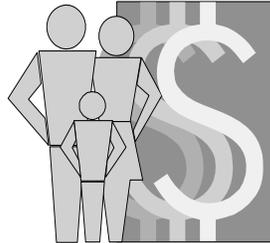
Diana B Young  
Finance Director

**REVENUE HISTORY AND PROJECTION**

Revenue Category	2007 Estimate	2007 Actual	2008 Estimate	2008 Actual	2009 Estimate
Vehicle Excise	\$820,000	\$818,611	\$820,000	\$801,431	\$787,104
Watercraft Excise	\$5,000	\$4,656	\$4,500	\$4,686	\$4,500
Victualers, Liquor Licenses	\$350	\$602	\$450	\$583	\$500
Code Fees	\$4,000	\$4,282	\$4,000	\$3,086	\$4,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$716,450	\$753,019	\$745,000	\$753,072	\$715,418
State Welfare Reimbursement	\$5,000	\$2,452	\$2,500	\$12,201	\$10,990
State Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$2,200	\$1,641	\$1,500	\$2,005	\$1,804
State Tree Growth	\$20,000	\$22,493	\$21,000	\$19,782	\$18,792
State Veterans Exemption	\$3,750	\$3,098	\$3,000	\$3,239	\$3,077
Motor Vehicle Fees (Town)	\$20,000	\$19,839	\$19,000	\$20,084	\$20,000
Vital Statistics (Town)	\$16,500	\$20,580	\$19,000	\$23,716	\$20,000
Hunting, Fishing, R.V., Dogs (Town)	\$5,400	\$4,239	\$4,250	\$1,659	\$1,600
Interest on Taxes	\$37,146	\$41,271	\$35,000	\$48,172	\$48,000
Tax Lien Fees	\$2,000	\$16,058	\$4,000	\$4,712	\$4,600
Recreation Fees	\$22,000	\$17,330	\$18,000	\$11,617	\$11,600
Rental of Town Property	\$1,600	\$4,326	\$2,000	\$5,149	\$4,300
Timber Sales	\$6,000	\$10,343	\$3,458	\$0	\$0
Investment Income	\$50,000	\$60,568	\$50,000	\$28,067	\$30,000
Contributions in Lieu of Taxes	\$20,000	\$34,272	\$20,000	\$18,511	\$18,500
Miscellaneous - Police Dept.	\$21,000	\$21,793	\$21,000	\$21,207	\$21,000
Miscellaneous - All Other Depts.	\$10,000	\$11,967	\$10,000	\$7,139	\$7,000
Unemployment Comp. Dividend	\$4,904	\$4,904	\$6,642	\$6,642	\$5,015
Recycling	\$40,000	\$47,082	\$45,000	\$46,954	\$46,500
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,833,300</b>	<b>\$1,925,426</b>	<b>\$1,859,300</b>	<b>\$1,843,714</b>	<b>\$1,784,300</b>
Urban-Rural Initiative (Road Assistance)	\$196,000	\$198,474	\$200,000	\$194,968	\$175,000
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES*</b>	<b>\$2,029,300</b>	<b>\$2,123,900</b>	<b>\$2,059,300</b>	<b>\$2,038,682</b>	<b>\$1,959,300</b>

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

## PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES



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

In 2008, the Town sent letters to tax-exempt organizations requesting payments in lieu of taxes. The following organizations responded:

<b>LEAP</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Farmington Village Corporation</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>
<b>University of Maine at Farmington:</b>	
• <b>Sewer Debt Contribution</b>	<b>\$ 17,333.00</b>
• <b>Contribution in Lieu of Taxes</b>	<b>\$ 16,011.11*</b>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 35,844.11</b>

\*Plus many in-kind contributions

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

The citizens of Farmington thank you!!!

## TAX COLLECTOR

### Bankruptcy Notice

For any property listed here as may be the subject of bankruptcy proceedings, please be advised that this notification is for the sole purpose of giving public notice of the outstanding taxes assessed by the Town against such property. 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.

2008 End of Year Taxes Receivable	
2008	591,757
2007	110,434
<u>2006</u>	<u>30,414</u>
	732,605
Properties Liened .....	159
Properties Foreclosed	12

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.

### Town of Farmington Tax Collections at Year End

<u>Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Commitment Collected</u>
1999	88.00%
2000	88.82%
2001	83.00%
2002	90.00%
2003	91.00%
2004	90.00%
2005	92.70%
2006	90.30%
2007	91.30%
2008	90.10%

**TAXES RECEIVABLE 2008**

82 High Street, Inc.	53.48	Bryant, Nancy L.	79.46
Abbott, Glenn & Pamela	122.24	Bryant, Nancy R.	1,042.15
Abbott, Eric & Pamela	543.97	Bryant, Nancy R.	151.27
Adams, Anthony W. & Pamela	543.97	Bryant, Nancy, Pers. in Pos.	754.83
Adams, Gary K., Heirs of	343.80	Bullen, Greg R.	1,401.18
Adams-McFarlane Funeral Home	340.74	Bullen, Timothy H.	1,078.77
Adams Bros. Monument Co.	30.56	Butterfield, Robert Jr. & Mary L.	267.13
Alexander, Jonathan & Storer, A.	1,286.58	C J's Appliance	50.42
All About you	19.86	C.E.D., Inc.	3,407.44
Ames, Edward T.	568.42	C.E.D., Inc.	2,666.36
Ankers, Georgie	693.71	Caldwell, MD, Joseph J.	563.83
Arnold, Ryan J.	1,226.98	Campbell, Albert & Sandra	2,013.90
Assemblies of God, Northern	1,159.75	Cape Lawson Trust	562.30
Atwood, Johni	197.11	Car Clinic	84.04
Atwood, Michael A.	297.96	* Cassidy, James H.	941.25
Atwood, Michael A. & Wendy L.	770.11	Cayer, Mark	783.86
Ayer, Karen B.	782.34	Chapman Family Holdings, Inc.	16.81
Back Yard Repair	9.17	Chapman, Bonnie J.	1,876.38
Barbara's Boutique	74.87	Chapman, Bonnie J.	2,273.66
** Bard, Chris	94.74	Chapman, Bonnie J.	1,777.97
** Bard, Christopher	336.16	Chapman, Bonnie J.	1,877.91
** Bard, Christopher J.	1,482.16	Chapman, Bonnie J.	2,589.45
Bard, Jason T. & Barker, Amy B.	562.30	Chapman, Bonnie J.	2,195.74
Barkow, Cheryl D.	554.66	Chase, Joseph E. & Robin	1,028.34
Barrera, Felix & Deborah E.	482.85	Chassie, Barbara R.	1,602.87
Barry's Auto Service	88.62	Chretien, Michael S.	583.70
Barron, Robin	1,134.68	Clark, Adelaide E.	646.34
Barton, Frederick	557.22	Cliche, Donald	279.62
Bates, Lucille & Bernard D.	1,165.86	Collins, Maria M.	2,227.82
Batzell, Joel S.	337.69	Collins, Ricky S.	3,592.33
Baxter, Michael J. & Dana	1,940.56	Collins, Ricky S.	1,780.12
Beal, David R. & Donna S.	1,034.46	Collins, Susan	7.64
* Beaumont, Scott & Banks, James	2,542.59	Collins, Susan E.	2,727.48
Bell, Paul & Betty	1,332.42	Community Concepts	3,294.37
Bellefeuille, James & Cory	152.80	Community Correctional Altern	27.50
Bennett, Charles H. & Carol A.	921.38	Coolidge, Kory & Shannelle	1,717.47
Bettencourt, Arthur S. & Ann M.	198.64	Corbett, Charlene	88.62
Binns, Robin A.	388.11	Corson, Peter A.	252.12
Blauvelt, Douglas S. & Sherry	1,324.78	Cote, Ronald W.	1,249.90
Blodgett, Kendall R. & Misty R.	391.17	Coulombe, Craig	1,094.70
Bolduc, Joe	97.79	Cowsert, Nathan J. & Evelyn	337.69
Bolduc, Michael A. & Julie A.	1,480.63	Cuddyer, Grace, Vicky, et al	345.33
Bolduc, Michael	30.56	Cummings, Jonathan & Ben	1,471.46
Boutilier, Betty A.	1,152.11	Cunliffe, Donna A.	278.10
Boyker, Pamela & Smith, Christian	496.47	Cunningham, Kurt D.	915.27
Brackett, Michael R. & Donna J.	1,295.74	Currier, Laura A.	359.08
Brackett, Penny A., Pers. in Pos.	704.41	Cushman, Melissa J.	116.13
Braconi, Stephen & Carlson, Joseph	7,942.54	Cusson, Eleanor	632.59
Braconi, Stephen & Carlson, Joseph	2,380.32	Cyr, Patrick & Karen	404.92
Brady, Steven & Betsy	4,237.14	D & JM Properties, LLC	2,869.58
Brady, Steven & Betsy	1,188.78	D & JM Properties, LLC	3,211.86
Brady, Steven & Betsy	1,330.89	Daku, Ginger	154.33
Brady's	22.92	Dalrymple, Denis E. & Sarah H.	855.61
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academy	42.78	* Danforth, Pamela A.	973.34
Brennick, Inez	1,318.66	** Davidson, Linda E.	235.71
Brennick, Patricia T.	479.79	Davis, Carl F. & Tarbox, Ellen J.	1,153.64
Brennick, Peter H.	574.53	Davis, Nancy E.	618.27
Brennick, Kenneth A.	62.65	Decker, Stephen M. & Catherine	1,515.78
Brown, Edward	893.88	Delphi Holdings I, LLC	7,636.98
Brown, Lisa M.	352.97	Demarsh, Donald J. & Lorraine	1,657.88
Brown, Randy J.	678.43	Divine Inspirations	16.81

DJO, LLC	3.06	Franklin Memorial Hospital	3,599.97
Dorr, Irving & Joy B.	1,097.10	Franklin Memorial Hospital	423.26
Dowd, Patricia R.	236.84	Franklin Orthopedics	432.42
Dubay, Shirley A.	1,248.38	Franklin Savings Bank	19,865.53
Dube, Lisa	141.00	Franklin Surgery	760.94
Duckett, Lesley R.	910.69	Franklin Urology	1,564.67
Dugout Bar & Grill	244.48	Fraser, Bruce M.	1,500.50
Dunham, Betty D. & Joshua	268.93	Frederick, Ami	1,202.54
Dunham, Betty D. & Joshua	394.22	Fred's Auto Repair	36.67
Dunham, Betty B.	255.18	French, Lloyd, Devises of	301.02
Dunham, Kevin E. & Linda J.	320.88	Friedman, David L.	1,935.98
Dunham, Terry J.	423.26	Fronk, Keith & Rachael	3,186.00
Dunkin Donuts	2,212.54	Frost, Judith A.	1,175.03
Dunkin Donuts	37.72	Frost, Kathleen	1,602.87
Dunkin Donuts	1,149.06	Gajdukow, Katherine S.	388.11
Dunn, Daniel	59.59	Galouch, Earl N. & Donna M.	132.76
Dunn, Ted B. & Mary Ann	736.50	Gay, Ted F.	1,341.58
Dunton, Pamela	135.99	Gay, Ted F.	819.01
Durrell, Dawn E. & David R.	1,210.18	Gianquinto, Nina	1,555.50
Durrell, Jr., Glenn M.	456.87	Gilbert, Paul A. & Maxine	180.30
Dyar, Alverta, et al	710.07	Gilman, Jr., Nelson F.	185.22
Dyar, Rodney P.	576.06	Given, Barry A.	1,557.03
Dyar, Rodney P.	186.42	Given, Barry A. & Melinda	1,300.33
Eaton, Donna I.	122.24	Goldsmith, Dina M.	253.65
Eaton, James R. & Judith	108.49	Gordon, II, Lyle & Teresa	1,392.01
Eaton, Robert P. & Brinda P.	441.59	Graff, Sharon, Pers. in Pos.	1,390.48
Egdall, David & Joan	2,305.63	Graff, Sharon, Pers. in Pos.	143.63
Eldridge, Mark F. & Marsha L.	852.53	Grant, Roxanne	2,293.53
Eldridge, Marsha & Thomas, K.	238.37	Grant, Shawn	1,729.70
Ellsworth, Ralph M.	939.72	Grant, Shawn A.	2,032.24
Emerson, James W. & Diane	1,337.00	Grant, Shawn A.	932.08
Eubank, John R.	1,765.37	Grant, Shawn A. & Whipple, Cara D.	3,575.52
Everett, Christopher & Alisa	128.04	Grant, Shawn et al	577.58
Fabric Inn, Inc.	25.98	Gray Wolf Assoc., Inc.	3,858.08
Farmer, Glendon S. & Catherine	1,450.07	Greenlaw Collectibles & Pawn	12.22
Farmer, Glendon S. & Catherine	21.39	Greenlaw, Betty J.	965.70
Farmington Automotive Service	84.04	Greenman, Mary	56.54
Farmington House of Pizza	382.00	** Greenwood, Charles & Irene	264.36
Farmington Martial Arts Academy	7.64	Greenwood, Ronald	22.92
Farmington Motel	731.91	Griffin, Brian N. & Sandra L.	1,248.38
Farmington Towing	15.28	Griffin, Brian & Sandra L.	106.96
Farrar, Candace	683.02	Griffin, Sandra	184.89
FCI Corporation	440.06	Grimanis, Rose V. & Michael	1,848.88
Fenoff, Ricky & Hudson-Pribble, L.	1,251.43	Grimanis, Rose, Pers. in Pos.	1,671.63
Fernald Appraisal	25.98	Griswold, Richard A. & Martha J.	7,928.79
Fernald, Richard G. & Ann S.	2,003.21	Grover, Jon M. & Angela M.	65.70
Fernald, Richard G. & Ann S.	1,245.32	Grover, Jon M. & Angela M.	1,512.72
Ferrari, Scott & Lynne	2,788.60	Gund, John P.	2,805.41
Filaroska, Joseph M.	220.03	Gund, John P. & Greenwood, Lisa	962.78
Fogg, Melissa	6,827.10	Gustafson, David & Naomi	397.28
Fortier, Daniel	139.05	HT Winters	207.81
Fortier, Daniel R.	864.85	Haig, John H. & Margaret J.	2,545.65
Foss, Jayme E. & Heather	171.14	Haines, Carol A., Pers. in Pos.	466.04
Foss, Neil C.	1,424.10	Hall, William L. & Ruby C.	1,387.42
Foss, Neil C. & Norman	142.10	Hallman, Kathleen S.	505.70
Foss, Neil C. & Norman S.	29.03	Hammond, Arthur T. & Cynthia K.	224.90
Foss, Neil, Et al	67.23	Hargreaves, Harold & Pamela A.	58.06
Fournier, Rebecca Ann	703.11	Hargreaves, Harold & Pamela A.	1,656.35
Franklin County Hypnosis Ctr	29.03	Hargreaves, Harold	10.70
Franklin Memorial Hospital	1,838.18	Harlow Financial Services	12.22
Franklin Memorial Hospital	2,279.78	Harmeyer, Greg & Carolyn	582.17
Franklin Memorial Hospital	967.22	Hartwell, Charles R.	138.19

Hatch, Carol P.	1,101.69	Knowlton Estates, LLC	35.14
Hatch, Carol P.	2,626.63	Krause, George Jr. & Janelle M.	672.32
Hayden, John	221.56	LaBrecque, Peter R.	143.63
Heap, James R.	644.82	Lambert, Jeffrey W. & Donna L.	363.66
Henderson, Naomi & Plog, Susan M.	540.91	Lambert, Jeffrey W. & Donna L.	1,413.40
Henry, Alan S.	42.51	Laplant, Richard D. & Lori T.	1,155.70
Henry, Harold & Naomi	3,136.98	Larrabee, Anthony Sr. & Larissa	3,392.16
Heritage Appraisals, Inc.	30.56	Leddin, Frederick G. & Scott F.	1,213.23
** Heritage Ins. & Invest. Srv.,LLC	30.56	Legere, George J.	261.29
* Hill, Natlaie M.	1,627.32	Lesperance, Bruce D. & Penny	629.54
Hines, James & Rosemary A.	3,500.65	Lewis, Joan A.	359.08
Hiscock, Bessie L. & Gerald	423.26	Libby, Ryan & Julie	1,150.58
Hogan, Deborah S.	1,182.67	Lidstone, Timothy & Wendy S.	158.40
Hogan, Robert D. & Debbie	641.76	Lindberg, Charles E.	380.47
Hogan, Robert D. & Debbie	250.59	Lingberg, Charles E. & Seamon, B.	524.10
Holbrook, Thomas & Angela	1,315.61	Lingberg, Charles E. & Seamon, B.	172.66
Holmes, Shawn P.	878.60	Lingberg, Charles E. & Seamon, B.	2,262.97
Homestead Bakery & Deli	797.62	Loose Ends Hair Salon	13.75
Horse Stuff	24.45	Love, Kevin D.	910.69
Howard, Blaine F. & Roberta J.	681.49	Love, Pamela J.	603.56
Howard, Stuart	1,366.03	Lovejoy, William W.	1,434.79
Howard, William K. & Kelly	1,612.04	Lowe, Linda	733.44
Howe, Sandra J.	296.26	Luger, Charles P.	811.37
House of Stillwater	21.39	Luker, Bradford C.	614.26
Hoyt, Kay & David P.	363.66	MacDonald, William H. & Glenice	1,491.33
Huish, Wendy A.	631.78	Mahar, Marilee	513.41
Hunter, James N.	756.36	Mahar, Stephen M.	576.06
Hunter, Robert A. & Janis M.	858.74	Maine Baptist Assoc.,N.H. Baptist	2,111.70
Hutchins, Shirley	1,300.33	Maniatakos, Roula	3,272.98
Hutchinson, Carl S.	239.90	Maniatakos, Roula	161.97
Hutchinson, Priscilla J.	121.47	Maniatakos, Roula	218.50
Hyde, Mary A.	713.58	** Marble, Travis S.	47.37
Imperial Board Lords	13.75	Marchetti, Michael & Karren	423.26
J R's Used Cars	91.68	* Marcotte, Thomas & Stephanie	898.99
Jackson, Jr., Fred & Ann E.	982.50	Marquis, Gregory & Mulford, Johanna	252.12
Jacobs, Orin M. & Kymberly R.	1,780.12	Marquis, Maxine	453.72
Jacobs, Patricia	700.00	Martin, Kenneth R.	1,448.54
Jalbert, Ronald D. & Cheri B.	1,625.67	Martin, Kenneth R.	348.38
Jones, Nathalie R.	2,131.56	Mary McFarland's Custom Design	7.64
Jones, Ryan & Audrey	192.52	Maske, Dolie	108.49
** Judkins, Gary & Sarah	6.11	Masselli, Arleen M.	5,513.02
Julian, Elizabeth R., Trustee	42.78	Matteson, Robert & Debra	948.89
K.C.'s Village Smithy	27.50	Maxham, Jr., George & Sheila	759.42
Keach, Harry R.	807.38	McCabe, Sally G. & Barry P.	1,399.65
Kemp, Mark S. & Katherine A.	566.89	McDonald, Michael & Jeannine	1,097.10
Ken & Sadies Store	180.30	McDonald, Michael & Jeannine	3,662.62
Kendall, David D.	759.42	McFarland, Mary D.	996.26
Kiernan, James P.	1,488.46	Meador, James F.	256.70
Kimball, Catherine M.	2,284.36	Meador, James F.	10,530.98
King Apartments	7.64	Meador, James F.	223.09
King, Jr., Clayton P. & Joyce M.	838.87	Meador, James F.	941.25
King, Jr., Clayton P.	357.55	Meador, James F.	165.02
King, Jr., Clayton P.	317.82	Meador, Shirley D. & Clyde	1,016.12
King, Jr., Clayton P. & Joyce M.	3,162.96	Merwin, F. Robert	624.16
King, Jr., Clayton P. & Joyce M.	2,049.05	MET Property Management, LLC	2,842.08
King, Jr., Clayton P.	2,903.20	Metcalfe, Jr., John L., Pers. in Pos.	284.21
* Klinko, Joseph & Sylvia	487.16	Michals, Arthur & Richard	961.91
Knapp, Pauline, Heirs of	1,216.29	Millay, Rebecca T.	971.81
Knowlton Estates, LLC	244.48	Mobile Home Assoc.	7.64
Knowlton Estates, LLC	265.87	Mobile Home Assoc. II, LLC	88.62
Knowlton Estates, LLC	194.06	Mobile Home Assoc. II, LLC	715.10
Knowlton Estates, LLC	2,603.71	Mobile Home Assoc., MC Mgmt.	8,514.02

Moes, Jennifer A.	906.10	R & R Auto Sales	18.34
** Mooar, Richard	405.68	R & S Electric	30.56
Moore, Bradford L., Heirs of	626.48	Rackliff, Jr., Herschel J. & Sharon	851.10
Mount Blue Motel	589.81	Rackliff, Ethelyn	10.70
Mountain Ash Partnership	5,250.21	Rackliffe, Pamela D.	2,152.95
Mountain Ash Partnership	346.86	Rackliffe, Pamela D.	105.43
Mountain View Chocolate Shop	165.02	Reiner, Karin M.	1,602.87
My Crop Paper Scissors Store, LLC	74.87	Reopell, Albert P., Pers. in Pos.	629.54
Nadeau, Melanie	1,120.02	Reynolds, Matthew & Woodcock, S.	485.04
Nation Paving	565.36	Richard, Leon	1,767.98
Neagle, Jr., George & Barbara	2,400.49	Richards, Daniel A.	377.42
Nelson, Donald A. & Mary A.	812.90	Richards, Michael E. & Sheila	2,087.25
Nichols Custom Welding, Inc.	4,613.03	Richards, Michael E. & Sheila	146.69
Nichols, Dell A. & Beverly A.	461.46	Richards, Robert P.	1,689.97
Nile, Justin & Angela E.	392.70	Ringer, Cora C.	577.09
Nile, Owen	1,146.00	Robinson, Michelle, Western	319.35
Nile, Owen	470.62	Rogers, Aaron & Melissa	382.00
Northern Leasing Systems, Inc.	11.57	Rogers, Catherine	1,465.35
Northern Woods Energy, LLC	239.50	Rowe, Kenneth & Tanya	2,206.43
O'Donnell, Bettina L.	1,688.24	Roy, Rhonda L.	1,751.09
Oliver, Ernest	7.64	Rundlett, Amber	113.07
Oliver, Jr., Robert & Diana C.	1,213.23	Sandy River Excavating	702.88
Oliver, Naomi, Charles, et al	194.06	Savage, Vivian A.	1,032.93
One of A Kind Tattoos By Jeremiah	41.26	Savage, Vivian & Christine	1,916.11
Orr, Jr., Raymond B. & Deborah	1,187.26	Sawyer, James & Ruth	15.28
Osborne, Frank O. & Cheryl	498.13	Sawyer, James S.	30.56
Pangelinan, Kenneth L.	2,854.30	Sawyer, James S.	629.54
Paradis, Jr., William A. & Mary	864.54	Sawyer, James S. & Ruth F.	699.82
Pare, Michael	42.78	Sawyer, James	9.17
Parker, George	15.28	Sawyer, Shirley A.	416.43
Parker, George E.	2,238.52	Schanck, Vernon J. & Patricia	3,239.36
** Parker, Maryanne	379.53	Schanck, Vernon J. & Patricia	660.10
Parker MD, Michael	423.26	Schanck, Vernon J. & Patricia	108.49
Parlin, Ashley S. & Elizabeth J.	331.58	Schoubroek, Thomas E.	30.60
Parlin, Ashley S. & Elizabeth J.	142.10	Schoubroek, Thomas E.	223.09
Parlin, David W. & Mae E.	1,482.16	Schoubroek, Thomas E.	220.03
Parlin, Michael A. & Denise C.	1,561.62	Scribner, Roy B. & Brenda	1,260.60
Parlin, Raymond E. & Raelene J.	786.92	** Searles, Jr., Ralph M.	673.85
Piawlock, Terry T. & Linda	27.44	** Searles, Jr., Ralph M.	496.60
Piawlock, Terry T. & Linda	2,446.33	Shea, Marilyn A.	2,270.43
Pillsbury, Annie, Raymond & John	211.20	Shiple, Linda J.	929.02
Pillsbury, Don L.	574.53	Shiretown Tire	166.55
Pillsbury, Raymond & Kimberly	1,248.38	Simoneau, Jr., Ronald E. & Denise	235.31
Pillsbury, Raymond	291.85	Simoneau, Jr., Ronald E. & Denise	252.12
Pine View Homes Re: Boone	284.21	Slaver, Joseph & Charlene	1,416.46
Pine View Homes Re: Powers	334.63	** Sloan-Barton, Andrew M. & Sarah A.	3,693.18
Pine View Homes Re: McDonald	406.45	Small, Joan U.	903.03
Pins & Needles	556.19	Small, Joan U.	249.89
Pitney Bowes	968.75	Small, Joan U.	1,093.83
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	316.30	Smith, II, Fred O. & Mabel	1,719.00
Platt, Jarad W. & Gazette, Daniel	988.99	Smith, III, Thaniel C., et al	238.37
Pond, Douglas J. & Nancy J.	573.00	Smith, Robert L.	94.74
Pond, Rosalie, Devises of	690.66	Smith, Ronald L., Jr. & Kelly S.	104.09
Porter, Jr., Malcolm W.	226.14	Snell, Jr., Charles H., Pers. in Pos.	224.62
Porter, Sr., Malcolm W. & Nancy	1,142.94	Sonya's Hair & Tanning Salon	71.82
Porter, Nancy & Malcolm	184.89	Starbird, David A. & Diana	588.28
Powers, Anna	454.27	Starbird, M. Ethan & Patricia H.	2,120.86
Pratt, Curtis L., Pers. in Pos.	165.02	Stasiowski, William A.	5,901.14
Pratt, Marion	665.51	Stasiowski, William & Myers, Anne	238.37
Pratt, Russell L. & Nancy C.	1,194.90	Steele, Joan K.	1,142.94
Purington, Kathy	586.75	Steenburg, Patrick	1,039.04
Quad M's Cabin Restaurant	255.18	Stephen, Robert	999.31

Stevens, Guy E.	554.66	Underwood, Robert W. & Charlotte	1,471.46
Sitsel, Joyce, et al	368.25	* Up Front & Pleasant Gourmet	7.64
Stump, Kristin L. & Christopher	213.92	Vining, Kenneth H.	125.30
Swan, Douglas G.	113.07	Violette, Kurt R.	802.20
Sweetsers, Jeff & Karen	592.86	* Vogler, Dorothea & Tibbetts, Linwood	251.99
Sweetsers, Jeff & Karen	19.42	Walker, Todd O. & Cheryl A.	444.65
Swett, Elva M.	1,395.06	Wallace, Thomas & Catherine	20.21
T & G's BBQ Smokehouse	79.46	Walsh, Barry & Susan	53.48
Tejas Corp. & San Juan Tour	41,460.75	Warren, Joy	1,977.23
Thebeau, Nancy & Blanches, Michael	264.34	Waters, Gary K.	785.39
The Granary	776.22	Watson, Maria Dolores D.	1,592.18
The Northern Forest Center	10.70	Welch, Birdena	154.33
Thoms, Barry-Dennis	930.55	Welch, Edward	560.78
Thomas, Bernard Earl	151.61	Wescott, Margaret	1,590.65
Tracy, Alberta	426.31	West Mount Inc.	111.54
Tracy, Bruce J. & David A.	7.72	Western Mountain Land Trust	437.01
Traversio, Adria M.	521.05	Westgate, Edward & Doris	834.29
Tyler, Cynthia J. & Edward	1,457.71	White, Richard & Muriel	102.38
Tyler, Darryl D. & Judith	1,693.02	White, Richard J. & Leslie	605.09
Tyler, David A. & Norma M.	1,618.15	Whitney, Ruby M. & Corrine	444.65
Tyler, David A.	305.60	Wilbur, Judy	74.87
Tyler, Edward	198.64	* Wilde, John & Judith	1,114.76
Tyler, Edward	508.82	Wilkins, Sonya T.	1,495.91
Tyler, Joshua A.	507.30	Williamson, Burchard	79.46
** Tyler, Peter A.	348.38	Witt, James IV & Michelle	216.98
** Tyler, Peter A.	2,412.71	Witt, James IV & Michelle	2,791.66
** Tyler, Peter A.	229.20	Witt, James IV & Michelle	4.58
** Tyler, Peter A.	314.77	Woodcock, Samuel A.	435.48
** Tyler, Peter A.	2,683.17	Worster, Linwood II	1,905.42
Tyler, Tess E.	1,856.52	Wyman, Linda	571.71
Tyler, Toby W.	793.03	Yamashiro, George	87.10
Tyler, Tony S.	342.27	Yorks, Jeffrey Stewart	242.95
		<b>2008 TOTALS</b>	<b>591,756.85</b>

<b>TAXES RECEIVABLE 2007</b>			
Abbott, Eric & Pamela	594.03	* Cassidy, James H.	784.43
Abbott, Glenn & Pamela	169.25	Cayer, Mark	651.60
Adams, Anthony W. & Pamela	602.61	Chretien, Michael S.	631.80
Ames, Edward T.	640.85	Cliche, Donald	273.98
Ayer, Karen B.	1,044.75	* Collins, Susan E.	2,298.71
B & B Scrapping & Stamping	23.57	Coolidge, Kory & Shannelle	1,945.51
Back Yard Repair	8.84	Corbett, Charlene	133.58
Barbara's Boutique	70.70	Cote, Ronald W.	1,460.27
Barry's Auto Service	86.91	Cummings, Jonathan & Ben	1,592.07
Bean, Peter G.	868.98	Cunningham, Kurt D.	1,012.13
Bellefeuille, James & Cory	199.39	Cushman, Melissa J.	182.70
Binns, Robin A.	350.84	* Daku, Ginger	71.97
Bolduc, Joe	97.22	Demarsh, Donald J. & Lorraine	1,756.49
Brackett, Penny A., Pers. in Pos.	864.79	Dowd, Patricia R.	264.91
* Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academy	6.57	Dunham, Betty B.	294.09
Brennick, Inez	1,425.75	Dunkin Donuts	2,317.03
* Brennick, Patricia T.	357.38	Dunton, Pamela	183.85
Brennick, Peter H.	646.86	Durrell, Dawn E. & David R.	1,292.80
Brown, Lisa M.	388.13	Eldridge, Marsha & Thomas, K.	311.92
Bryant, Nancy L.	108.12	Fabric Inn, Inc.	25.04
Bryant, Nancy R.	164.86	Farmington Automotive Service	78.07
Bryant, Nancy, Pers. in Pos.	822.63	Farmington Martial Arts Academy	7.37
Bullen, Timothy H.	1,169.58	Farmington Towing	14.73
* Cape Lawson Trust	752.23	Fernald Appraisal	25.04
Car Clinic	53.03	Fernald, Richard G. & Ann S.	2,140.73

Forget Me Not Gifts	4.42	Oliver, Robert H. Jr. & Diana C.	1,108.25
Frederick, Ami	1,315.31	Orr, Jr., Raymond B. & Deborah	1,546.20
French, Lloyd, Devises of	349.21	Pangelinan, Kenneth L.	1,149.08
Frost, Kathleen	1,722.92	Parker, George	14.73
Gajdukow, Katherine S.	440.01	Parker, George E.	1,099.92
* Given, Barry A.	1,671.03	** Parlin, Raymond E. & Raelene J.	823.66
Given, Barry A. & Melinda	1,332.19	Piawlock, Terry T. & Linda	2,550.92
Gordon, Leroy	497.23	Pillsbury, Raymond & Kimberly	1,353.74
Graff, Sharon, Pers. in Pos.	1,485.74	Pins & Needles	556.79
Graff, Sharon, Pers. in Pos.	166.01	Porter, Jr., Malcolm W.	263.28
Grant, Roxanne	2,420.07	Porter, Sr., Malcolm W. & Nancy	1,231.20
Greenlaw Collectibles & Pawn	11.78	Ross, Margaret, Heirs of	235.72
Greenlaw, Betty J.	1,051.23	* Pratt, Marion	11.83
Gund, John P.	2,804.32	Pratt, Russell L. & Nancy C.	235.44
Haines, Carol A., Pers. in Pos.	532.42	Professional Computers	20.62
Harlow Financial Services	11.78	Quad M's Cabin Restaurant	257.77
Hiscock, Bessie L. & Gerald	480.54	R & R Auto Sales	20.62
* Hogan, Deborah S.	135.31	Reopell, Albert P., Pers. in Pos.	658.88
Hogan, Robert D.	717.72	Richards, Daniel A.	422.17
Hogan, Robert D.	296.19	* Robinson, Michelle P.	360.56
Hunter, Lori A. & James N.	830.73	Rundlett, Amber	159.52
Hutchins, Shirley	1,406.77	Sandy River Excavating	677.58
* Hutchinson, Carl S. & Cindy L.	384.72	Schoubroek, Thomas E.	255.18
* Jackson, Jr., Fred & Ann E.	1,064.20	Schoubroek, Thomas E.	250.32
K.C.'s Village Smithy	29.46	* Shipley, Linda J.	925.99
* King, Jr., Clayton P. & Joyce M.	2,936.60	Smith, III, Thaniel C., et al	277.88
King, Jr., Clayton P. & Joyce M.	1,126.35	Snell, Jr., Charles H., Pers. in Pos.	248.70
King, Jr., Clayton P. & Joyce M.	2,182.89	Starbird, David A. & Diana	641.52
King, Jr., Clayton P.	3,103.77	Stasiowski, William A.	5,733.50
Knapp, Pauline, Heirs of	1,297.67	Stasiowski, William & Myers, Anne	229.24
** Knowlton Estates, LLC	276.26	Steenburg, Patrick	1,111.69
** Knowlton Estates, LLC	297.34	Stevens, Guy E.	130.52
** Knowlton Estates, LLC	87.05	Stitsel, Joyce	401.10
** Knowlton Estates, LLC	78.93	* Stump, Kristin L. & Christopher	252.41
** Knowlton Estates, LLC	232.96	Sturdia Company	172.34
* Leddin, Frederick G. & Scott F.	868.29	Sweetser, Jeff & Karen	878.23
Legere, George J.	333.00	T & G's BBQ Smokehouse	76.60
Lewis, Joan A.	387.17	Thomas, Barry Dennis	998.01
Loose Ends Hair Salon	13.26	Tracy, Alberta	475.68
MacDonald, William H. & Glenice	1,608.95	* Tyler, Cynthia J. & Edward	1,515.83
Mahar, Marilee	553.50	Tyler, David A. & Norma M.	1,735.41
Mahar, Stephen M.	628.08	Tyler, Edward	568.09
Mainewest Business Technology	176.76	Tyler, Joshua A.	527.91
Marchetti, Michael & Karren	467.57	Tyler, Tess E.	545.16
Maske, Dollie	148.17	Tyler, Toby W.	870.13
Maxham, Jr., George & Sheila	824.25	Tyler, Edward	191.49
Meadar, James F.	188.54	Up Front & Pleasant Gourmet	7.37
* Meadar, Shirley D. & Clyde	1,088.52	Walsh, Barry & Susan	89.81
Metcalf, Jr., John L., Pers. in Pos.	324.90	Warren, Joy	2,106.69
Moore, Bradford L., Heirs of	678.33	Welch, Birdena	132.21
Mountain View Chocolate Shop	167.92	Western Mountain Cremation	172.34
Nation Paving	545.01	Western Mountain Land Trust	487.03
Oliver, Naomi & Charles, et al	238.97	White, Richard J. & Leslie	148.17
		Whitney, Ruby M. & Corrine	108.65
		Wilbur, Judy	119.00
		<b>2007 TOTALS</b>	<b>110,433.69</b>
		<b>TAXES RECEIVABLE 2006</b>	
* Abbott, Pamela & Barry, Eric	407.16	Ames, Edward T.	594.12
Adams, Anthony & Pamela J.	561.88	As We Grow Day Care	14.25

Barry's Auto Service	26.91	Hogan, Robert D.	671.15
Bellefeuille, James A. & Cory	374.57	Hogan, Robert D.	272.24
Bolduc, Joe	107.64	* Hutchins, Shirley	951.26
Brackett, Penny A.	782.89	** Jackson, Jr., Fred L. & Ann E.	410.29
Brown, Lisa M.	331.93	K.C.'s Village Smithy	33.24
Bryant, Nancy R.	149.10	Knapp, Pauline, Heirs of	1,219.95
Bryant, Nancy, Pers. in Pos.	770.74	Mainewest Business Technology	212.12
Buckman, Joseph & Lisa	118.61	* Marchetti, Michael & Karren	26.44
Cape Lawson Trust, D. McKellar	148.10	* Maske, Dollie	76.25
Cape Lawson Trust, D. McKellar	220.93	Maxham, Jr., George & Sheila	744.73
Cape Lawson Trust, D. McKellar	168.90	Meador, James	318.18
Cape Lawson Trust, D. McKellar	156.76	** Meador, Shirley D. & Clyde	759.83
Car Clinic	56.99	* Metcalf, Jr., John L.	181.95
Cote, Ronald W.	1,367.38	Morris, Jr., Richard	158.51
* Cummings, Jonathan & Benjamin	1,439.40	Nation Paving	585.71
Cushman, Melissa J.	370.10	Oliver, Naomi & Charles	189.72
Demarsh, Donald J. & Lorraine	1,639.68	Petite Gallery	3.17
Dowd, Patricia	241.75	Pins & Needles	240.62
* Dunkin Donuts	665.59	R & R Auto Sales	22.16
* Durrell, Dawn E. & David R.	85.06	Reopell, Albert P., Pers. in Pos.	614.64
Echohealth	30.08	Richards, Daniel A.	363.16
Fabric Inn, Inc.	5.64	* Robinson, Michelle, Western	643.43
Farmington Automotive Service	80.73	Sandy River Excavating	728.18
Farmington Martial Arts Academy	7.92	Snell Jr., Charles H., Pers in Pos	200.13
* Fenn Farm	16.85	Starbird, David A. & Diana B.	263.96
Fernald, Richard G. & Ann S.	1,988.29	Steenburg, Patrick	818.58
Forget Me Not Gifts & Crafts	4.75	* Stitsel, Joyce	207.32
Frederick, Ami	1,006.90	Sturdia, Company, Inc.	185.21
Given, Barry A. & Melinda M.	549.74	The Golf Club	577.79
Gordon, Leroy, Pers. in Pos.	456.81	* Tyler, David A. & Norma M.	498.98
Graff, Sharon, Pers. in Pos.	1,520.00	** Tyler, Edward	527.92
Graff, Sharon, Pers. in Pos.	148.10	Up Front & Pleasant Gourmet	7.92
Greenlaw Collectibles & Pawn	12.66	* Walsh, Barry E. & Susan A.	17.07
* Haines, Carol A.	43.97	Western Mountain Land Trust	451.61
Hiscock, Bessie L.	444.68	Wilbur, Judy	113.41
		<b>2006 TOTALS</b>	<b>30,414.39</b>
** Paid in full by January 31, 2009		* Partial payment as of January 31, 2009	

## ASSESSING

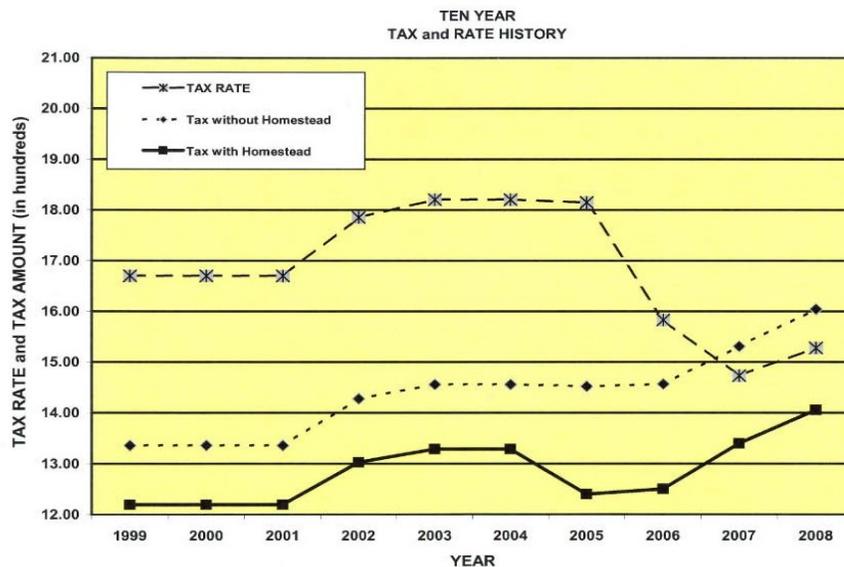
To the Citizens, Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager:



The growth in taxable valuation for 2008 was \$11.6 million, a 3.06% increase from last year. The majority of the growth came from the residential segment of our community with 16 new houses leading the way.

The net amount the Town needed to raise from property tax increased by \$387,211.10 for 2008. As a result of the updated valuation, budget changes, and without appropriating funds from the Undesignated Fund Balance (UFB), the Town's tax rate was set at \$15.28 per \$1,000 in taxable valuation (.01528).

The Town's tax rate averaged an increase of 1.70% over the last 16 years. This modest rate of change is the result of careful budgeting, a steady increase in taxable value due to new taxable properties, and adjustments to the Town's assessment over the past three years. To illustrate this, the following graph shows the tax rate, and taxes on an \$80,000 valuation with and without a Homestead Exemption over the last ten years.



For the third year in a row, the Assessor's Office adjusted assessed values throughout the town. These adjustments amounted to small changes to the land value unit rates, used throughout the community, being corrected to be more in line with the current real estate market.

- 2006's rate of .01583 in taxable valuation is very close to the equal of a .01820 tax rate;
- 2007's rate of .01473 in taxable valuation is very close to the equal of a .01914 tax rate and
- 2008's rate of .01528 in taxable valuation is very close to the equal of a .0200 tax rate had the Town not adjusted taxable values for these years.

The actual figures used to set the tax rates are:

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>2007 TAX YEAR</b>	<b>2008 TAX YEAR</b>
TAXABLE VALUATION	\$380,603,700.00	\$392,245,000.00
TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$ 5,606,292.50	\$ 5,993,503.60
TAX RATE	.01473	.01528

As of this writing, the tax abatements (reductions) and supplements (additions) for 2008 are:

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>VALUATION</b>	<b>TAXES</b>
ABATEMENTS (-)	\$196,496.95	\$2,894.40
SUPPLEMENTS (+)	\$124,200.27	\$1,829.47

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

The Town's website can be accessed at [www.farmington-maine.org](http://www.farmington-maine.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 Department for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Caldwell  
Town Assessor

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**Rite Aid Grand Opening**

**L to R:** Stephen Thibeau , J. Stevens Kaiser, Richard Davis, Faith Flannery, Jon Ochtman, Peter Roy, Matthew LeClair, Michael Walck, Marcia Rowland, James Witt, Rob Bryant

**2008 TAX RATE and COMMITMENT COMPUTATION**

**ASSESSMENT**

County tax	\$	408,595.00	
Municipal appropriation	\$	4,361,609.00	
TIF financing plan amount	\$	35,482.02	
School appropriation	\$	3,410,869.90	
Overlay	\$	21,315.22	
TOTAL ASSESSMENT			\$ <u>8,237,871.14</u>

**ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS**

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$	745,000.00	
Other revenue	\$	1,314,300.00	
Homestead Reimbursement		150,365.13	
BETE Reimbursement		34,702.41	
UFB appropriation	\$	-	
TOTAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS			\$ <u>2,244,367.54</u>

**NET ASSESSMENT FOR COMMITMENT** \$ 5,993,503.60

**VALUATIONS**

Taxable Personal Property Valuation	27,805,800	
Taxable Real Estate Valuation	<u>364,439,200</u>	
Total taxable valuation		<u>392,245,000</u>

**RATE CALCULATIONS**

Net Assessment for Commitment divided by Total Valuation = Tax Rate  
 $\$5,993,503.60 \div 392,245,000 = .01528$

**GROSS ASSESSMENT CALCULATIONS**

Total Taxable Valuation	392,245,000	
X Tax Rate	\$	0.01528
Equals Net Assessment for Commitment	\$	<u>5,993,503.60</u>

## PROGRAMS THAT COULD AFFECT YOUR TAXES



*For the following programs the application must be submitted to the Assessor by April 1, 2009. Applications and brochures are available at the Municipal Office or they can be downloaded from our web site at [farmington-maine.org](http://farmington-maine.org) on the Assessors page. For further information on these programs, please contact the Assessors Office at 778-6530.*

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES - If you are a veteran aged 62 or older, or an un-remarried spouse of a deceased veteran who would have been 62 by April 1, 2009 and served during a federally recognized war period; or if you are a veteran who receives federal funds for 90-100% disability.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION – This program exempts up to \$13,000 of the taxpayer's residential assessed value before the tax rate is applied. If you have been receiving the Homestead Exemption in the past, you do not need to reapply unless your home ownership status has changed.

BLIND EXEMPTION - A property owner who is legally blind as determined by a properly licensed doctor is eligible to receive a \$4,000 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, Maine.***

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** – 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 (BETR).

**PROPERTY TAX AND RENT REFUND PROGRAM** – If your 2007 property taxes were more than 4% of your 2007 income or if the rent you paid in 2007 was more than 20% of your 2007 income, you may be eligible for the “Circuit Breaker Program”. Applications must be filed by June 1, 2009. Applications for the 2008 taxes or rent will start August 1, 2009.

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## Spring Planting

### Hippach Field Playground



Photo courtesy of Daily Bulldog  
**L to R:** Paul Maguire, Robert Zundel

### Church Street



Photo courtesy of Scott Landry  
**L to R:** Linda Davidson, Bobbie Hanstein, Ron Gelinas, Sally Speich

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



The Farmington Police Department welcomes Matthew J. Hunt of Brunswick, ME, and David I. Galvan of Fairfield, ME, as our newest members. Officer Hunt replaces Kyle Ellis who returned to the Franklin County Sheriff's Department. Officer Galvan replaces William Cook who resigned his position to become an officer at Mechanic Falls. Officer Mary Hastings resigned her fulltime position to become an officer at the University of Maine at Farmington. Officer Edward Hastings resigned his position to become an investigator for the Maine Fire Marshal's Office. Mary Hastings and Kyle Ellis have been retained as reserve officers. The Farmington Police Department is currently in the process of filling two full time officer positions.

The Police Department Space Needs Committee has been convened to study and recommend a solution to the confined space. The department has been working in an environment that is not conducive to providing the professional police services that are expected from today's law enforcement. The needs are many: interview rooms, evidence processing, storage and meeting space. Please take a moment when you are at the Town Office to stop in and say Hi! and look at our current space. It will take only a minute, literally!

Traffic enforcement remains a high priority in an effort to reduce traffic crashes and receive the other side benefits that aggressive traffic enforcement provides. A reduction in traffic crashes saves property damages, personal injuries and fatalities. In 2008, the Farmington Police Department investigated 496 traffic crashes for an estimated total of \$950,000.00 in property damages and an untold amount of costs in personal injuries. For three years in a row, traffic crashes have been below 1991 traffic crash numbers even though vehicular traffic is heavier and there are many more distractions to drivers today.

The Farmington Police Department participated 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. The winner of the Maine Challenge for their sized department's document is submitted to the national competition. Even though the Farmington Police Department did not win, the department was awarded two traffic radars for our efforts.

The Department received over \$23,000 in grants during 2008. The various grants gave us money for seatbelt enforcement, OUI enforcement, surveillance cameras, Law Enforcement Traffic Challenge and bulletproof vests.

The Farmington Police Department maintains a website at [www.farmingtonpd.org](http://www.farmingtonpd.org) that contains public service announcements and other information that might be of interest to the public. Please take a minute and check the site from time to time as the information changes frequently.

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 want 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 service.

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

Respectfully submitted,

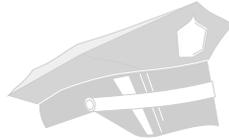
Richard E. Caton, III  
Chief of Police



**Holiday Food Baskets**  
Delivered by D. Galvan and D. Gilbert

**Members of the Farmington Police Department**

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



**Officer of the Year  
2008**



**Det. Marc R. Bowering  
Congratulations !**

**Employees of the Quarter**

Winter 2008	Edward H. Hastings IV Darin S. Gilbert Marc R. Bowering
Spring 2008	Bridgette L. Gilbert
Summer 2008	Shane P. Cote
Fall 2008	Matthew A. Brann



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



<b>Crime</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>%Change</b>
Rape	17	15	20	14	-33.33%
Assault	110	79	85	73	-14.12%
Burglary	33	29	20	23	15.00%
Thefts (combined)	219	271	231	230	-.01%
Criminal Mischief	152	127	101	104	2.97%
Criminal Trespass	106	89	80	62	-22.50%
Drug Cases	107	124	112	61	-45.54%
Domestic Disturb.	51	49	52	53	1.92%
Traffic Crashes	530	494	499	496	-.01%
Arrests	264	326	266	200	-24.81%
OUI Arrests	100	88	74	43	-41.89%
Summons	735	975	773	693	-10.35%
Speeding Summons	327	247	399	394	-1.26%
Traffic Warnings	4362	4722	4413	2823	-36.03%
Parking Tickets	1089	1464	1204	1234	2.49%
Missing Persons	19	27	20	5	-25.00%
Harassment Calls	203	210	190	151	-20.53%
Security Checks	927	1029	919	1054	14.69%
<u>Other Service</u>	<u>1756</u>	<u>3013</u>	<u>2964</u>	<u>3182</u>	<u>7.35%</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10843</b>	<b>13049</b>	<b>12156</b>	<b>10895</b>	<b>-10.37%</b>
<b>Total Traffic Stops</b>	<b>5083</b>	<b>5569</b>	<b>5202</b>	<b>4234</b>	<b>-18.61%</b>

<b>Stolen Property</b>		<b>Recovered Property</b>		<b>% Recovered</b>
2005	\$ 120,334	\$	32,804	27.26%
2006	\$ 79,211	\$	27,897	35.21%
2007	\$ 82,582	\$	13,582	16.45%
2008	\$ 74,461	\$	14,721	19.77%

Police Revenues				
		2006	2007	2008
Parking Tickets	\$	17,035.15	\$ 14,746.00	\$ 17,170.00
Police Reports	\$	2,248.00	\$ 2,130.00	\$ 2,185.50
Court Fee & Outside Extras	\$	5,347.09	\$ 2,537.78	\$ 3,878.68
Misc. & Gun Per.	\$	705.00	\$ 977.00	\$ 1,173.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>25,335.24</b>	<b>\$ 20,390.78</b>	<b>\$ 24,406.68</b>

### Farmington Police Department 2008



**Front L to R:** Lt. Jack Peck, Reserve Patrolman Mary Hastings, Secretary Rachel Heseltine, School Resource Officer Bridgett Gilbert, Chief Richard Caton, III

**Middle Row L to R:** Sgt. Shane Cote, Patrolman Matthew Hunt, Reserve Patrolman Kyle Ellis, Detective Marc Bowering, Sgt. Peter Barton

**Back L to R:** Patrolman David Galvan, Patrolman Darin Gilbert, Patrolman Michael Adcock, Patrolman Matthew Brann

**Absent from photo:** Reserve Patrolman Conley Gould, Patrolman Brian Ross, Secretary Bonnie Pomeroy

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

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



The Budget Committee was comprised of seven Farmington residents who met on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 for their organizational meeting, and then held two additional Wednesday evening meetings in January and one in February to review each Town Department Head's proposed 2009 budget. Members listened intently to presentations, asked questions, and ultimately made the recommendations that appear in the 2008 Annual Town Report.

During the meetings, the budget requests were taken in the order they appeared in the Budget Book. All requests, reports, and recommendations of various Department Heads reflected the desire to maintain a lean budget.

The Committee also reviewed and made recommendations regarding the Capital Improvement and Reserve Balance, the Debt Service, the Legal Reserve Account, Contracts and Public Services, and Outside Agencies.

The Budget Committee meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested in serving on this Committee may contact the Town Office for an application at 778-6538, or download an application from the Town's website at [www.farmington-maine.org](http://www.farmington-maine.org).

In conclusion, many thanks to the Committee members for their diligence and dedication to this annual budget review process. Also, thanks to the Town Manager, Richard Davis, who provided guidance and presented detailed information regarding budgetary issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Simpson  
Secretary

## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

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



### Planning Board

With administration and coordination provided by the Code Enforcement Office, there were ten Planning Board meetings held in 2008. During its meetings, the Planning Board reviewed twenty-seven applications under Site Review, Shoreland Zoning, Floodplain Management, Soil Erosion Control/Stormwater Management, and Subdivision Ordinances. The CEO also reviewed seven in-house applications. The Board usually meets on the second Monday of every month. Currently there is one vacancy for an alternate member on the Board at this time.

### Zoning Board

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

### Appeals Board

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

### Loan Review Board

The Loan Review Board approved two business loans from the Town's Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) in 2008.

### Other

The Code Enforcement issued thirty-five sign permits, twenty-two business registration forms, four home occupation registration forms, and forty-five residential project registration forms in 2008.

Two Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) were completed in the past year – the North Church Project and the

## Church Street Reconstruction Project.

The Code Enforcement Office is currently drafting a Building Permit Ordinance in preparation for State-mandated code adoptions in 2012, and has completed an update of the Town of Farmington Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, also State-mandated, for consideration at Town Meeting.

Funds from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be available in 2009 through the Small Community Grant Program (SCGP) for replacing septic systems posing environmental and/or health threats. Two systems were constructed in 2008 under this program.

Community Rating System (CRS) re-certification for the Federal Emergency Management Agency/National Flood Insurance Program (FEMA/NFIP) was filed again in 2008. 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.

Reminder – Please call the Code Enforcement Office before beginning any new business venture, home occupation, residential building project, major construction, or earth moving activities, for information on the required permits that may be applicable to your project. Please check the Town's website ([www.farmington-maine.org](http://www.farmington-maine.org)) for Board meeting dates and times. All meetings are open to the public. The website also includes the Code /Planning Office page that provides downloadable registration forms and applications, the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance.

I want to thank my assistants, Jane Ford and Cindy Gelinis, for their excellent work throughout the year. I'd also like to thank Sabra Stirling, who left in May and I'd like to wish her a happy and healthy retirement. I want to express my appreciation to the members of the above-mentioned Boards for the countless hours they have spent serving the Town. I would also like to thank all citizens of Farmington, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, and the Town employees for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Stevens Kaiser  
Code Enforcement Officer

## TOWN CLERK

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



The big event this year for the Clerk's office was that of the Presidential Election. Inquiries for the voter list, statistical data, and absentee ballots began at the first of the year, which made 2008 the year of voting. Election day ran smoothly due to the excellent work of the ballot clerks who checked off the voters, and the voter registration clerks who all worked straight from 9am to 8pm. There was little time for breaks, and the day went fast with few problems.

Many thanks to our Election Day "Crowd Controller" Clyde Ross, who kept people moving into the correct lines and helped with any questions voters had during the day. Many thanks also to Mavis, Daryl, Diane, Diana and Linda in the office for all the work that was done in house before Election Day. I also had extra help with this election from a few UMF students who wanted to be involved in the election process and the history of it. Their help was greatly appreciated and all were in awe of the day.

This year, in an effort to preserve vital records, the Town sent the first book to Brown River's Bindery in Vermont. The restored book is expected back from the binders in February. As budgets allow, I hope to continue this preservation each year until all the books are brought back to pristine condition.

As usual, I would like to remind all dog owners who have not renewed their dog(s) licenses for the year 2009 to come in to the office to do so before April when the \$25 warrant fee is assessed. Please remember to bring in the current rabies certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne E. Pinkham  
Town Clerk

### 2008 Town Meetings / Elections

March 10, 2008	Town Meeting
May 28, 2008	SAD #9 Budget
June 10, 2008	Primary Election
October 28, 2008	Special Town Meeting
November 4, 2008	Presidential/ Sad #9

### 2008 Licenses

Hunting/Fishing	802
Dogs	702
Boats/ATV/Snowmobiles	856

### 2008 Vitals

Births	340
Marriages	61
Deaths	190

### BALLOT CLERKS

Ruby Allen, Kathleen Beaubien, Beverly Besaw, Shane Cote, Diane Dunham, Deputy Marion Durrell, Erlane Dyke, Mary Flint, Clair Liwski, Paul McGuire, Pat Roberts, Denise Robinson, Clyde Ross, Daryl Schramm, Deputy Jeanne Simpson, Christina Troiano, and Laura Ward.



**Farmington Walking Tour signs installed**

L to R: Sam Monahan, Shaun Kane, Mike Monahan, Fred Luce, Allison Hagerstrom, Richard Davis, J. Stevens Kaiser

## FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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



I submit my annual report for the Farmington Fire Rescue for the year 2008. The Department participated in 32 training classes, which included 1,334 man-hours. The Department also responded for mutual aid 19 times, and received mutual aid 23 times. The Department responded to 324 calls for assistance which are broken down as follows:

2007	2008	Calls for Assistance
51	39	Fire related calls
27	15	Rescue, extrication and emergency Medical Incident
98	122	Hazard conditions with no fire
41	56	Service calls
54	38	Good Intent Call
37	49	Alarm Malfunction/False Alarms
8	4	Severe Weather/Natural Disaster
0	1	Special Incident Type

On July 17, 2008 we lost a 24-year member of our Department, Eugene Mosher. Eugene was one of the members who each year reviewed the Benevolent Association Scholarship applications, and would then give these to the students. Our members will remember Eugene cooking for the department and the stories that he would tell about the days gone by. I would like to thank Eugene and his family for the many years of his dedication to the community and fire service.

2008 marks the second year of the Per-Diem Program, which gives the department personnel at the station during normal business hours. This program enables the department to be more accessible to the public, and the firefighters are able to perform maintenance on the equipment and the station. Other members and I feel very strongly that the Per-Diem Program is working well and that we have accomplished much by having the personnel available.

We were awarded a grant from the Forest Service and we added a skid unit to the squad truck. The per-diem members worked on the truck, which gives the department an apparatus that can go off road for wood and grass fires.

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

Jonathan Alexander 10 yrs.	Phillip Allen 29 yrs.
Stephen Almquist 1 yr.	Kyle Baker 2 yrs.
Scott Baxter 3 yrs.	Theodore Baxter 2 yrs.
Jack Bell 48 yrs.	Michael Bell 19 yrs.
Terry Bell 31 yrs.	Stephen Bunker 30 yrs.
James Brown 22 yrs.	Richard Chabot 20 yrs.
Patty Cormier 8 mos.	Jason Decker 12 yrs.
Jon P. Fortier 4 yrs.	David Fronk 17 yrs.
Timothy A. Hardy 30 yrs.	Timothy D.Hardy 11 yrs.
Harold Hemingway 66 yrs.	Anthony Larrabee 1 yr.
Richard Knight 29 yrs.	Michael Melville 1 yr.
Douglass Oliver 45 yrs.	Jennings Pinkham 2 yrs.
S. Clyde Ross 37 yrs.	Greg Roux 14 yrs.
Junior Turner 37 yrs.	Peter Wade 6 yrs.
	Stanley Wheeler 14 yrs.

There were two members who resigned in 2008: Randy Voter 25 years and Sean Estabrook less than a year. The Department wants to thank them for their service to the Town of Farmington and Farmington Fire Rescue.

This year we have added one new member to our roster, which now totals 29 members. We welcome Patty Cormier as a new member to the department.

I personally would like to thank all members and officers of the Department for their dedication to the town. In addition to responding to calls, it takes many extra hours of training to maintain the high level of service that the Department provides the town. I am fortunate to have such dedicated members working with me and for the town.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the families of our firefighters, the mutual aid departments, which include Chesterville, Industry, Jay, Livermore Falls, New Sharon, New Vineyard, Strong, Temple and Wilton and their Auxiliary members, the Verso Paper Haz-Mat team and the Franklin County EMA office, our Ladies Auxiliary, Farmington Police and Public Works Department, Franklin County Sheriff's Department and their dispatchers, and the members of NorthStar Ambulance.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry S. Bell, Sr.  
Fire Chief

## **FIRE RESCUE TRAINING**

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



The Farmington Fire Rescue Department has been very busy this year with its ongoing Training Programs. As most of you realize many of the training classes are mandated by legislation. We make every effort to comply with those mandated issues through local classes or regional ones. We usually set aside the first Saturday in January to meet these classes. In today's world, with new technology, it is important for the department to continue an extensive training program for all personnel.

Each year we make an effort to find a variety of topics for our training program. As in the past we are expected to have classes in Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), Ventilation, Ladders and Placement of the same, Pumps and Pumping, Hazardous Materials and participation in a Drill at the Verso Paper Mill, Class A Burns (live fire evolutions), Accident Scene Traffic Control and victim Extrication from vehicles, Apparatus Operations, Pre-Plans of buildings, Snowmobile/All Terrain Vehicle Rescue Techniques, Cold Water Rescue, Confined Space Rescue and National Incident Management System (NIMS) to name a few of the subjects.

The past year, through the Franklin County Firemen's Association, the department took part in two classes taught by out of state instructors. These classes were open to all County fire fighters and were attended by members from several departments. The class held in Farmington was "Fire Fighter Survival and Self Rescue" offered by Traditions Training and the one in Strong, "Rural Water Supply" presented by Gut Big Water Associates. Each of these classes was well attended and many of us have used the lessons taught.

The department has continued its Fire Prevention Program in the local schools and again the first graders at the Mallett School have visited the fire station. We have conducted numerous tours of the Fire Station and continue to visit local day care and nursery schools

that ask for a visit. This practice has been very rewarding over the years to the department and the community. Citizen support of these is appreciated by all of us. The department continues to work with the University of Maine at Farmington and the congregate housing units in establishing safety practices for those who live in the facilities. This keeps us involved with the youth and elder citizens of our town.

As in the past years we are still supporting the Foster Technical Center at Mt. Blue High School with its fire fighter program, which includes students from several towns in the county. Over the years several fire departments have benefited from this program with new fire fighters being employed.

Mutual aid is very necessary today with many town citizens working "out of town"; when a call is received fire fighters from different towns might be called upon to assist their neighbor. Training together has been very beneficial to all of us over the past few years. We need to continue training together and be ready for the unexpected.

In closing, I wish to thank all the local instructors, businesses, persons who have supported our Training Programs and you, the citizens, for your continued understanding.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Clyde Ross  
Deputy Fire Chief



**Maple Avenue fire**

## **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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

The staff of the Parks and Recreation Department will remember 2008 as a challenging but rewarding year. The early part of the year saw the department persevere through an old fashioned Maine winter. It seemed that each day was a duplicate of the preceding one; snow removal, cleaning the Community Center, and struggling to create a safe surface for the nearly 10,000 square foot skating rink at Hippach Field. I am sure the staff was frustrated that they weren't able to provide decent ice due to the many storms.

The inside activities during the early part of the year were successful. The Junior Pro Basketball Program saw 102 second – sixth graders participate in skill development and spirited, competitive games. Recreation Department Committee member Fred Conlogue introduced a Co-ed High School Basketball Program that fielded four teams and complimented his very popular Indoor Soccer League. Mt. Blue High School Wrestling Coach Bob O'Connor's Introduction to Wrestling Program continued to draw interest. The Community Center also provided a safe and warm environment for kids after school, with at times of up to forty students enjoying the wide variety of activities available.

In the spring, our softball program saw a dip in participation, and we reduced travel by playing exclusively in Town, without sacrificing competitive quality. Forty-nine girls on four teams played six regular season games at Hippach and Prescott Fields, culminating in the championship game where the Cougar Cubs were awarded the Coach Steve Yeaton trophy, their seventh straight championship.

A group of area residents calling themselves Parents for the Playground fundraised and accepted donations for the construction of a new playground at Hippach Field. Members of the group provided the labor, and E.L. Vining and Son came through for our community recreation facilities once again by donating heavy equipment time and sand, gravel and stone. We are proud of the new playground and look forward to many years of enjoyment by area pre-school children.

Although rain tried to slow us down this summer, we were still able to construct a new shed attached to the maintenance building, improve the baseball fields at Hippach and keep up with mowing and other needs of the various parks. Participation in our summer programs was good but not to full capacity. Lacrosse was introduced as a new program and the swimming lessons were once again a big hit under the steady leadership of Heidi Wheeler. Golf continued to have a small but loyal following, and the Pre-Season Soccer Camp had great participation. Surprisingly, the Playground Program that took place in the newly refinished center of the fieldhouse at Hippach was not well attended. Adorned with new bead board pine walls, improved lighting and décor, the fieldhouse is the perfect base camp for the exploration of Hippach by playground participants.

Once again our Fall Instructional and Prep Soccer programs were very popular as 191 K – 6 graders participated.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the part-time staff and volunteers who help out in so many ways throughout the year. I would especially like to thank Custodian Neal DesRoches for his hard work painting the center of the fieldhouse and the fence outside of Hippach Field all while taking care of his many regular duties.

This year will mark the 29<sup>th</sup> year of Steve Shible's tenure as the Director of Parks and Recreation. His devotion to the town and department is inspiring. Even after so long on the job he continues to look for ways to improve the facilities and department. In my opinion, the town is a better place because of his service.

2009 will be my third year as Assistant Director of the Parks Recreation department. Though 2008 was challenging, we will continue meet those challenges and provide an important component of the high quality of life the people of this area deserve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nelson  
Assistant Director



L to R: Neal DesRoches, Steve Shible, Joe Nelson

## Public Works

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



Another year is behind us. As I try to report the activity of the Public Works Department I am at a loss for words. The past winter is in the history books as one of the stormiest on record. The Public Works Department was called out 59 times to plow or treat roads with a total of 1,869.7 hours of overtime, using 18,346.8 gallons of diesel fuel, 7,809.5 cubic yards of sand, and 1,612.5 tons of salt. Our budget was stretched to the limit.

Although these numbers seem staggering, we can say that our salt and sand use was less than some years past. We calculated every storm, and tried to keep overtime to a minimum. Due to the purchase of two computer operated sander spreaders, our calculated salt use for 2009 is 400 tons less than past years. With the sharp increases in salt and fuel costs, estimating a budget for 2009 will be very time consuming and challenging.

With this report, I am pleased to say that after every storm last year all plow trucks were returned undamaged, with very few breakdowns. I am extremely proud of the crew, and all part time help who helped us get through this long winter season.

Because of the budget concerns, some of our road projects planned for this past summer had to be postponed, and we are in hopes to put them on the budget for 2009. However, we were able to finish the Church Street, and High Street projects, and totally rebuilt 4,400 feet of the Whittier Road. Our gravel roads were graded several times, with some culverts replaced, and some ditching done. Our normal roadwork was often postponed because of heavy rains through most of the summer. We experienced very little storm damage even with record rains. Because of heavy rains most of the summer our pothole patching was top priority, and about sixty tons of patch has been used since February. With the increase of asphalt the price of road patch has increased by \$53 per ton, from \$62 to \$115 per ton. This also created a strain on our budget.

With the equipment reserve approved at last year's Town Meeting, we purchased a much-needed vacuum truck to clean our storm basins, and culverts. With these systems being strained all summer it was very important to keep them cleaned and in working order. This truck will be a time saver, and keep our storm water system in working order, thus decreasing some repair costs.

Projects being planned for 2009 are to continue rebuilding the Whittier Road along with continued ditching on this road. Some of our ditching planned on the Whittier Road could not be done because of constant rainfall. We are planning more sidewalk repairs and sealing, and continued work on gravel roads. Water drainage projects will include ditching and culvert installation on Osborne Road, and Stanley Road. The Davis Road has had some work and needs more culvert replacement and ditching. A failing granite box culvert on Prescott Street has been a concern, and engineers from MDOT and FEMA have looked at this and we are in the process of finding ways to fund repairs. Please note that engineers have requested a 17 ton weight limit on this structure.

As winter approaches we again find ourselves shorthanded because of an injury at home to our Shop Foreman, Greg Soule. I speak to Greg weekly, and I am in hopes his healing time will be short. Again, the crew has stepped up and handled the extra work well. The crew has pulled together and helped our temporary mechanic prepare all plowing equipment. A special thank you is in order to the crew, and Ron Jalbert who has stepped into the shop, and also being our equipment operator, has done what he can to keep our equipment running.

Thank you for your continued support. And may we all hope for a milder winter in 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Public Works Director  
Denis Castonguay

## WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

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



In 2008, three major obstacles arose that needed attention. Our first incident was that of our effluent discharge pipe. While taking daily samples we noticed the effluent was backing up. Divers determined that a large sand bar had formed over the outfall diffusers. Sandy River Excavation installed a bypass from the new outfall to the old outfall.

Eventually, the spring floods carried away the obstructing sand bar. If this problem persists we may have to revamp the discharge diffusers in the river.

While this was all happening we discovered the influent screw pumps were discharging out of the suction end. This is never good. After much inspection, measuring and surmising, we determined the screws to be just plain worn out. Woodard and Curran Engineers are designing a more conventional pumping system. If we stay with screw pumps we can count on \$800,000 to one million dollars for replacement every 15 – 20 years. Conventional submersible Vaughn Chopper Pumps will be far less expensive in the long run. Initial installation costs are approximately the same.

The West Farmington Pump station upgrade and replacement is a 100% go at this date. This will take place the winter of 2008. This station handles wastewater from the Wilton Road and that area has grown dramatically over the years.

Interestingly we continue to be surprised by old sewer connections that may have gone into the historical underground brook. One hundred year old connections are discovered routinely.

Speaking of history, I think of the late Les Locke. He was the Farmington Sewer Dept. 40-60 years ago. He directed many a backhoe where to dig for buried sewer treasure. These underground lines tended to migrate 20 ft. one side or the other from where Les said they were. His mind was an organized map of locations and depths. It has been said that he saved the original

contractor that installed the sewer mains in 1972, many thousands of dollars just from his knowledge of the sewer system.

Things sure have changed. We now have a nine million dollar wastewater facility and the Sandy River has made a dramatic change for the better.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steven S. Moore  
Superintendent

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**Fire Rescue Department saves swimmer  
from the Sandy River**



## SEWER DEPARTMENT

### Past Due Receivables as of December 31, 2008

\* Full Reduction after Books Closed January 31,2009

\*\* Partial Reduction after Books Closed January 31, 2009

ACCOUNT	BALANCE	EARLIEST YEAR DUE
Adams, Anthony & Pamela	188.02	2008
Batzell, Joel	35.42	2008
Bell, Danielle	49.59	2008
Brackett, Penny	2393.53	2005
Brown, Avis	125.96	2008
CED Inc	16.95	2008
Chretien, Jeffrey & Terry	1911.48	2004
Cummings, Jonathan	1531.97	2007
Cunningham, Kurt	182.02	2008
Cushman, Melissa J	917.69	2006
Eldridge, Marsha L	777.65	2007
Fernald, Richard G	863.87	2006
Fraser, Bruce	1225.20	2007
Galouch, Earl	407.09	2007
Grimanis, Rose	1499.54	2007
Gund, John P	336.72	2007
Hutchinson, Priscilla J	816.28	2004
Larrabee, Anthony & Larissa	118.22	2008
Meadar, Shirley	230.49	2008
Meadar, Steven T	106.26	2008
Mealey, Richard G	344.87	2008
MET Property Mgmt	4253.38	2007
Misner-Rogers, Beverly A	111.55	2008
Olivadoti, Robert & Alanna P	55.03	2008
Pond, Rosalie M & Delmar A	205.94	2008
Porter, Malcolm W Sr	519.05	2007
Porter, Nancy	744.67	2006
Pratt, Russell	184.18	2008
Rackliffe, Hollis	1019.71	2004
Richard, Corey	85.22	2008

Shufelt, Robert	198.35	2008
Simpson, Lori	113.34	2008
Torizzo, Joseph E Jr.	92.10	2008
Winchester, Lorelee & Patrick	79.67	2008

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Photos courtesy of Farmington Historical Society



## **IMPORTANT NOTICES**

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

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

### **VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

## **TRANSFER STATION PERMITS**

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

## **BURN PERMITS**

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

## **TOWN ORDINANCE AND STATE LAW COMPLIANCE**

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

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

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

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**OUI Simulation Class**

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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



The Safety Committee met five times this past year to conduct employee accident investigations, discuss training and equipment needs, and to monitor the condition of workplace safety.

Department Heads continue to stress the importance of safety to Town employees. Occasionally an accident will still occur, but many have been prevented by the policies enacted as a result of this committee. Workers are encouraged to take the time to do their jobs carefully, and are provided with the necessary equipment to ensure their safety. As a result of this diligence, the Town continues to participate in the Leader Program through the Maine Municipal Association and keep workers compensation claims to a minimum.

Please keep in mind that the community can do many things to make Town employees' jobs safer. Driving responsibly while around Public Works, Fire Department and Police vehicles plus slowing down on the roadways will help prevent accidents.

It has been my pleasure to serve as chairman of this important committee. Through the efforts of the members and the support of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager and the public, Farmington continues to protect employees and promote safety at all facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Nelson  
Chairman

## Sandy River Recycling Association



Sandy River Recycling Association (SRRA) member towns recycled 1,644.6 tons of material, down from 1,792.7 tons in 2007. Revenue from the sale of material was \$202,429, an increase of \$18,355 from 2007. The prices paid for recycled material were still very stable and fairly high for most of the year. However, the economic slowdown led to a downturn in recycling markets beginning in the 3rd quarter of 2008. The Association Directors voted to drop the cost to member towns from \$40 per ton to \$35 per ton as an incentive to recycle.

SRRA markets all material through a marketing co-op. This year the co-op again marketed more material, and gave its members rebates for the 3rd year in a row. SRRA received \$319.69. These rebates will be deducted from each member's costs.

Total operating costs for the year 2008 were \$233,033.26 or \$10,849.86 over the approved 2008 budget. The overages were in the fuel and oil, maintenance, and supplies line items. We also spent \$71,770 from the capital reserve account for a new baler to replace the one installed in 1993, \$4,708 to repair containers, and \$6,975 for equipment to sort steel cans from aluminum cans.

During 2008 we added 38.5 tons of food waste to leaves and horse bedding. Our second batch of compost is ready except for screening. I have been unsuccessful finding a small screen to rent so we could really finish the product. We again gave some to the Mt. Blue Garden Club and will continue to help civic organizations. We should have more ready this spring.

**Please check with attendants before unloading any waste.** Some disposal fees are being changed because of handling costs. Thanks to the taxpayers of Farmington, our recycling rate for 2007 was 49.86%, which has helped with the cost of disposing of our waste.

Feel free to call the SRRA office or e-mail us at [srra@megalink.net](mailto:srra@megalink.net) with any questions about recycling, composting, or solid waste.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Slater  
Manager

## Conservation Commission

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



The Farmington Conservation Commission had a busy growing season in 2008. Four members attended a Project Learning Tree workshop sponsored by the Maine Tree Foundation and the American Forest Foundation. The two-day workshop held in early May included tree identification and forest ecosystem study in Clifford Woods.

Farmington's Arbor Day was celebrated on May 20<sup>th</sup> with a gathering of town officials and volunteers on the newly renovated Church Street to thank Richard Bjorn for his donation of eight trees that were planted along the street.

The commission's spring work included replacing three damaged Japanese tree lilacs on Main Street, helping plant the new shrubs with Ron and Cindy Gelinias at the new planter on Church Street at the courthouse and the continued maintenance at the West Farmington traffic island park.

The Town of Farmington was awarded a Project Canopy Grant thanks to the Maine Forest Service with funding through the U.S. Forest Service. The grant provided for the purchase of red oaks, red maples, white spruce and 12 red twig dogwoods which were planted around the new playground structure at Hippach Field in May. We would like to thank John and Crystal Logan for their donation of a red maple planted at the playground.

Inventory at the town nursery includes maples and ash that are ready to go and in need of a good home. Anyone interested in a free tree call the Town Office.

For the 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive year, the National Arbor Day Foundation awarded the Town of Farmington a Tree City USA status. In a ceremony held on May 19<sup>th</sup> in the Hall of Flags at the State House, a red oak tree was given to the Town of Farmington and planted at the new playground at Hippach Field.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Hanstein  
The Farmington Conservation Commission

## FARMINGTON ROTARY CLUB SPECIAL PRESENTATION

In June, The Farmington Rotary Club held its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Community Service Awards Ceremony. The recipient of the Annual Entrepreneur Award was L. Herbert "Bussie" York and Richard Bjorn received the Senior Vocational Award.



The Entrepreneur Award honors an individual who has grown a business/service with creativity and initiative while contributing to the economy and strength of the Western Maine community. After graduating from the University of Maine at Orono, Bussie York took over the running of Sandy River Farms when his father retired in 1961. He has diversified the farm operation in innovative ways to sustain farming ever since. Originally raising corn for market, he now also processes it into pellets as a heating fuel alternative. Besides the traditional dairy herd and corn, the farm produces dry beans, oats, soybeans, squash, and hay. Bussie is Chairman of the Planning Board and has been a member of a number of community boards and committees and state organizations.



The Senior Vocational Award recognizes an individual who shares his wisdom and leadership with a long-term commitment towards promoting and enhancing his or her community. In 1968, Richard Bjorn moved to Farmington and joined the Kyes Agency in Wilton and twelve years later took over the ownership. He has expanded the agency over the years and now has over 45 full and part-time employees at branches in Farmington, Skowhegan, Livermore Falls, and Rumford. Richard is a past member of the SAD 9 School Board and a life member of the Kora Temple Shrine. He is an avid and generous supporter of many projects including: Downtown Farmington Tree Project, Farmington Community Center and Public Library, Mallett and Cascade Brook playgrounds, Franklin Memorial Hospital, and various UMF projects.

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January 22, 2009

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, 2008. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2008 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

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

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## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2008

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 3,253,491	\$ 139,033	\$ 3,392,524
Investments	-	715,687	715,687
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	606,631	-	606,631
Liens	145,351	-	145,351
Other	4,905	228,061	232,966
Prepaid expense	27,717	-	27,717
Tax acquired property	2,331	-	2,331
Due from other funds	62,864	206,732	269,596
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 4,103,290</u>	<u>\$ 1,289,513</u>	<u>\$ 5,392,803</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 143,207	\$ -	\$ 143,207
Accrued expenses	104,328	-	104,328
Prepaid taxes	295	-	295
Due to other funds	1,908,279	62,864	1,971,143
Deferred revenues	683,405	-	683,405
Other liabilities	4,639	-	4,639
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,844,153</u>	<u>62,864</u>	<u>2,907,017</u>
Fund Equity			
Unreserved, reported in:			
General Fund:			
Designated	-	-	-
Undesignated	1,259,137	-	1,259,137
Special revenues funds	-	899,875	899,875
Permanent funds	-	326,774	326,774
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>1,259,137</u>	<u>1,226,649</u>	<u>2,485,786</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 4,103,290</u>	<u>\$ 1,289,513</u>	<u>\$ 5,392,803</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

## STATEMENT D

## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
 – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 5,787,906	\$ -	\$ 5,787,906
Excise taxes	805,696	-	805,696
Intergovernmental	1,168,157	-	1,168,157
Charges for services	134,411	-	134,411
Miscellaneous revenues	132,173	433,888	566,061
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>8,028,343</u>	<u>433,888</u>	<u>8,462,231</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	775,687	-	775,687
Public safety	1,559,575	-	1,559,575
Health and welfare	17,290	-	17,290
Recreation and culture	270,690	-	270,690
Education	3,410,870	-	3,410,870
Public works	1,204,628	-	1,204,628
County tax	408,595	-	408,595
TIF	31,769	-	31,769
Community services	171,813	-	171,813
Unclassified	73,031	381,134	454,165
Debt service:			
Principal	91,150	-	91,150
Interest	46,931	-	46,931
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>8,062,029</u>	<u>381,134</u>	<u>8,443,163</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(33,686)</u>	<u>52,754</u>	<u>19,068</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers in	105,000	8,800	113,800
Transfers out	(8,800)	(105,000)	(113,800)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>96,200</u>	<u>(96,200)</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	62,514	(43,446)	19,068
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>1,196,623</u>	<u>1,270,095</u>	<u>2,466,718</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 1,259,137</u>	<u>\$ 1,226,649</u>	<u>\$ 2,485,786</u>

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## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 1,196,623	\$ 1,196,623	\$ 1,196,623	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	5,993,504	5,993,504	5,787,906	(205,598)
Excise taxes	824,500	824,500	805,696	(18,804)
Intergovernmental	1,123,365	1,123,365	1,168,157	44,792
Charges for services	113,158	113,158	134,411	21,253
Investment income	50,000	50,000	35,742	(14,258)
Miscellaneous revenues	129,844	129,844	96,431	(33,413)
Transfers from other funds	-	-	105,000	105,000
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>9,430,994</u>	<u>9,430,994</u>	<u>9,329,966</u>	<u>(101,028)</u>
Charges to Appropriation (Outflows):				
Current:				
General government	802,714	802,714	775,687	27,027
Public safety	1,609,177	1,609,177	1,559,575	49,602
Health and welfare	15,000	15,000	17,290	(2,290)
Recreation & culture	273,995	273,995	270,690	3,305
Education	3,410,870	3,410,870	3,410,870	-
Public works	1,225,442	1,225,442	1,204,628	20,814
County tax	408,595	408,595	408,595	-
TIF	35,482	35,482	31,769	3,713
Community Services	171,900	171,900	171,813	87
Unclassified	134,315	134,315	73,031	61,284
Debt service:				
Principal	91,150	91,150	91,150	-
Interest	46,931	46,931	46,931	-
Transfers to other funds	8,800	8,800	8,800	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>8,234,371</u>	<u>8,234,371</u>	<u>8,070,829</u>	<u>163,542</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 1,196,623</u>	<u>\$ 1,196,623</u>	<u>\$ 1,259,137</u>	<u>\$ 62,514</u>
Utilization of designated fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Utilization of undesignated fund balance	-	-	-	-
Totals	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Budget	Applied Revenues	Total Available	Actual	Balance	
					Lapsed	Carried
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
General government:						
Administration	\$ 226,131	\$ -	\$ 226,131	\$ 216,222	\$ 9,909	\$ -
Assessor	119,279	-	119,279	115,241	4,038	-
Clerk Treasurer	230,664	-	230,664	214,966	15,698	-
Municipal building	83,032	-	83,032	89,890	(6,858)	-
CEO	137,508	-	137,508	133,210	4,298	-
Committees	6,100	-	6,100	6,158	(58)	-
	<u>802,714</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>802,714</u>	<u>775,687</u>	<u>27,027</u>	<u>-</u>
Public safety:						
Police department	976,509	-	976,509	939,833	36,676	-
Fire department	287,929	-	287,929	276,728	11,201	-
Hydrants	227,000	-	227,000	225,988	1,012	-
Street lights	68,480	-	68,480	66,276	2,204	-
Traffic lights	8,300	-	8,300	9,791	(1,491)	-
Ambulance	40,959	-	40,959	40,959	-	-
	<u>1,609,177</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,609,177</u>	<u>1,559,575</u>	<u>49,602</u>	<u>-</u>
Heath and welfare:						
General assistance	15,000	-	15,000	17,290	(2,290)	-
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>17,290</u>	<u>(2,290)</u>	<u>-</u>
Recreation and culture:						
Parks and recreation	163,680	-	163,680	160,309	3,371	-
Community center	110,315	-	110,315	110,381	(66)	-
	<u>273,995</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>273,995</u>	<u>270,690</u>	<u>3,305</u>	<u>-</u>

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Applied Revenues</u>	<u>Total Available</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
					<u>Lapsed</u>	<u>Carried</u>
Education	<u>3,410,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,410,870</u>	<u>3,410,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Public works:						
Highway department	930,920	-	930,920	930,828	92	-
Recycling department	75,308	-	75,308	59,403	15,905	-
Tipping fees	19,214	-	19,214	19,429	(215)	-
Local roads	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>194,968</u>	<u>5,032</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,225,442</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,225,442</u>	<u>1,204,628</u>	<u>20,814</u>	<u>-</u>
County tax	<u>408,595</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>408,595</u>	<u>408,595</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TIF	<u>35,482</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,482</u>	<u>31,769</u>	<u>3,713</u>	<u>-</u>
Debt service						
Principal	91,150	-	91,150	91,150	-	-
Interest	<u>46,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,931</u>	<u>46,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>138,081</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,081</u>	<u>138,081</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Community Services						
Animal shelter	10,711	-	10,711	10,624	87	-
Public library	117,989	-	117,989	117,989	-	-
Cemetery Association	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	-	-
Abused Women's Advocacy Project	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
Red cross	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	-
No Lites & New Sharon	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Shiretown riders snowmobile	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Gay cemetery	700	-	700	700	-	-
Chamber of Commerce	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>171,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>171,900</u>	<u>171,813</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>-</u>

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Appropriations	Applied Revenues	Total Available	Actual	Balance	
					Lapsed	Carried
Unclassified						
TAN	3,000	-	3,000	2,649	351	-
Insurances	94,000	-	94,000	54,382	39,618	-
Legal	16,000	-	16,000	16,000	-	-
Overlay	21,315	-	21,315	-	21,315	-
	<u>134,315</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,315</u>	<u>73,031</u>	<u>61,284</u>	<u>-</u>
Transfers to other funds						
Special revenues	8,800	-	8,800	8,800	-	-
	<u>8,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,800</u>	<u>8,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 8,234,371</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,234,371</u>	<u>\$ 8,070,829</u>	<u>\$ 163,542</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Special Revenues	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$ 134,309	\$ 4,724	\$ 139,033
Investments	393,137	322,550	715,687
Accounts receivable	417	-	417
Notes receivable	227,644	-	227,644
Due from other funds	206,732	-	206,732
Total assets	<u>\$ 962,239</u>	<u>\$ 327,274</u>	<u>\$ 1,289,513</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	62,364	500	62,864
Total liabilities	<u>62,364</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>62,864</u>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>			
Fund balance:			
Unreserved:			
Designated for subsequent years' expenditures	901,907	326,774	1,228,681
Undesignated	<u>(2,032)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,032)</u>
Total fund equity	<u>899,875</u>	<u>326,774</u>	<u>1,226,649</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 962,239</u>	<u>\$ 327,274</u>	<u>\$ 1,289,513</u>

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## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
 FUND BALANCES – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>Special Revenues</u>	<u>Permanent Funds</u>	<u>Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES	<u>\$ 468,678</u>	<u>\$ (34,790)</u>	<u>\$ 433,888</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>362,518</u>	<u>18,616</u>	<u>381,134</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>106,160</u>	<u>(53,406)</u>	<u>52,754</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers In	8,800	-	8,800
Transfers Out	<u>(105,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(105,000)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(96,200)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(96,200)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	9,960	(53,406)	(43,446)
FUND BALANCE, JANUARY 1	<u>889,915</u>	<u>380,180</u>	<u>1,270,095</u>
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31	<u><u>\$ 899,875</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 326,774</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,226,649</u></u>

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

**2009 WARRANT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

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

**GREETING:** In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Farmington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Community Center at 127 Middle Street in said Town on Monday, the NINTH DAY OF MARCH, 2009, 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 forenoon and close at 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon Article Second.

And also notify and warn the said Inhabitants to meet at the Community Center at 127 Middle Street in said Town on Monday, the NINTH DAY OF MARCH, 2009 at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to hear the results of the secret ballot on Articles 1 and 2 and to act on Articles 3 through 41, all the Articles being set out below, to wit:

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

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

**THIRD** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate such anticipated revenues as vehicle excise taxes, state revenue sharing, supplemental taxes, license fees, and such other miscellaneous revenues to be received in the calendar year 2009, to reduce the taxes committed, in the amount of \$1,959,300.

**FOURTH** - To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. section 5721-A.7, to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,231,615.49 established for Farmington by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following Articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS:** The budget that is presented below meets the 2009 property tax limit. Because, however, the Town Meeting process is active, interactive, and unpredictable, the Selectmen cannot know with certainty whether the municipal budget being proposed will be increased or decreased by the Town Meeting. Therefore, it is advisable to include this Article if there is any chance that the Town Meeting will raise and appropriate sums in excess of the property tax levy limit. It is also possible that unanticipated reductions in non-property tax revenues will result in a tax commitment that exceeds the limit. In such cases, State law requires voter action to authorize an increase in the limit. A vote on this Article requires a written ballot.

**FIFTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$687,506	\$681,876
Selectmen Recommended	687,006	681,876
Budget Committee Recommended	687,006	681,876
Town Meeting Approved	687,006	

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

	Appropriated <u>2008</u>	Requested <u>2009</u>	Selectmen & Budget Committee <u>Recommended</u>
1. Administration	\$226,133	\$234,555	\$234,555
2. Assessor	119,279	109,356	109,356
3. Treasurer / Clerk	230,664	227,779	227,779
4. Committees & Events	6,900	6,700	6,700
5. Municipal Building	86,032	84,386	84,386
6. Tax Anticipation Note	3,000	4,100	4,100
7. General Assistance	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
TOTAL	\$687,006	\$681,876	\$681,876

The Administration Budget includes personnel costs for the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Town Secretary, one half of the Planning Assistant, related office supply and equipment costs, and expenses for professional services such as the Town Report printing, annual audit, public notice advertising, and routine legal services. Increases include a 4.8% pay increase for employees, based upon the average increase in the consumer price index, and one half of a 5.9% increase in health insurance premiums. All Town employees who participate in the Town-provided health plan share the other half of the premium increase.

The Assessor's Department personnel consist of one full-time contracted Assessor and a non-benefit 25-hour per week assistant position. Increases in this budget include a 4.8% pay increase and one half of a 5.9% health insurance increase for the Assessor. This budget includes no funding for the Revaluation Reserve, the balance of which is currently \$64,267.15.

The Treasurer/Clerk Budget includes pay increases of 4.8% and one half of health insurance premium increases of 5.9%.

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

The Municipal Buildings budget includes funds to maintain and operate the Town Office

and various outbuildings and structures not covered by other departments. Included is \$9,000 to replace two of the Fire Rescue Department bay doors.

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

The General Assistance program provides for the basic needs of persons who apply and qualify financially. The 2008 appropriation was \$15,000. Expenditures totaled \$17,291 for the year, and are expected to be similar in 2009.

**SIXTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CODE ENFORCEMENT** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$137,508	\$141,358
Selectmen Recommended	137,508	141,358
Budget Committee Recommended	137,508	141,358
Town Meeting Approved	137,508	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: This budget request covers the operational expenses for two and one half employees who oversee the Code Administration, Community Development (grant writing and implementation), and Planning functions. Included are 4.8% pay increases and one half of a 5.9% 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 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$976,509	\$1,004,452
Selectmen Recommended	976,509	1,004,452
Budget Committee Recommended	976,509	1,004,452
Town Meeting Approved	976,509	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: Increases in the Police Department budget are the result of 4.8% pay increases and one half of a 5.9% increase in health insurance costs.

**EIGHTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$287,989	\$284,656
Selectmen Recommended	287,989	284,656

Budget Committee Recommended	287,989	284,656
Town Meeting Approved	287,989	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Fire Department's request includes a 4.8% increase in stipends, wages, and salaries, as well as one half of a 5.9% increase in health insurance premiums for the Chief, who is the only full-time member. Also included in the request is a \$14,035 appropriation to the Fire Equipment Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$52,025.69.

**NINTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **OTHER PROTECTIONS** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$438,739	\$427,651
Selectmen Recommended	438,739	427,651
Budget Committee Recommended	438,739	427,651
Town Meeting Approved	438,739	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: Appropriated Requested

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
1. Street Lights	\$ 68,480	\$ 68,000
2. Fire Hydrants	227,000	256,415
3. Insurances	94,000	52,000
4. Ambulance	40,959	41,236
5. Traffic Light Maintenance	<u>8,300</u>	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$438,739	\$427,651

The Street Light budget is reduced slightly, based on 2008 expenditures. The Fire Hydrants budget is increased by 13% as a result of a rate increase imposed by the water utility. The Insurance category is decreased by \$42,000 as a result of favorable bids. It includes employee cash handling bonds, blanket property and automobile coverages, public officials liability, and unemployment insurance. The Ambulance subsidy is established by contractual agreement with Northstar Ambulance. The increase in that category is due to a new subsidy formula, which should remain stable over the next few years. The Traffic Light Maintenance budget is increased based on 2008 actual expenditures and 2009 projected costs.

**TENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PARKS AND RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER DEPARTMENTS** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$277,695	\$270,596
Selectmen Recommended	273,995	270,596
Budget Committee Recommended	277,695	270,596
Town Meeting Approved	273,995	

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

	Appropriated <u>2008</u>	Requested <u>2009</u>	Recommended <u>2009</u>
Parks and Recreation	\$163,680	\$162,816	\$162,816
Community Center	<u>110,315</u>	<u>107,780</u>	<u>107,780</u>
TOTAL	\$273,995	\$270,596	\$270,596

The Parks and Recreation Budget includes operational expenses for all recreational activities, including personnel costs for fourteen part-time seasonal employees and stipends for nine program directors and coaches. Increases include 4.8% pay increases and one half of a 5.9% increase in health insurance costs for the Director and Assistant Director. The Community Center budget includes personnel costs for one full-time Assistant Director and one part-time custodian.

**ELEVENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$915,920	\$1,001,358
Selectmen Recommended	930,920	1,001,358
Budget Committee Recommended	915,920	1,001,358
Town Meeting Approved	930,920	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Public Works Department budget includes a portion of the operational expenses required for maintaining and improving the Town's 120 miles of roads. Additional funding for the Public Works Department is received from the State (see Article 14). This budget covers the personnel costs for eight full-time employees and two seasonal employees. Included in these costs are 4.8% pay increases and one half of a 5.9% increase in health insurance premiums.

**TWELFTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **RECYCLING DEPARTMENT** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$75,308	\$65,739
Selectmen Recommended	75,308	65,739
Budget Committee Recommended	75,308	65,739
Town Meeting Approved	75,308	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: This budget covers all operating expenses for the transfer station, including personnel costs for two part-time employees. The decrease is due to the fact that a one-time expenditure for the extension of a

concrete pad and retaining wall was included in 2008, and that project is finished.

**THIRTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CEMETERIES** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$0	\$59,512
Selectmen Recommended	0	59,512
Budget Committee Recommended	0	59,512
Town Meeting Approved	0	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: In 2008, the Farmington Cemetery Association dissolved after transferring ownership of the Riverside and Fairview Cemeteries, along with perpetual care funds of approximately \$334,000, the balance of its operating account, and miscellaneous personal property to the Town of Farmington. For several years prior to its dissolution, the Association received an annual appropriation of \$25,000 to \$30,000 from the Town to assist with the maintenance of the cemeteries. The amount requested for 2009 is offset by the discontinuance of that annual appropriation. Due to the weak economy, no investment income is anticipated from the trust funds. The request represents the full amount needed to maintain the cemeteries in 2009.

**FOURTEENTH** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate State of Maine Urban Rural Initiative Program (URIP) funds in the amount of \$175,000, and to authorize the expenditure of said funds for road improvements.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	200,000	\$175,000
Selectmen Recommended	200,000	175,000
Budget Committee Recommended	200,000	175,000
Town Meeting Approved	200,000	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The amount indicated in this Article is the amount the Town is projected to receive from the Maine Department of Transportation for 2009 funding. This allocation will be used to make improvements to various Town roads in accordance with the five-year road improvement plan.

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

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$10,000	\$5,000
Selectmen Recommended	\$5,000	2,000
Budget Committee Recommended	\$5,000	2,000
Town Meeting Approved	\$5,000	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Public Works Reserve Account was established several years ago for use in planning and building the new Town Garage, which was completed in 2002. The current balance in the account is \$35,418.56. The funds requested for 2009 will be added to the balance and held in reserve for future garage-related expenses.

**SIXTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **DEBT SERVICE** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$138,081	\$134,462
Selectmen Recommended	138,081	134,462
Budget Committee Recommended	138,081	134,462
Town Meeting Approved	138,081	

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>
Municipal Garage Debt	\$75,409	\$75,409	\$73,497
Fire Truck Debt	<u>62,672</u>	<u>62,672</u>	<u>60,965</u>
TOTAL	\$138,081	\$138,081	\$134,462

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.

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

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$16,000	\$8,300
Selectmen Recommended	16,000	8,300
Budget Committee Recommended	16,000	8,300
Town Meeting Approved	16,000	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Administration Budget includes \$5,000 to cover routine legal costs, such as those associated with personnel issues, contracts, general liability, zoning, etc. It does not provide funds for ongoing legal proceedings such as the Hows Corner Hazardous Waste lawsuit, and any unforeseen legal expenses. The Legal Reserve Account provides for these expenses.

**EIGHTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FARMINGTON LIBRARY** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$117,989	\$117,989

Selectmen Recommended	117,989	117,989
Budget Committee Recommended	N/A	117,989
Town Meeting Approved	117,989	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Library's request represents payroll, payroll taxes, and health insurance for the library staff. Included in the request are 3.7% salary and wage increases.

**NINETEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **GAY CEMETERY** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$700	\$700
Selectmen Recommended	700	700
Budget Committee Recommended	700	700
Town Meeting Approved	700	

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

**TWENTIETH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$10,711	\$10,711
Selectmen Recommended	10,711	10,711
Budget Committee Recommended	10,711	10,711
Town Meeting Approved	10,711	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The State of Maine mandates that all municipalities designate a shelter that will accept stray animals. Farmington contracts with the Franklin County Animal Shelter for this service. In 2009, the shelter will assess all participating communities based on \$1.55 per capita. The shelter, however, agreed in 2004 to adjust Farmington's population figure downward by 500 to partially reflect the presence of the University students who reside on campus, and are therefore prohibited from keeping animals in the residence halls.

**TWENTY-FIRST** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **SANDY RIVER RECYCLING** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$19,214	\$15,261
Selectmen Recommended	19,214	15,261
Budget Committee Recommended	19,214	15,261
Town Meeting Approved	19,214	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Sandy River Recycling Association, located adjacent to the Farmington Recycling Center, serves eighteen communities in Franklin, Kennebec, and Somerset Counties. The Town of Farmington's 2009 assessment is based on the tonnage of recyclable materials from Farmington that was processed in 2008 (567 tons) multiplied by the current processing rate of \$26.92 per ton. By comparison, the cost to citizens to dispose of non-recycled waste is \$64.42 per ton. Each ton of material that is recycled saves \$37.50.

**TWENTY-SECOND** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **AMERICAN RED CROSS** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$3,000	\$3,500
Selectmen Recommended	3,000	2,500
Budget Committee Recommended	3,000	3,500
Town Meeting Approved	3,000	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: In order to limit increases in the 2009 budget to the greatest extent possible, the Selectmen recommend that the American Red Cross be funded at \$2,500, rather than the \$3,500 requested. The Budget Committee disagrees with the Selectmen, believing that the services the Red Cross provides are needed more than ever in these difficult economic times.

**TWENTY-THIRD** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$5,000	\$5,000
Selectmen Recommended	3,000	0
Budget Committee Recommended	5,000	0
Town Meeting Approved	5,000	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend not funding this agency because they believe its administrative expenses are very high in relation to services delivered.

**TWENTY-FOURTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **SHIRETOWN RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$2,000	\$1,000
Selectmen Recommended	1,000	1,000
Budget Committee Recommended	1,000	1,000
Town Meeting Approved	1,000	

**TWENTY-FIFTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **NORTHERN LITES** and **NEW SHARON SNOW RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUBS** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,000	\$1,000
Selectmen Recommended	1,000	1,000
Budget Committee Recommended	1,000	1,000
Town Meeting Approved	1,000	

**TWENTY-SIXTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** for the year 2009.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	\$2,500	\$2,500
Selectmen Recommended	2,500	2,500
Budget Committee Recommended	2,500	2,500
Town Meeting Approved	2,500	

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

**TWENTY-EIGHTH** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Balance those funds deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen to reduce the amount of property taxes to be collected to fund the Year 2009 budget in an effort to stabilize the tax rate in a manner consistent with prudent fiscal management.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Undesignated Fund Balance (UFB) as reported by the Auditors as of the end of the 2008 budget year is \$1,259,137. The auditors recommend carrying a minimum UFB level that is adequate to cover two months' expenditures, which would be \$1,343,672. Approval of this Article would allow the Selectmen to utilize whatever amount of UFB, if any, that they deem to be advisable in order to reduce the property tax commitment while maintaining adequate reserves.

**TWENTY-NINTH** - To see what amount, if any, of the Year 2009 Bee Line Cable Contract Franchise Fee and equipment and facilities fund the Town will vote to appropriate for the **CABLE FRANCHISE FEE RESERVE FUND** for the benefit of BeeLine Cable subscribers, to be expended or allocated at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Amount Requested	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Selectmen Recommended	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Budget Committee Recommended	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Town Meeting Approved	Full Franchise Fee	

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Cable Television Franchise granted to Bee Line, Inc. by the Town of Farmington requires Bee Line to pay the Town 5% of its gross annual revenues as compensation for the rights and privileges granted by the Agreement. In 2008, that amount was \$44,616.05. 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 requested for 2009 is expected to be an amount similar to that received in 2008.

**THIRTIETH** - To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes due and payable on Monday, November 2, 2009 and, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505(4), charge interest on overdue taxes at the rate of 9.00% per annum after November 2, 2009.

**THIRTY-FIRST** - To see if the Town will vote to pay interest on tax refunds at the rate of 9.00% per annum after Monday, November 2, 2009.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THIRTY-SEVENTH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budget amount in each category of the 2009 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2010 until the Town Meeting in March, 2010.

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

**THIRTY-NINTH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell the premises shown on Town of Farmington Tax Map U2 as Lot 21, located at 155 Crosswell Road in Farmington Falls, for such price and on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute the appropriate deed for such property.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The subject property, approximately 0.35 acre in size, is the former site of the Farmington Falls School building. The Town voted in 2004 to accept it from SAD#9, but has found no practical use for it. This article would authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the property and return it to the tax rolls.

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

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

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

**FORTY-FIRST** - Shall the Ordinance entitled, Town of Farmington Zoning Ordinance, current version adopted March 10, 2008, (Chapter 11, Land Use, Article 8 of the Town's Code of Ordinances), be amended to incorporate as footnote (H), a statement pertaining to minimum setbacks in the table at 11-8.9-E. Dimensional Requirements to read: "Where multiple units are housed within a single building, whether the units are either rental or separately owned, the setback requirements apply to the building structure and not to individual units on a per unit basis."

NOTE: Copies of the Ordinance table and footnotes, with draft additions **underlined in bold**, are available in advance at the Municipal Building and will be available at the Community Center during the Town Meeting.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: This modification is proposed to eliminate any possibility of misapplication of setback requirements to individual units within a structure rather than the whole structure itself that such units are contained within.

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The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Community Center on March 9, 2009 at the time of the meeting to add new names to the voting list or make changes to the voting list.

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

Given under our hands at Farmington, Maine this 10th day of February, A.D. 2009.

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephan M. Bunker, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jon L. Bubier

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dennis C. Pike

\_\_\_\_\_  
John N. Frary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy J. Porter

**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 February\_\_\_\_, 2009, which is a least 7 days prior to the day of said meeting.

Dated at Farmington, Maine this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2009.

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

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

MAP \_\_\_\_\_ LOT \_\_\_\_\_  
TRIO # \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is a great honor to represent the people of Farmington in the State Senate.

The 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature will face many challenges when we begin our work in January. One of the first items to deal with is a \$150 million revenue shortfall in the current budget. In an attempt to fill the gap, the Governor has called for 10% across the board cuts in most state government agencies, which trims slightly less than half the shortfall. The Legislature will be tasked with finding an additional \$80 million in savings just to get through the current fiscal year ending June 30.

Later in January the Governor will introduce the budget for the next biennium; with an estimated shortfall of \$800 million lawmakers will have some very tough decisions to make. These circumstances, however, present an opportunity to retool state government, reduce the size of the bureaucracy, carefully review the effectiveness of current programs, and set the state government on a course for long term sustainability. As it deals with the current budgetary problems the Legislature should keep in mind the longer term strategy needed to get Maine's economy growing.

I am confident that we will be able to cut wasteful spending while preserving the safety net for Maine's most vulnerable citizens. While some lawmakers may tout raising taxes to increase revenue, I am adamantly opposed to such measures. In November, Maine people rejected a new tax on beverages, beer, wine and health insurance claims and sent a clear message to Augusta that no new taxes would be tolerated. I am firmly committed to addressing Maine's budget crisis without further burdening Maine's taxpayers.

Thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of representing your interests in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you or a member of your family is having difficulties navigating state bureaucracy. I can be reached in Augusta at 287-1505, in the district at 778-2368 or by email at [wgooley@hciwireless.net](mailto:wgooley@hciwireless.net).

Sincerely,

Walter Gooley  
State Senator  
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SUBCOMMITTEE ON RURAL AND URBAN  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAX AND FINANCE

January 30, 2009

Dear Farmington residents and friends,

This year, Mainers are facing some of the greatest challenges seen for several generations. As I travel across Maine, I hear from many people worried about losing their jobs, heating their homes, putting food on the table, and getting affordable health care.

The economic crisis affects us all as Americans. Here in Maine, we must continue to create new jobs and help our businesses develop new ideas and products.

In my first three terms as your Congressman, I have found and won funding for research, training, and job development. In 2007, I authored a bill, which became public law, to create a Northern Border Regional Commission. The NBRC will invest federal resources in economic development and job creation projects in the most economically distressed areas of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and northern New York. I have supported efforts to restore funding to the Small Business Administration to make sure it can offer Maine businessmen and women the capital they need to start and invest in their businesses. I have also secured substantial investments in federal research and development at the University of Maine, promoting valuable research and creating jobs throughout Maine.

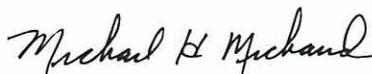
There is still so much else to do. Raising the truck weight limits on Maine's interstate north of Augusta will help our businesses, cut fuel costs and emissions and make so many of our rural and secondary roads safer for our families.

We need to keep our promises to our veterans and make sure that their benefits and health care are there when they need them. As the Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Health Subcommittee, I have worked to make health care more accessible for rural veterans and to increase the overall spending for the Department of Veteran's Affairs. In 2008, I sponsored HR 1824, the Montgomery GI Bill Expansion, to expand the scope of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill so it may be used to obtain a commercial motor vehicle operator license.

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

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

With warmest regards,



Michael H. Michaud  
Member of Congress

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Phone: (207) 778-6538 TTY: (207) 778-5873 FAX: (207) 778-5871  
Web site: [www.farmington-maine.org](http://www.farmington-maine.org)  
Recycling Facility Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00AM to 2:00PM  
Saturday 7:30AM to 2:30PM

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

<b>ALL EMERGENCY CALLS</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
POLICE (ALL OTHER BUSINESS)	778-6311
POLICE (IF NO ANSWER)	778-2680
FIRE (ALL OTHER BUSINESS)	778-3235
TTY-TDD (EMERGENCY CALLS)	9-1-1
FRANKLIN CTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	778-5892
TOWN MANAGER	778-6538
TREASURER/TOWN CLERK	778-6539
ASSESSOR	778-6530
VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	778-6539
TAX/SEWER INQUIRIES	778-6539
CODE ENFORCEMENT	778-5874
RECYCLING FACILITY	778-3525
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR	778-2191
TOWN GARAGE	778-5875
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY	778-4712
PARKS & RECREATION	778-3464
TDD/TTY TELEPHONE (NON-EMERGENCY)	778-5873
CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY (PUBLIC)	778-4312
FRANKLIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	778-6031
FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER	778-2638
FARMINGTON WATER COMPANY	778-4777
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	645-4918

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

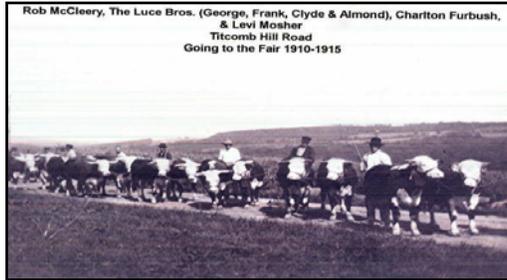


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