

**SPECIMEN BALLOT
STATE OF MAINE
BUDGET REFERENDUM
FOR THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON
APRIL 26, 2021**

Instructions to Voters:

- ◆ To vote for a candidate of your choice, complete the oval at the left of the person you want to choose, like this: ●
 - ◆ You may vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot by writing the name in the proper space and completing the oval at the left
 - ◆ If you make a mistake, you may ask for a new ballot. DO NOT ERASE
- A. To vote IN FAVOR of the question, complete the oval to the left of the word YES.
B. To vote AGAINST the question, complete the oval to the left of the word NO.

ARTICLE 2	
FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN ONE - 3 YEAR TERM Vote for not more than one	ARTICLE 4 - Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$799,063.00 for General Administration for the year 2021. SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES
<input type="radio"/> Smith, Matthew W.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/>Write-in	ARTICLE 5 - Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$163,593.00 for Code Enforcement for the year 2021. SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES
RSU #9 SCHOOL DIRECTOR ONE - 3 YEAR TERM Vote for not more than one	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/> McGraw, Gloria	ARTICLE 6 - Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,506,788.00 for the Police Department for the year 2021. SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES
<input type="radio"/> Reed, Brandon	
<input type="radio"/>Write-in	
RSU #9 SCHOOL DIRECTOR ONE - 2 YEAR TERM Vote for not more than one	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/> Kinney, J. Wayne	ARTICLE 7 - Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$771,154.00 for the Fire Department for the year 2021. SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES
<input type="radio"/>Write-in	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
ARTICLE 3 - 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 \$2,557,710.00.	ARTICLE 8 - Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$562,586.00 for Other Protections for the year 2021. SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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ARTICLE 9 - Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$349,502.00 for the Parks and Recreation and Community Center Departments for the year 2021.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 10 - 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.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 11 – 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.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 12 – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,506,216.00 for the Public Works Department for the year 2021.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 13 – 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 \$0.00 to pay damages as stated in the Order.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 14 – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$174,612.00 for the Recycling Department for the year 2021.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 15 – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$96,485.00 for Cemeteries for the year 2021.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 16 – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate State of Maine Local Road Assistance Program (LORAP) funds in the amount of \$154,827.00 for the year 2021, and to authorize the expenditure of said funds for road improvements.

- Yes
- No

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ARTICLE 17 – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 for the Capital Improvement Program for Roads for the year 2021.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 18 – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$212,568.00 for Debt Service for the year 2021.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 19 – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Legal Reserve Account for the year 2021.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 20 – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Americans with Disabilities Act Reserve Account for the year 2021.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 21 – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$205,404.00 for the Farmington Library for the year 2021.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 22 – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Gay Cemetery for the year 2021.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 23 – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,072.00 for the Franklin County Animal Shelter for the year 2021.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES

- Yes
- No

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ARTICLE 24 – 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 Riders snowmobile clubs, to be distributed to the clubs based on mileage of trails each maintains in Farmington.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 25 – 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 cut all funding to social services agencies and economic development programs over the last three years, 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.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 26 – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the year 2021 the sum of \$17,998.00 for Nonprofit Economic Development and Social Services Agencies that are impacted by the cuts that the Franklin County Commissioners made beginning in 2017.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS: YES
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 27 – 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.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 28 – 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.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 29 – 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.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 30 – 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.

- Yes
- No

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ARTICLE 31 – 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.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 32 – 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.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 33 – 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.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 34 – 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.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 35 – 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.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 36 – 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.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 37 – 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.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 38 – 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.

- Yes
- No

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ARTICLE 39 – 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 2021 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022 until the Town Meeting in March 2022.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 40 – 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.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 41 – 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.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 42 – 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.

- Yes
- No

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