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**2021 WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

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

GREETING: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Farmington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Community Center at 127 Middle Street in said Town on Monday, the TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF APRIL 2021, at 7:45 o'clock in the morning to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 42. The polls will open at 8:00 o'clock in the morning and close at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 2 through 42, all the Articles being set out below, to wit:

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

SECOND – To choose by ballot, according to the provisions of Title 30-A, M.R.S. Section 2528 as amended, one Selectman for a term of three years, one School Director for a term of three years and one School Director for a term of two 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 2021, to reduce the taxes committed, in the amount of \$2,557,710.

FOURTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$799,063 for **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$781,630	\$799,063
Selectmen Recommended	781,630	799,063
Budget Committee Recommended	781,630	799,063
Approved	781,630	

STATEMENT OF FACT:

	Appropriated <u>2020</u>	Requested <u>2021</u>	Selectmen and Budget Committee <u>Recommended</u>
1. Administration	\$254,397	\$261,081	\$261,081
2. Assessor	128,240	130,497	130,497
3. Treasurer / Clerk	288,145	284,811	284,811
4. Committees & Events	7,800	7,800	7,800
5. Municipal Building	73,048	84,878	844,878
6. Tax Anticipation Note	5,000	5,000	5,000
7. General Assistance	25,000	25,000	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL	\$781,630	\$799,063	\$799,063

The Administration Budget includes personnel costs for the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Town Secretary and one half of the Planning Assistant, related office supply and equipment costs, and expenses for professional services such as the Town Report printing, annual audit, public notice advertising, and routine legal services. Included are 2% pay increases for 2021. The Town pays 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for full time employees in this Department.

The Assessor's Department consists of a part-time contracted Assessor provided by John E. O'Donnell & Associates and a 20-hour per week in-house assistant position. Also included is \$26,000 for the Revaluation Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$211,596.74.

The Treasurer/Clerk Budget includes pay increases of 2%.

Committees and Events includes Memorial Day Flags (\$3,000), Planning Board (\$500), Conservation Commission (\$800), and Special Projects (\$3,500) which is a discretionary account for the Selectmen through which they may authorize expenditures for special projects, promotions, or events deemed appropriate.

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

The Tax Anticipation Note 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 2020 appropriation was \$25,000. Expenditures totaled \$5,536.48 for the year, which was well below average. Seventy percent of this expenditure is now reimbursed by the state and accrues to the General Fund.

FIFTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$163,593 for **CODE ENFORCEMENT** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$160,688	\$163,593
Selectmen Recommended	160,688	163,593
Budget Committee Recommended	160,688	163,593
Approved	160,688	

STATEMENT OF FACT: This budget request covers the operational expenses for two and one-half employees who oversee the Code Administration, Community Development (grant writing and implementation), and Planning functions. Included are 2% pay increases for 2021.

SIXTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,506,788 for the **POLICE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,311,659	\$1,506,788
Selectmen Recommended	1,311,659	1,506,788
Budget Committee Recommended	1,311,659	1,506,788
Approved	1,311,659	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Police Department budget includes negotiated contract obligations for union members, including increased contributions to health insurance costs in lieu of pay increases. Management employees receive 2% pay increases for 2021. Also included are expenses related to building operation and maintenance.

SEVENTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$771,154 for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$566,550	\$771,154
Selectmen Recommended	566,550	771,154
Budget Committee Recommended	566,550	771,154
Approved	566,550	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The increase in the Fire Department's request includes wages for the full year for two additional full-time firefighters who were hired in 2020 and one additional per diem firefighter. The budget also includes 2% pay increases for current personnel for 2021. Also included is a \$75,000 appropriation to the Fire Equipment Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$41,075.08.

EIGHTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$562,586 for **OTHER PROTECTIONS** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$557,037	\$562,586
Selectmen Recommended	557,037	562,586
Budget Committee Recommended	557,037	562,586
Approved	557,037	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>
1. Street Lights	\$ 70,000	\$ 63,550
2. Fire Hydrants	345,475	345,475
3. Insurances	85,000	96,700
4. Ambulance	36,562	36,861
5. Traffic Light Maintenance	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL	\$557,037	\$562,586

The Street Light budget has decreased following conversion of the high-pressure sodium lights to more energy-efficient LED fixtures. The Fire Hydrant cost is governed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission, and is based on a percentage of the Water Company's total operating expenses. The Insurance category is based on anticipated premium costs in 2021. Included are employee cash handling bonds, blanket property and automobile coverages, public officials' liability, and unemployment insurance. The Ambulance subsidy is established by contractual agreement with NorthStar Ambulance. The Traffic Light Maintenance budget is based on 2020 actual expenditures and 2021 projected costs.

NINTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$349,502 for the **PARKS AND RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER DEPARTMENTS** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$325,558	\$349,502
Selectmen Recommended	325,558	349,502
Budget Committee Recommended	325,558	349,502
Approved	325,558	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>
Parks and Recreation	\$188,566	\$203,342	\$203,342
Community Center	<u>136,992</u>	<u>146,160</u>	<u>146,160</u>
TOTAL	\$325,558	\$349,502	\$349,502

The Parks and Recreation Budget includes operating expenses for all recreational activities, including personnel costs for the full-time Director, part-time seasonal positions, program directors and coaches. The Community Center budget includes personnel costs for one full-time Assistant Director and one part-time custodian.

TENTH – To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, federal financing assistance under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Act, Public Law 88-578 for the development of the Walton’s Mill Dam Removal and Park Improvements Project; and further authorize the Selectmen to enter into the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement with the State subsequent to federal approval of the project.

ELEVENTH – To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, financing assistance under the provisions of the Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program for the development of the Walton’s Mill Dam Removal and Park Improvements Project; and further authorize the Selectmen to enter into the Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program Project Agreement with the State which, would protect the property (currently already a portion of the Walton’s Mill Park property) from uses other than conservation.

TWELFTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,506,216 for the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,385,097	\$1,506,216
Selectmen Recommended	1,385,097	1,506,216
Budget Committee Recommended	1,385,097	1,506,216
Approved	1,385,097	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Public Works Department budget covers the operational expenses required to maintain the Town’s 120 miles of roads. This budget covers the personnel costs for ten full-time employees.

THIRTEENTH – To see if the Town will vote to approve the Municipal Officers’ Order of Discontinuance of the Stinchfield Road without reservation of a public easement in the same, dated August 13, 2019 and filed with the Town Clerk, and to appropriate the sum of \$0 to pay damages as stated in the Order.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Stinchfield Road is an approximately 750-foot long loop off Route 4 north of the Fairbanks bridge that serves one residence. That residence was recently sold, and the new owner has requested that the road be discontinued so that he can gate it off at each end and maintain it privately.

FOURTEENTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$174,612 for the **RECYCLING DEPARTMENT** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$132,212	\$174,612
Selectmen Recommended	132,212	174,612
Budget Committee Recommended	132,212	174,612
Approved	132,212	

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

FIFTEENTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$96,485 for **CEMETERIES** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$95,722	\$96,485
Selectmen Recommended	95,722	96,485
Budget Committee Recommended	95,722	96,485
Approved	95,722	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The 2021 request represents the amount needed to maintain the Fairview and Riverside Cemeteries in the current year. The amount requested is offset by cemetery fees estimated at \$15,500 and trust fund earnings estimated at \$15,000.

SIXTEENTH - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate State of Maine Local Road Assistance Program (LORAP) funds in the amount of \$154,827 for the year 2021, and to authorize the expenditure of said funds for road improvements.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$158,780	\$154,827
Selectmen Recommended	158,780	154,827
Budget Committee Recommended	158,780	154,827
Approved	158,780	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The figure shown in this Article is the amount the Town is projected to receive from the Maine Department of Transportation for 2021 funding. This allocation is used for capital improvements to Town roads.

SEVENTEENTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR ROADS** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$270,000	\$300,000
Selectmen Recommended	270,000	300,000
Budget Committee Recommended	270,000	300,000
Approved	270,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The request represents the amount that is needed, over and above the \$154,827 appropriation in the preceding Article, to fully fund the third year of a five-year Capital Improvement Program for road rehabilitation. Planned for 2021 are the reconstruction of High Street from Perham Street to South Street (phase one of a two-year project), pavement overlay on Titcomb Hill Road, and paving or chip sealing on Osborn Road. Additional projects will be included for 2022 and beyond, subject to annual funding approval.

EIGHTEENTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$212,568 for **DEBT SERVICE** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$97,209	\$212,568
Selectmen Recommended	97,209	212,568
Budget Committee Recommended	97,209	212,568
Approved	97,209	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated <u>2020</u>	Requested <u>2021</u>	Recommended <u>2021</u>
Municipal Garage Debt	\$53,765	\$52,600	\$52,600
Police Building Debt	43,444	41,917	41,917
Fire Truck Debt	<u>0</u>	<u>118,051</u>	<u>118,051</u>
TOTAL	\$97,209	\$212,568	\$212,568

The amount indicated in this Article represents the debt service (principal and interest) for bonds for the municipal garage, the new police station renovations, and the new fire truck that was approved at the November 5, 2019 referendum. The garage debt will be retired in 2022, the police building debt in 2026, and the fire truck debt in 2029. The fire truck payment was deferred from the 2020 budget; therefore, there is a double payment due in 2021.

NINETEENTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the **LEGAL RESERVE ACCOUNT** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$30,000	\$10,000
Selectmen Recommended	30,000	10,000
Budget Committee Recommended	30,000	10,000
Approved	30,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The various administrative accounts contain funding to cover routine legal costs related to tax liens, personnel issues, contracts, general liability, zoning, etc. Those amounts are not adequate to cover ongoing litigation and unforeseen legal expenses. The Legal Reserve Account provides for such expenditures. The account balance as of December 31, 2020 was \$34,661.41. The amount shown is requested to achieve a target balance of \$44,000 for legal expenses this year.

TWENTIETH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) RESERVE ACCOUNT** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,000	\$1,000
Selectmen Recommended	1,000	1,000
Budget Committee Recommended	1,000	1,000
Approved	1,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The ADA Reserve Account is used to improve accessibility to public facilities for people with disabilities. It currently has a balance of \$16,849.58.

TWENTY-FIRST – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$205,404 for the **FARMINGTON LIBRARY** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$199,404	\$205,404
Selectmen Recommended	199,404	205,404
Budget Committee Recommended	199,404	205,404
Approved	199,404	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount requested represents approximately 73.7% of the Library’s total projected budget for 2021 and is a 3% increase over the 2020 Town appropriation.

TWENTY-SECOND – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the **GAY CEMETERY** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,000	\$1,000
Selectmen Recommended	1,000	1,000
Budget Committee Recommended	1,000	1,000
Approved	1,000	

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

TWENTY-THIRD – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,072 for the **FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER** for the year 2021.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$17,072	\$17,072
Selectmen Recommended	17,072	17,072
Budget Committee Recommended	17,072	17,072
Approved	17,072	

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

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

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

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

Statement from the voters of Farmington on April 26, 2021

Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners have funded economic development and social services programs that serve the entire region for over 35 years, and
 Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners have vowed to cut all funding to social services agencies and economic development programs over the next three years, and
 Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners have cut \$143,000 from the budget

request of \$209,000 in 2017, \$31,000 from the budget request of \$94,200 in 2018 and totally defunded 6 nonprofits, and
 Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners have withheld \$58,000 in payments to three nonprofits this year, and
 Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners plan to defund the remaining 4 nonprofits in the future, and
 Whereas these organizations and their important services benefit the entire region and improve the quality of life for our residents,
 Now Therefore, the Town of Farmington requests that Franklin County reverse its policy of not funding these programs, restore funding to these organizations and continue the regional approach for these services.

TWENTY-SIXTH – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the year 2021 the sum of \$17,998 for **NONPROFIT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES** that are impacted by the cuts that the Franklin County Commissioners made beginning in 2017.

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

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

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	\$17,998	\$17,998
Selectmen Recommended	17,998	17,998
Budget Committee Recommended	17,998	17,998
Town Meeting Approved	17,998	

TWENTY-SEVENTH – To see if the Town will vote to urge its federal elected officials to enact national cash-back carbon pricing that charges fossil fuel producers for the carbon pollution emitted by their products and rebates the money collected to all legal U.S. residents on an equal basis with monthly dividend checks. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Farmington's state legislators, members of Congress, the Governor of Maine, and the President of the United States by the Board of Selectmen within 30 days of this vote

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

TWENTY-NINTH –To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Unassigned Fund Balance those funds deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen to reduce the amount of property taxes to be collected to fund the Year 2021 budget to stabilize the tax rate in a manner consistent with prudent fiscal management.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) as reported by the auditors as of the end of the 2020 budget year is approximately \$3,086,485. The auditors recommend carrying a minimum UFB level that is adequate to cover two months' expenditures, which is approximately \$1,906,358. Approval of this Article would allow the Selectmen to utilize whatever amount of UFB, if any, that they deem to be advisable in order to reduce the property tax commitment while maintaining adequate reserves.

THIRTIETH – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the full amount of the year 2021 Bee Line Cable Contract Franchise Fee and equipment and facilities fund for the Cable Franchise Fee Reserve Fund for the benefit of Bee Line Cable subscribers, to be expended or allocated at the discretion of the Selectboard.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount Requested	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Selectmen Recommended	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Budget Committee Recommended	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Approved	Full Franchise Fee	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Cable Television Franchise granted to Bee Line, Inc. by the Town of Farmington requires Bee Line to pay the Town 5% of its gross annual revenues

as compensation for the rights and privileges granted by the Agreement. In 2020, that amount was \$45,385.85. This payment is used to support the operations of the Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) channel, Mount Blue TV (Channel 11). The Franchise Agreement also allows for a \$7,500 annual payment for Mount Blue TV's equipment and facilities. The full franchise fee for 2021 is expected to be an amount similar to or slightly less than that received in 2020.

THIRTY-FIRST – To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes due and payable on Monday, November 1, 2021 or 45 days from the tax commitment, whichever is later and, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 505(4), charge interest on overdue taxes at the rate of 6.00% per annum after November 1, 2021.

THIRTY-SECOND – To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 506-A, to pay interest on refunds of overpaid or abated taxes at the rate of 2.00% per annum after Monday, November 1, 2021 or 45 days from the tax commitment, whichever is later.

THIRTY-THIRD – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements approved by the Board of Selectmen/Assessor from the property tax overlay or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance

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

THIRTY-SIXTH – 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-SEVENTH – 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-EIGHTH – 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, Local Road Assistance Program funds for road improvements, State Aid to Education, Snowmobile Registration Reimbursements, Tree Growth Program Reimbursements, Education Tax Relief Block Grant, Veterans' Exemption Reimbursement, Maine State Housing Authority, Public Library State Aid per Capita and Library Stipend, Property Tax Relief Funds, Homestead Act reimbursement, State grants and other State funds.

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

THIRTY-NINTH – 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 2020 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022 until the Town Meeting in March 2022.

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

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

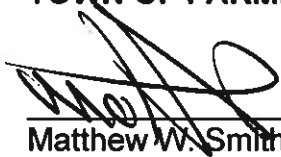
FORTY-SECOND – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds from the Franklin Printing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Reserve Account for purposes consistent with the Franklin Printing Municipal Development Tax Increment

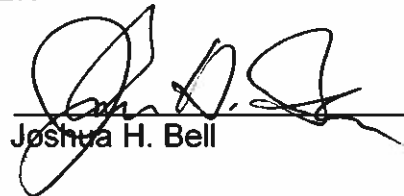
Financing District and Development Program established in June 1998 and subsequently amended.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Community Center on April 26, 2021 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., 6:00 P.M., and 8:00 P.M. on Town Meeting day. Given under our hands at Farmington, Maine this twenty-third day of March, A.D. 2021.

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Matthew W. Smith, Chairman

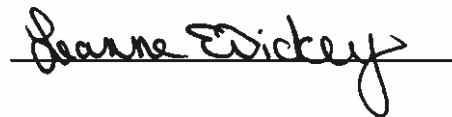

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ORIGINAL:



OFFICER'S RETURN

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Farmington of the time and place of the Town Meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at the **FARMINGTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING** at _____; at the **WEST FARMINGTON POST OFFICE** at _____; at the **FARMINGTON POST OFFICE** at _____; at the **FARMINGTON FALLS POST OFFICE** at _____; and at the **FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER** at _____, all being conspicuous public places within the Town of Farmington on April____, 2021, which is a least 7 days prior to the day of said meeting.

Dated at Farmington, Maine this ____ day of April 2021.

S. Clyde Ross
Resident of Farmington

True copy:

Leanne E. Dickey
Town Clerk