

Town of Farmington

Hiram Ramsdell House Built in 1858



Photo courtesy of Farmington Historical Society



Annual Town Report
2014

Historic Homes of Farmington

The inside front and back covers show a sampling of homes dating from the late 1700s through the late 1800s. Many architectural styles can be found in Farmington, including the predominate Cape Cod, Federal, and Colonial Revival, as well as Greek Revival, Queen Anne, and Victorian (various).



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FARMINGTON, MAINE

ANNUAL REPORT



FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2014



THE OCTAGON HOUSE

The stately eight-sided two-story home known as the Octagon House sits prominently at the corner of High and Perham Streets. Only about 400 of these uniquely-designed houses remain nation-wide, and only 19 are in Maine. In 1973, it was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The octagon-shaped house was based on Orson Squire Fowler's designs, and in 1843, he wrote and published a plan book: *The Octagon House: A Home For All*. Fowler designed the rooms around a central hall and stairway, and he believed this configuration would encourage socialization of family members which he thought was vital to a happy home life.

Farmington's Octagon House was built in 1858 by Cyrus Ramsdell, a local mason. Ramsdell's brick laying skill is apparent in the Victorian Italianate touches in the buttresses at each of the eight corners, and in the projections under the eaves. Topping the structure is an eight-sided glass cupola or belvedere that bathes the stairway and center of the house with sunlight. There are extra corners hidden in closets throughout the house, and originally there was a balcony above the front door.

Cyrus Ramsdell lived in the house until 1868; he then sold it to his brother Hiram, who lived there until his death in 1903. The house was then sold and remodeled into apartments. When Wilbert G. Mallett, principal of the Farmington Normal School (now the University of Maine at Farmington), bought the home in 1912, it was in poor condition. Over the last 100 years, the house belonged in the Mallett family, who invested in the continuing renovation and up-keep of the home.

The Farmington Historical Society purchased the home in 2013 so it can be preserved and open to the public for their enjoyment.

The Octagon House history is courtesy of the of the Farmington Historical Society
Illustration by Tori Tyler

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DEDICATION

It is with sincere appreciation that we dedicate the 2014 Annual Town Report to

Peter L. Judkins



Peter Judkins had big ambitions. His career in banking and finance took him all around the world. But perhaps the pinnacle was coming home to Farmington, where he took the helm at “the hometown bank.”



Peter was born in Farmington to Paul and Cynthia Judkins. A 1974 graduate of Mt. Blue High School, he is an avid skier and captained the ski team at the University of Maine at Orono. Peter earned his Business Administration degree at UMO, and later added an Associate’s in banking from Thomas College and a degree from the National School of Banking at Fairfield University.



After college, Peter joined Depositors Trust Company, now Key Bank of Maine, as the Assistant Vice President and Product Manager for Electronic Banking. He fondly remembers launching the first ATMs in Maine which necessitated a frightening promotional hot air balloon ride on a windy day when the balloon needed to be slowed by slamming into trees.



Likewise, his career ‘took off’ and he worked in executive positions at major global financial services companies, American Express and Citicorp.

Peter and his wife Lisa, the daughter of Robert and Jan Stevens, started raising their family in the mid-Atlantic and west. It

was important to him, however, that the kids knew Farmington. In 1999, he and Lisa, with their children Tyler and Heidi, moved home. Peter signed on as Executive Vice President at Franklin Savings Bank, and by 2005, he was named President and CEO.

“Returning to Farmington, where my wife and I both spent our early years, has been a wonderful experience for us and our kids. To be given the opportunity to lead the ‘Hometown Bank’ is truly an honor and a privilege,” said Judkins, when he was named President of the bank, where his father Paul had once been a trustee.

Peter has long been the face of the Franklin Savings Bank Community Development Foundation, which contributes hundreds of thousands of dollars to local charitable and community projects in Western Maine. This includes the donation of a parking lot and stairs connecting Front and Main Streets in 2012.

Peter serves as a member of the Thrift Institutions Advisory Council for the Federal Reserve Bank Board of Governors, a rare honor for a Maine banker, and he is now chairman of the Audit Committee for the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. These important industry positions enable Peter – and Farmington – to have a say in national banking policy. He is also a member of the American Bankers Association Community Bankers Council and a past Chairman of the Maine Bankers Association. For many years, he was Treasurer of the Greater Franklin Development Corporation and worked to bring business and jobs to our area. He is also a former Director at the Maine State Housing Authority. The way Peter sees it: bankers play an important role in the community by helping people reach their dreams, whether they are of home ownership or starting a business. This, in turn, spurs economic growth and the entire community benefits.

Rural health care has long been a priority to Peter, and he is a board member of the Franklin Community Health Network. He is an active member of Titcomb Mountain, where he was President of the Farmington Ski Club. In past years, he would be one of the hardy folks running the snow-making equipment. He remains active in many local community events and is known to wield a spatula for the chicken barbecue at the Relay for Life each year.

The citizens of Farmington take this opportunity to thank Peter for his many contributions to make our town and community a better place to live.

IN MEMORIAM

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



Robert H. Flick

09/06/31 – 03/04/14

Bob was born in Caledonia, NY and later graduated from NYU with a masters degree in guidance and continued education in administration. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean conflict. Bob was the school principal for Penfield High School in New York, and later retired in Maine where he devoted countless volunteer hours to many organizations, including 10 years for Franklin Memorial Hospital. Bob was a devoted advocate for the needs of children, and served as a director of the RSU 9 School Board. He was a past president of the Farmington Historical Society, a 60-year member of the Farmington Masonic Lodge, a member of the American Legion, and the Old South Congregational Church.



William J. McKinley

08/16/28 – 03/11/14

Born in Niagara Falls, NY, Bill graduated from Niagara Falls High School. At the age of 17, he began working in the lab at International Paper Co. (IP) in New York, which helped him earn his way through college at Niagara University. In 1965, Bill was transferred to the mill in Jay where he was manager of Human Resources. He retired early from IP and re-entered the workforce at Saunders Manufacturing in Readfield where he was employed in Personnel and Safety. Bill was a member of the IP Quarter Century Society, and an active member of the Trinity United Methodist Church. He served on the Town's Budget Committee for two years, and the Transportation Advisory Committee for ten years. Bill was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing, and he also enjoyed collecting antiques.



Bruce H. Plummer

08/13/38 – 07/18/14

Bruce was born in Utica, NY and received his early education in Booneville, NY, until the family moved to Hampden, Maine, where he graduated from Hampden Academy in 1956. In 1960, he received his BS in

Animal Husbandry from UMO, and later worked as a research assistant at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor. In 1969, he graduated from Northeastern University with a BS in Pharmacy. Bruce was the first Pharmacist at Franklin Memorial Hospital, where he worked for 18 years prior to purchasing Farmington Drug Store. He was a 50-year Hampden Masonic member of Mystic Lodge 0065. Bruce served on the Town's Conservation Commission for seven years and the Community Development Committee.



Jeffrey S. Mitchell

06/14/1951 – 08/26/14

Born in Portland, Jeff graduated from Mt. Blue High School in 1969 and earned a degree in Business Administration from UMO. Jeff operated his own auto repair business and also was an instructor of Business Administration and Economics at UMF. In 1986, he obtained his real estate license, and then his broker license in 1987. Jeff became one of the leading brokers in Franklin County as part owner of Village Realty, Inc. He served on the Maine Real Estate Commission, was past president of the Real Estate Education Association of Maine, and was Tri-Valley United Way Chairman in 1997. Jeff served on the Town's Appeals Board for 15 years, the Comprehensive Plan Committee for three years, and the Ordinance and Tax Advisory Committees.



Bernard A. Etzel

2/03/21 – 12/05/14

Bernard "Bing" was born in Amherst, MA, and graduated from Freeport High School. He earned a degree in horticulture from UMO. During World War II, Bing served in the Army in France and Germany, and received the Purple Heart after being wounded twice in action. He purchased a small store on Broadway and expanded it under the name of Emery's Fashions. Bing was a Selectman for six years, and also served on the Town's Planning Board and Budget Committee. He studied ornithology and photography at UMF, and traveled by motorhome across the country photographing birds and giving lectures. Bing assisted the Mt. Blue Garden Club in establishing many gardens in the town, and developed the state's most complete collection of ferns native to Maine. He enjoyed hiking the Appalachian Trail and tennis.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 Year Term

Ryan Morgan, Chairman	(March 2015)
Joshua Bell, Vice Chairman	(March 2016)
Stephan Bunker, Secretary	(March 2017)
Michael Fogg (Elected 06/10/14)	(March 2016)
Andrew Buckland	(March 2017)
Andrew Hufnagel (Resigned 02/25/14)	(March 2016)
Dennis Pike (Term ended 2014)	(March 2014)
Jessica Berry (Term ended 2014)	(March 2014)

RSU #9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FARMINGTON MEMBERS

3 Year Term

Claire Andrews	(July 2017)
Iris Silverstein	(July 2015)
Yvette Robinson	(July 2016)
Kenneth Charles (Appointed 03/25/14)	(July 2016)
Tami Labul (Appointed 03/25/14)	(July 2017)
Stephan Bunker (Resigned 03/24/14)	(July 2014)
Robert Flick (01/01/14 – 03/04/14)	(July 2014)

APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Board of Appeals

3 Year Term

Galen Dalrymple, Chairman	(June 2016)
Sally Clark-Utans	(June 2015)
Michael Deschenes	(June 2017)
Robert Yorks	(June 2015)
Dennis O'Neil	(June 2017)
Peter Forrest Tracy	(June 2016)
Regular – 3 Year Term	Alternate – 1 Year Term
(1) Seat Vacant	(2) Seats Vacant

Board of Assessment Review
3 Year Term

Michael Moffett, Chairman	(June 2015)
Gloria McGraw	(June 2017)
Michael Deschenes	(June 2017)
Dennis O'Neil	(June 2016)
Michael Otley	(June 2016)
Richard Davis, Secretary - Ex-Officio	

Planning Board
3 Year Term

Clayton King, Jr., Chairman	(June 2015)
William Marceau, Vice Chairman	(June 2017)
Thomas Eastler	(June 2016)
Lloyd Smith	(June 2015)
Donna Tracy	(June 2017)
Craig Jordan	(June 2015)
Gloria McGraw	(June 2016)

Alternate - 1 Year Term

Jeffrey Wright	(June 2015)
Matthew Smith	(June 2015)
Stephan Bunker (Resigned 03/24/14)	

Zoning Board
3 Year Term

Joel Chandler, Chairman	(June 2016)
Michael Otley	(June 2016)
Fred O. Smith	(June 2015)
Adrian Harris	(June 2015)

Regular – 3 Year Term
(1) Seat Vacant

Alternate - 1 Year Term
(2) Seats Vacant

Budget Committee
3 Year Term

S. Clyde Ross, Chairman	(June 2016)
Lloyd Smith, Vice Chairman	(June 2017)
Fred O. Smith, Secretary	(June 2015)
Matthew Smith	(June 2017)
Michael Deschenes	(June 2016)
Beth Edwards	(June 2015)
Corey Boyker (Term ended)	(June 2014)
Adrian Harris (Term ended)	(June 2014)
Betty Jespersen	(June 2017)
Stephan Bunker (Resigned 03/24/14)	

Regular – 3 Year Term
(3) Seats Vacant

Alternate – 1 Year Term
(2) Seats Vacant

Conservation Commission
3 Year Term

Peter F. Tracy, Chairman	(June 2016)
Patty Cormier	(June 2016)
Robert Zundel	(June 2015)
Matthew Smith	(June 2017)
Jane Woodman	(June 2016)
William Haslam	(June 2017)
Sally Speich	(June 2015)
Associate – 1 Year Term – Unlimited Vacancy	
Nicholas Citriglia	(June 2015)
Stephan Bunker (Resigned 03/24/14)	(June 2014)
Niki Haggan (Term ended)	

Parking Ordinance Committee

Michael Bell	Terry Bell
Jack Peck	James Kiernan
Paul Mills	John Moore
Byron Davis	Richard Davis, Ex-Officio

Recreation Committee
3 Year Term

Sheryl Farnum	(June 2015)
Laurie Churchill	(June 2017)
Tom Bissell	(June 2016)
Matthew Smith	(June 2017)
Niki Haggan (Appointed 02/25/14)	(June 2015)
Kim Richards (Appointed 03/11/14)	(June 2016)

Recycling Committee

Richard Davis	Stephan Bunker
Denis Castonguay	Dennis Pike
Andrew Hufnagel	Cindy Gelinias

Revolving Loan Fund

Robert Vallette	Byron Davis
Alvin Da Costa	John Moore
	Stephan Bunker
	Ex-Officio
Richard Davis	Steve Kaiser

Safety Committee

Shane Cote, Chairman	S. Clyde Ross
Terry Bell, Vice Chairman	Ed Vining
Cindy Gelinias, Secretary	Steve Millett
Leanne Pinkham	Matthew Foster
Denis Castonguay	Richard Davis
Jack Peck	Mark Caldwell
Timothy A. Hardy	Jeff Dunham (Appointed 12/10/14)
Wes Witherly (Resigned 10/9/14)	Michael Fogg (Appointed 12/16/14)
Andrew Buckland (Resigned 12/16/14)	

2014 Annual Town Report Committee

Richard Davis
Nancy Twitchell
Linda Smith (Appointed 12/16/14)
Betty Jespersen (Resigned 11/18/14)

Alvin Da Costa
Edmund Lewis
Marjorie Goodwin
Cindy Gelinas

Farmington Transportation Advisory Committee

William Geller (Reappointed 04/08/14)
Dennis Pike (Appointed 04/08/14)
Matthew Smith

Michael Otley
Dennis O'Neil
Lloyd Smith

Denis Castonguay

Ad-Hocs

Richard Davis

Jack Peck

Administration



Front L to R: Daryl Schramm and Linda Grant
Back L To R: Annie Tibbetts and Mavis Gensel

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Manager Tax Collector Road Commissioner Public Access Officer	Richard P. Davis	778-6538
Treasurer Finance Director Deputy Tax Collector	Diana B. Young	778-6539
Town Clerk Welfare Director Registrar of Voters Assessing Clerk	Leanne E. Pinkham	778-6539
Town Secretary	Linda H. Grant	778-6538
Accounts Clerk Deputy Town Clerk Deputy Welfare Director Deputy Treasurer	Daryl T. Schramm	778-6539
Motor Vehicle Agent Sewer Clerk	Mavis A. Gensel	778-6539
Assessor John E. O'Donnell & Assoc., Inc.	Mark A. Caldwell John E. O'Donnell III	778-6530 926-4044
Fire Chief Emergency Management Director	Terry S. Bell, Sr.	778-3235
Police Chief	Jack D. Peck, Jr.	778-6311
Public Works Director	Denis T. Castonguay	778-2191
Director of Parks & Recreation	Stephen P. Shible	778-3464
Code Enforcement Officer	J. Stevens Kaiser	778-5874
Wastewater Superintendent	Stephen M. Millett	778-4712
Local Plumbing Inspector	Richard A. Marble	778-6968

TOWN MANAGER

To the Citizens and Board of Selectmen of Farmington:



It gives me great pleasure to present my annual report for the year 2014. I appreciate this opportunity to highlight some of the significant events of the past year. More detail will be provided in the departmental reports contained within this booklet. I hope you will find these narratives to be both interesting and informative.

The year 2014 proved to be another year of significant progress. Among the most notable accomplishments was the reconstruction of the Morrison Hill Road. That project was undertaken with a local appropriation of \$133,000 plus \$164,000 of state funds provided through the Local Road Assistance Program (formerly the Urban-Rural Initiative Program). Unfortunately, that vital program has been cut, from 10% of the State's Highway Fund to 9%, resulting in a reduction of nearly \$10,000 of available funds for road improvements in Farmington. If this trend continues, it will fall increasingly to the municipalities to fund these efforts to preserve local roads.

A very welcome improvement came in the form of a gift from a major benefactor, Richard Bjorn. His donation of many thousands of dollars in materials and contracted services resulted in the creation of a beautiful new park at the south entrance to town. Bjorn Park was dedicated in a brief ceremony on December 6, 2014. We cannot thank the Bjorn family enough for the generosity they have shown the community through this gesture and many others over the years.

I also express my gratitude to a group of volunteers from Alabama and Texas who, under the sponsorship of the Farmington Baptist Church, spent a week this summer working at our outdoor facilities. They scraped, primed, and painted the fence, the gazebo floor, and the benches at Meetinghouse Park as well as the baseball shack, maintenance building, and fence at Hippach Field and picnic tables at Hippach Field and Walton's Mill Pond Park. Appreciation is owed to Mike Gerdin of the Farmington Baptist Church for coordinating their efforts. Thanks to the volunteers, the Farmington Parks and Recreation Department saved hundreds of dollars in staff time and/or contractor costs to accomplish some much-needed tasks.

On October 17, I was honored to participate in a celebration of the renovation of the Old North Church. The Town is proud to have assisted in the efforts to preserve this priceless piece of Farmington's history through the use of a 2007 Community Development Block Grant for Historic Preservation. The benefit of this \$100,000 grant to the community was not only the stabilization of the building, but the ability to re-open it for a variety of public events. We are indeed fortunate to have such a wonderful community asset as the Old North Church!

Also in October, the Selectmen appointed a 12 member committee to advise them on the use of revenues earmarked from the new Downtown Tax Increment Financing Program. Many ideas were discussed, including new sidewalks and lighting designed to improve conditions for businesses on Front Street and in West Farmington Village.

After more than twenty three years of employment with the Town of Farmington, Tax Assessor Mark Caldwell retired at the end of the year. I thank Mark for his dedicated service and wish him a healthy and happy retirement. Upon Mark's departure, the Town entered a new era of contracted tax assessment services provided by John E. O'Donnell and Associates, a professional assessing firm. Our staff will work with O'Donnell to make the transition as seamless as possible.

I will also take this opportunity to congratulate Selectman Andrew Buckland upon his election as State Representative for House District 113. I wish him well as he tackles tough issues like welfare reform, taxation, and State-Municipal Revenue Sharing in the upcoming legislative session.

In conclusion, I extend my appreciation to the citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town's department heads and employees for your continuing support and cooperation. It is because of your conscientious work that Farmington remains a strong, vibrant community; one which is the envy of many communities in our great state.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Davis
Town Manager

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Residents of Farmington:



Front row: Joshua Bell and Ryan Morgan.

Back row: Stephan Bunker, Andrew Buckland, and Michael Fogg.

As we Selectmen struggle with what is needed and what is wanted, we are thankful and cognizant of the taxpayers and the choices being made. As the State of Maine reduces revenue sharing and the schools require more, we look at ways to save and ways to share. We look at our roads, our equipment, our protective services, our employees, our buildings and our town. We have been very blessed with the citizens of Farmington in their decisions of knowing what is best for the town. In the coming year we are asking for a bigger budget, but we as selectman need to address the needs of our town. We need the basic requirement of infrastructure such as roads. We have increased the Public Works budget in the hope that yearly maintenance can be done to our roads instead of having to rebuild our roads when they are too far gone. We have started to make subtle changes to how we do business. We are looking at ways to tackle problems now instead of pushing them down the road until they are a crisis.

We are looking at our storm water runoff and finding a solution to having our main street under water in these new rain storms that we are having. We are looking at ditching our roads to have water run off so that our roads are maintained and don't wash away. Many of you recall the rain storms we had last summer where roads were washed out and our highway department struggled to get them fixed before the next storm came.

We as selectman, with the help of our Fire Department, held a meeting with other Departments to help find ways to work together, and lower costs while still providing the coverage needed. As budgets get tighter these are ways that we are going to have to go.

We work with many organizations to help entice companies and families to move to our great town and become part of our community. We as selectman know that growth brings change, but it also brings jobs, new friends, and a stronger community. We are looking at ways to show our town as business friendly and welcoming to families looking for a great place to live. We have a

great school system and are blessed to have great medical care here with our local hospital. We have seen a new growth of senior housing and many of our buildings being revitalized.

We listen at the town meeting, and with the help of a great friend to Farmington we created a new park that stands as a gateway into our town- Bjorn Park.

We look forward to the future year but realize that the ways of how business used to be is changing. The State is taking money once set aside for communities to help with costs and passing it along to the taxpayers of each community. The demands of our infrastructure and the education of our children are costs that need to be dealt with. We as selectman encourage the citizens to contact our legislators, the Town, and the school board and offer ideas or solutions for our future.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Morgan
Chairman

Bjorn Park Dedication

“Site of the Norton Flat Schoolhouse for more than a century until 1924.”



Photo courtesy of the Daily Bulldog

L to R: Maine Attorney General Janet Mills; State Senator Tom Saviello; Judith Bjorn and Richard Bjorn; Farmington Selectmen Ryan Morgan, Stephan Bunker, Andy Buckland, and Joshua Bell; and Town Manager Richard Davis.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

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



Welcome to the Finance Department! The Department collects and disburses all Town funds, including taxes, vehicle registrations, and all fees for services. The Department is responsible for all cash collections and investing the Town's funds to ensure proper cash flow, maximum security and liquidity. The Finance Department processes many internal functions of the Town such as payroll processing and accounts payable.

New this year! The Town of Farmington accepts credit and debit cards at the Town office. There is a 2.5% processing fee (minimum \$1.00) charged by the vendor supplying this service.

At the time this report was prepared, we had collected approximately 91% of the 2014 real and personal property taxes. It appears that this collection rate will be in keeping with the rate we have seen in past years.

Our actual revenues were very close to what was projected for 2014, and we did see a small increase in excise taxes. Most departmental expenditures were within budget. In 2014, the weather caused the Public Works Department additional costs in manpower and materials to maintain our roads, and equipment failures have necessitated purchasing new equipment ahead of our replacement schedule. At this time it doesn't appear the Town will have a surplus from 2014 to contribute to the Unassigned Fund balance.

Please note you may make real estate tax payments throughout the year. Monthly budgeting of your real estate payments may be helpful to you.

The Town's Unassigned Fund balance of \$1,434,189 reflects the Town of Farmington's overall healthy financial condition.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana B. Young
Finance Director

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.

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.

2014 End of Year Taxes Receivable	
2014	\$ 711,642
2013	\$ 163,295
<u>2012</u>	<u>\$ 84,546</u>
TOTAL	\$ 959,483
Properties Liened	210
Properties Foreclosed	26

PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

University of Maine at Farmington Ambulance Fee	\$ 5,613
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REVENUE HISTORY AND PROJECTION

	2013	2013	2014	2014	2015
Revenue Category	Estimate	Actual	Estimate	Actual	Estimate
Vehicle Excise	\$771,000	\$813,403	\$820,000	\$860,100	\$875,000
Watercraft Excise	\$4,284	\$4,630	\$4,500	\$4,926	\$4,778
Victualers, Liquor Licenses	\$982	\$578	\$600	\$901	\$740
Code Fees	\$3,196	\$3,090	\$3,000	\$2,748	\$2,750
State Revenue Sharing	\$523,413	\$479,000	\$333,442	\$363,837	\$369,734
State Welfare Reimbursement	\$6,922	\$11,653	\$11,500	\$8,325	\$10,000
State Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$2,077	\$2,491	\$2,450	\$3,707	\$1,893
State Tree Growth	\$24,488	\$20,137	\$20,000	\$22,413	\$21,275
State Veterans Exemption	\$5,713	\$6,472	\$6,000	\$6,112	\$6,000
Motor Vehicle Fees (Town)	\$18,978	\$19,347	\$19,000	\$19,307	\$19,300
Vital Statistics (Town)	\$26,524	\$16,527	\$18,000	\$19,348	\$19,000
Hunting, Fishing, R.V., Dogs (Town)	\$4,066	\$2,846	\$2,000	\$469	\$1,657
Interest on Taxes	\$41,508	\$38,228	\$34,000	\$41,270	\$39,500
Tax Lien Fees	\$12,100	\$14,579	\$12,000	\$12,890	\$13,735
Recreation Fees	\$11,025	\$15,106	\$14,000	\$14,864	\$14,500
Rental of Town Property	\$4,448	\$3,041	\$3,000	\$3,359	\$3,200
Timber Sales	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Income	\$4,150	\$2,344	\$2,500	\$627	\$1,450
Contributions in Lieu of Taxes	\$17,524	\$5,795	\$5,600	\$5,612	\$5,600
Miscellaneous - Police Dept.	\$22,206	\$17,738	\$18,000	\$31,937	\$18,000
Miscellaneous - All Other Depts.	\$33,145	\$16,542	\$16,500	\$48,798	\$16,000
Unemployment Comp. Dividend	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recycling	\$43,253	\$29,562	\$30,000	\$29,631	\$29,500
Cemetery Fees	\$16,439	\$18,845	\$18,000	\$16,445	\$17,645
Cemetery Trust Fund Earnings	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
SUBTOTAL	\$1,612,441	\$1,556,954	\$1,409,092	\$1,532,626	\$1,506,257
LORAP (Local Road Assistance Prog.)	\$173,000	\$173,000	\$173,000	\$158,324	\$158,324
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES*	\$1,785,441	\$1,729,954	\$1,582,092	\$1,690,950	\$1,664,581

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

2014 PROPERTY TAX RATE COMPUTATIONS

ASSESSMENT

County tax	\$	467,370.00	
Municipal appropriation	\$	5,020,812.00	
TIF financing plan amount	\$	101,902.64	
School appropriation	\$	4,163,362.00	
Overlay	\$	1,964.39	
TOTAL ASSESSMENT			\$ 9,755,411.03

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$	378,338.94	
Other revenue	\$	1,248,650.00	
Homestead & BETE Reimbursement	\$	168,347.80	
UFB appropriation	\$	-	
TOTAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS			\$ 1,795,336.74

NET ASSESSMENT FOR COMMITMENT **\$ 7,960,074.29**

VALUATIONS

Taxable Personal Property Valuation	\$	25,295,300.00	
Taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$	434,293,285.00	
Total Taxable Valuation			\$ 459,588,585.00

RATE CALCULATIONS

Net Assessment for Commitment divided by Total Valuation = Tax Rate
 $\$7,960,074.29 / \$459,588,585.00 = .01732$

GROSS ASSESSMENT CALCULATIONS

Total Taxable Valuation	\$	459,588,585.00	
X Tax Rate	\$	0.01732	
Equals Net Assessment for Commitment	\$	7,960,074.29	

TAXES RECEIVABLE 2014

* 117 MAIN ST HOLDINGS, LLC	9,082.91	BRYANT, NANCY L., PERS. IN POS.	86.60
ABBOTT, PAMELA J.	34.64	BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,321.52
ABBOTT, PAMELA J. & BARRY, ERIC	564.63	BRYANT, NANCY R.	164.54
ADAMS, ANTHONY W. & PAMELA J.	626.98	BRYANT, NANCY, PERS. IN POS.	1,103.28
* ADAMS, BARBARA E.	602.25	BUBIER, JON L. & LOIS F.	55.42
ADAMS, MCKINLEY G.	1,059.98	BUBIER, JON L. & LOIS F.	72.74
AISHTON, RICHARD W. & PATRICIA K.	225.16	BUCHANAN, PAULA D.	1,799.55
ALBERT, DEBBIE HOGAN	308.30	BULLEN, TIMOTHY H.	1,676.58
ALLEN, DIANNE D.	407.02	BUTLER, FULTON & SIMONEAU, BRENDA	2,636.10
ALLEN, HAROLD F. & WALTER E.	164.54	BUTLER, STANLEY & KEANE, THEODORE	2,684.60
AMES, EDWARD T.	800.18	BUTLER, STANLEY & KEANE, THEODORE	2,145.95
ARNOLD, KRISTOPHER M.	259.80	BUTLER, STANLEY & KEANE, THEODORE	2,800.64
ATWOOD, MARILYN A.	299.64	BUTTERFIELD, JR., ROBERT & MARY L.	1,241.84
ATWOOD, MICHAEL A. & WENDY L.	1,002.83	* BYERS, JR., REID S.	3,016.30
ATWOOD, MICHAEL A.	381.04	CALLAHAN, JOHN MICHAEL	1,906.93
AYER, KAREN B.	857.34	CAMPBELL, ALBERT R. & SANDRA E.	2,540.84
* BACHELDER, JR., BOYD B. & MICHELLE H.	2,609.41	CAPE LAWSON TRUST	119.51
BACHELDER, JR., BOYD B.	86.60	CAPE LAWSON TRUST	110.85
BACHELDER, JR., BOYD B.	881.59	CAPE LAWSON TRUST	32.91
BACHELDER, JR., BOYD B.	351.60	* CARLSON, GRAY, CLOUGH, LADD, ET AL	25.61
BARD, CHRIS	116.04	* CASSIDY, JAMES H.	80.05
BARD, CHRIS	57.16	CASSIDY, MARSHALL	195.72
BARD, CHRISTOPHER J.	1,697.36	CHAPMAN, BONNIE J.	2,578.95
BARD, JASON	98.72	CHAPMAN, BONNIE J.	3,272.11
BARRERA, FELIX & DEBORAH E.	339.47	CHAPMAN, BONNIE J.	2,301.46
BARTASH, ANDREW A.	3,174.76	CHAPMAN, BONNIE J.	5.91
BARTON, FREDERICK	749.96	CHAPMAN, BONNIE J.	3,483.05
BARTON, FREDERICK & HOLT, MARTILDA	675.48	CHAPMAN, BONNIE J.	3,088.21
BATES, BRIAN T.	1,243.58	CHASE, SCOTT & ANDREA	2,293.17
BEAL, BRUCE	374.11	CHICK, JENNIFER	60.62
* BEANE, PETER	728.57	* CHIN, FRANK & PATRICIA D.	4,269.76
** BEAUMONT, SCOTT E. & BANKS, JAMES	375.18	CHRETIEN, JEFFREY S. & TERRY L.	819.24
BECK, WALTER C.	216.50	CHRETIEN, MICHAEL S.	798.45
BECKLER, DOUGLAS E. & MARY LOU	5,100.74	* CLARK-UTANS, SALLY	2,419.32
BEISAW, ROBERT E.	2,175.39	CLARK, ROY H.	474.57
BELL, PAUL RANDOLPH & BETTY LOUISE	2,204.84	CLARY, KAREN	1,375.21
BELLEFEUILLE, CORY J.	285.78	** CLAWSON, MELLISA & ZUNDEL, ROBERT	1,967.55
* BENNETT, CHARLES H. & CAROL A.	617.14	CLICHE, DONALD R.	961.26
BERNARD BATES ENTERPRISES, LLC	3,649.32	* CLOUGH, TAWNIA L.	2,531.38
BESSEY, JAMES & LAURA C.	375.84	COMEAU, MAURICE R. & ANN MARIE	1,581.32
BESSEY, JAMES D. & LAURA C.	237.28	COMPTON, HENRY	403.56
BESSEY, JAMES D. & LAURA C.	258.07	** COOK, DOROTHY E.	226.37
BESSEY, JAMES D. & LAURA C.	254.60	COOK, LYDIA V.	422.61
BESSEY, JAMES D. & LAURA C.	228.62	COOLIDGE, MARVIN K. & LUCILLE D.	2,450.78
BESSEY, LAURA CESARIO & JAMES D.	4,939.66	** COUSINEAU LUMBER	415.68
BINNS, ROBIN A.	429.54	** COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	297.90
* BLAKE, LAURIE M.	908.78	** COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	360.26
BLANCHET, RENEE M.	1,337.10	** COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	142.02
BLODGETT, KENDALL R. & MISTY R.	2,890.71	** COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	228.62
BOLDUC, AMANDA J.	2,284.51	** COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	232.09
BOLDUC, ROGER P.	433.00	** COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	233.82
BOWMAN, TANYA LABELLE	46.76	** COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	351.60
BOYKER-SMITH, PAMELA & CHRISTIAN	647.77	** COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	363.72
BRACKETT, PENNY A., PERS. IN POS.	573.29	** COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	244.21
BRACONI, STEPHEN & CARLSON, JOSEPH	8,100.56	** COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	337.74
BRACONI, STEPHEN & CARLSON, JOSEPH	2,856.07	** COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	557.70
BRADY, STEVEN & BETSY	3,254.43	** COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	375.84
BRADY, STEVEN & BETSY	4,446.04	** COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	173.20
BRADY, STEVEN M. & BETSY H.	1,815.14	** COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	2,154.61
BROWN, LISA M.	966.46	** COUSINEAU LUMBER, INC.	353.33

COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	4,823.62	EMERSON, JAMES W. & DIANE	1,454.88
COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	7,499.56	ENMAN, HAROLD	476.30
COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	2,149.41	** ERDMAN, KIM R.	1,877.49
COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	1,723.34	** ERDMAN, KIM R.	1,867.10
** COUSINEAU, INC.	698.00	* EUBANK, JOHN R.	1,553.26
** COUSINEAU, INC.	346.40	EUBANK, POPPY JOY & JOHN R.	2,028.17
** COUSINEAU, INC.	259.80	* EVERETT, CHRISTOPHER & ALISA A.	59.71
** COUSINEAU, INC.	301.37	* FARMER, GLENDON S. & CATHERINE B.	1,753.83
COUTURE, PETER J. & STEPHANIE J.	2,187.52	FARMER, GLENDON S. & CATHERINE B.	19.05
CO-WALLIS, CHERYL L.	2,405.75	* FARMINGTON FALLS ROAD REALTY, LLC	3,553.34
COWIE, ELLEN & BARTONE, ROBERT	2,251.60	FARNUM, PAUL A., ET AL	814.04
CROCKETT, CHRIS	1,155.24	FEATHERS, BRUCE F. & PAMELA S.	2,968.65
CROSSLEY, DAVID J.	476.30	FEATHERS, BRUCE F. & PAMELA S.	303.10
CUMMINGS, JONATHAN, PERS. IN POS.	805.38	FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOC.	2,244.67
CUNNINGHAM, KURT D.	978.58	FERRIS, MARLA D.	2,412.68
CURRIER, MARILYN L.	1,013.22	FILAROSKA, JOSEPH M.	301.37
D & JM PROPERTIES, LLC	6,124.35	FISHER, JOSEPHINE L.	3,025.80
DAKU, BENJAMIN R. & BRIDGET M.	107.46	FOSS, JAYME E.	254.60
DAKU, GINGER	183.59	FOSS, KEVIN & DAVID, PERS. REP.	311.76
DAKU, GINGER A., PERS. REP.	424.34	FOSS, NEIL C. & NORMAN S.	327.28
DAKU, JACOB G. & GINGER	29.44	FOSS, NEIL C.	1,683.50
DAKU, THOMAS J. & JANICE E.	1,579.58	FOSS, NEIL C., ET AL	143.76
DAKU, THOMAS J. & JANICE E.	20.78	FOURNIER, MARC	239.73
DALOT, RICHARD & DECKARD, JUDY	465.91	FOURNIER, REBECCA ANN	606.20
DALRYMPLE, DENIS E. & SARAH H.	3,169.56	FRALEY, LARRY MICHAEL	2,947.86
** DAPOLITO, ROBERT J. & JESSICA A.	13.40	* FRANKLIN-SOMERSET FCU	223.13
** DAPOLITO, ROBERT J.	337.61	FROST, JUDITH A.	1,395.99
** DAPOLITO, ROBERT J.	316.76	FROST, KATHLEEN	1,912.13
DAS-WATTLEY, SHARMILA	765.54	FROST, SAMANTHA J.	249.41
DAS-WATTLEY, SHARMILA	391.43	GAJDUKOW, KATHERINE S.	564.63
DAVIS, LAURIS S.	20.20	* GALOUCH, EARL N. & DONNA M.	401.55
DECKER, CHRIS & PAULTON, TINA	5.20	GAY, TED F.	607.93
DECKER, MARY R., HEIRS OF	1,465.27	GAY, TED F.	1,028.81
DECKER, STEPHEN M. & CATHERINE ANN	2,142.48	GIANQUINTO, NINA	2,189.25
* DELPHI HOLDINGS I, LLC	8,696.37	GILBERT, JAMES R. & PATSY M.	1,848.04
DEMARSH, DONALD J. & LORRAINE A.	2,461.17	GIVEN, BARRY A.	2,241.21
DENNISON, REBECCA G.	292.71	GIVEN, BARRY A. & MELINDA M.	2,357.25
DENNISON, REBECCA G.	2,880.32	GLOBAL TOWER PARTNERS	3,204.20
DOIRON, MICHAEL & ENGBERG, DEEDRA	1,461.81	GOLDSMITH, DINA M.	91.80
DORR, IRVING G. & JOY B.	1,444.49	GORDON, TRACY L.	346.40
DOUGHTY, PAULA C.	2,694.99	GRANT, SHAWN A.	2,738.29
DOWNES, OLGA & LAWRENCE	2,012.58	GRANT, SHAWN A.	1,236.65
DOYLE, KATHERINE & ATKINSON, MELISSA	268.46	* GREENLAW, BETTY J.	500.00
DRAPER, PETER A. & HELEN A.	90.37	GREENMAN, MARY	334.28
DUBAY, SR., DANIEL S.	1,421.97	GRIFFIN, BRIAN N. & SANDRA L.	2,000.46
DUCKETT, LESLEY R.	1,217.60	GRIFFIN, BRIAN N. & SANDRA L.	114.31
DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	363.72	GRIFFIN, SANDRA L.	580.22
DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	519.60	GRIMANIS, ANTHONY	1,777.18
DUNHAM, BETTY B., PERS. IN POS.	265.00	GRIMANIS, ROSE V. & MICHAEL	1,842.85
DUNHAM, GERALDINE O., HEIRS OF	704.92	GRIMANIS, ROSE	2,570.29
DUNHAM, KEVIN E. & LINDA J.	663.36	GUND, JOHN P. & GREENWOOD, LISA	1,094.62
DUNN, BRIAN D.	794.99	GUND, JOHN P.	3,439.75
DUNN, DANIEL	60.62	GUSTAFSON, DAVID & NAOMI	569.83
DUNN, DANIEL	65.82	* HALL, KAMILLA L.	356.04
DYAR, ALVERTA, ET AL	883.32	HALL, WILLIAM L. & RUBY C.	1,917.32
DYAR, RODNEY P.	611.40	HAND, MARC, ET AL	526.53
DYER, JR., RICHARD E. & THERESE A.	214.77	* HARGREAVES, HAROLD F. & PAMELA A.	2,024.81
EASON, GRACE T. & GLEN O.	91.80	* HARNDEN, ROBIN L., ET AL	134.35
EATON, JAMES R. & JUDITH L.	124.70	HART, ALAN P. & DULONG, HEIDI P.	2,088.79
EATON, JAMES R.	888.52	HARTWELL, CHARLES R.	1,264.36
EATON, ROBERT P. & BRINDA P.	550.78	HAYDEN, JOHN	408.75
EDWARDS, STEPHEN A.	355.06	HEAP, JAMES R.	422.61

HEATH, CHRIS D.	594.08	LAFRAMBOISE, BRIAN	297.90
* HEATH, DANIEL S.	379.97	LAKIN, LINDA & DAVID, PERS. IN POS.	228.62
** HELM, ADAM F. & ANDREA L.	91.80	* LAPLANT, RICHARD D. & LORI T.	1,196.63
HENDERSON, ETHEL V.	71.01	** LARRABEE, SR., ANTHONY & LARISSA	4,243.40
HENDERSON, NAOMI R. & CHAD M.	902.37	LAURITANO, SUZANNE B.	1,891.34
HENRY, HAROLD & NAOMI	4,144.68	LAVOIE-KERBO, KIMBERLY & MARK D.	1,101.55
HEWETT, AMIE M.	2,386.70	LEEMAN, LAWRENCE N.	1,520.70
HINES, JAMES & ROSEMARY A.	3,663.20	LEGERE, TIMOTHY R. & PAMELA S.	3,358.35
* HISCOCK, BESSIE L.	498.82	LESPERANCE, BRUCE D. & PENNY L.	801.92
* HODGKINS, JR., PAUL S.	700.60	LEWIS, JOAN A.	467.64
HOFFMAN, IV, JOHN PAUL	252.87	LOMBARD, RAYMOND	90.06
** HONAS, JOHN N. & JEANICE E.	1,395.99	LOVE, KEVIN D.	1,716.41
* HORIZON GATE PROPERTIES, LLC	1,346.16	LOVE, PAMELA J.	642.57
HOWARD, JULI	585.42	LOVEJOY, PHYLIS RUTH	91.80
HOWARD, PHEOBE	358.52	LOVEJOY, WILLIAM & MELISSA	2,795.45
HOWARD, STUART	1,548.41	LOVEJOY, WILLIAM W.	2,031.64
HOWARD, WILLIAM K.	2,171.93	LOVELL, KENDRA S.	152.42
* HOWLEY, DAWN E., HEIRS OF	119.32	LOWELL, LEE & JENNIFER	315.22
HUBER, JEFFREY & HOLBROOK, JENNIFER	105.65	LOWELL, LEE & JENNIFER	344.67
HUIISH, WENDY A.	959.53	LUGER, CHARLES	173.20
** HUIISH, WENDY A.	233.49	LYDON, VICKY A.	439.93
HUNTER, DANIEL	122.97	MACDONALD, WILLIAM H. & GLENICE B.	1,518.96
HUNTER, JAMES N.	1,068.64	MADORE, CYNTHIA M.	3,902.20
HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A.	964.72	MAHAR, JR., STEPHEN M.	1,030.54
HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A. & JANIS M.	10.39	MAHAR, JR., STEPHEN M.	509.21
HUPP, TIMOTHY A. & ANDREA B.	696.26	* MAIN, CONSTANCE H.	13.47
HUPP, TIMOTHY A. & ANDREA B.	209.57	MALINE, SARAH R.	2,436.92
HUPP, TIMOTHY A. & ANDREA B.	1,726.80	MALLET, SAMANTHA	2,464.64
HUTCHINS, SHIRLEY	1,776.96	MALLET, SAMANTHA, ET AL	1,574.39
HUTCHINSON, PRISCILLA J.	339.47	MANIATAKOS, ROULA	3,919.52
HYDE, MARY A.	1,079.04	MANIATAKOS, ROULA	315.22
IMLAY, JR., KENNETH W.	119.51	MANIATAKOS, ROULA	326.34
INGRAM, DEBRA M.	247.68	MANIATAKOS, VASILIOS	249.41
INGRAM, DEBRA M.	77.94	MANIATAKOS, VASILIOS	244.21
JACOBS, ORIN M. & KYMBERLY R.	2,125.16	* MARCOTTE, THOMAS A. & STEPHANIE S.	2,766.00
JALBERT, CHERI B. & RONALD A.	2,274.12	MARSHALL BEACH CORP	267.71
* JONES, RYAN & AUDREY	98.28	MARSHALL, DAVID F.	1,131.00
JONES, RYAN & AUDREY	5.20	MARTIN, DAVID M.	969.92
JONES, RYAN & AUDREY	5.20	* MASON, ROBERT F. & SHIRLEY C.	566.42
JONES, RYAN & AUDREY	5.20	MASSELLI, ARLEEN, M.	4,794.18
KEMP, MARK S. & KATHERINE A.	5,228.91	** MAXHAM, JR., GEORGE W., PERS. IN POS.	1,179.49
KENDALL, DAVID D.	1,799.55	MAYER, MIKE F., PERS. REP.	31.18
KENNEDY, MADELINE, HEIRS OF	446.86	MAYO, TERRI L.	649.50
KENNEY, PHYLLIS	1,002.83	MCARTHUR, RONALD B. & BETH M.	1,231.45
KIDDER, JEFFREY A. & KAREN E.	1,667.92	MCCABE, SALLY, G. & BARRY P.	1,853.24
KIMBALL, CATHERINE M.	2,976.40	MCDONALD, JEANNINE D.	2,029.90
KIM-MP MULTI STATE, LLC	12,768.30	MCDONALD, MARTHA J.	912.76
KING, JR., CLAYTON & JOYCE	3,703.02	MCDONALD, MICHAEL D. & JEANNINE D.	495.85
KING, JR., CLAYTON P.	3,325.44	MCDONALD, MICHAEL D. & JEANNINE D.	3,942.03
KITTREDGE, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	138.56	* MCFARLAND, MARY D.	530.84
* KLINKO, JOSEPH & SYLVIA	699.96	MEADER, AARON	569.83
KNAPP, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	1,492.98	* MEADER, AARON & JODY	76.71
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	1,229.72	** MEADER, JAMES F.	296.17
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	223.43	** MEADER, JAMES F.	12,051.08
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	299.64	** MEADER, JAMES F.	173.20
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	51.96	** MEADER, JAMES F.	1,402.92
KOMULAINEN, SANDRA A.	1,316.32	* METCALF, JR., JOHN L., PERS. IN POS.	683.04
KRAUSE, JANELLE M.	1,525.89	METCALF, JR., JOHN L.	403.56
LABELLE, CHRISTINE H., HEIRS OF	524.80	MILLER, GILBERT	2,062.81
** LABRECQUE, PETER R.	318.69	MITCHELL, SHAWN ADAM	1,766.64
LADD, VALDORA A.	1,162.17	MOBILE HOME ASSOC.	17.32
		MOBILE HOME ASSOCIATES II, LLC	12,929.38

MOBILE HOME ASSOCIATES II, LLC	784.60	ROUX, GREGORY E.	1,361.35
* MOLONEY, WILLIAM F. & JOANNE E.	1,158.62	ROUX, GREGORY E.	5,100.74
MOORE, JR., JOHN W.	299.64	ROY, RHONDA L.	2,367.64
MOORE, BRADFORD L., HEIRS OF	710.12	* RUSHI, LLC	7,576.21
MORRIS, MICHAEL	857.34	SANDY RIVER PROPERTIES, LLC	8,724.08
** MURPHY, JOSEPH S.	930.08	SAVAGE, VIVIAN A.	1,628.08
NADEAU, MELANIE	1,487.79	SAVAGE, VIVIAN A.	2,641.30
NEMI, DAN	171.47	SAVAGE, VIVIAN A. & CHRISTINE	2,674.21
* NICHOLS, DELL A. & BEVERLY A.	35.02	SAVAGE, VIVIAN A. & JAIME	692.80
NICHOLS, II, ROBERT F. & RACHEL A.	2,029.90	SAWYER, SHIRLEY A.	1,349.23
NICHOLS, II, ROBERT F. & RACHEL A.	1,998.73	SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	4,558.62
NILE, JUSTIN N. & ANGELA E.	400.09	SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	916.23
ODONNELL, BETTINA L. & JAMES W.	2,532.18	SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	121.24
OLIVER, SR., CHARLES A., ET AL	822.70	SCHULER, CRAIG D. & KAREN A.	2,144.22
OLIVER, BEVERLY J.	322.15	SEAMON, AMI	1,993.53
OLIVER, ERNEST	195.72	SEAMON, TIMOTHY A.	1,560.53
OLIVER, IRENE	64.08	SEARLES, JR., RALPH M.	845.22
OLIVER, NAOMI, ET AL, PERS. IN POS.	258.07	SEARLES, JR., RALPH M.	542.12
* OPPENHEIMER, VICTOR	4,714.04	SEARLES, JR., RALPH M.	900.64
ORR, JR., RAYMOND B. & DEBORAH	1,617.69	SHEA, MARILYN A., PERS. IN POS.	4,101.38
OSBORNE, FRANK O. & CHERYL A.	867.73	* SHIPLEY, LINDA J.	369.00
* PARKER, MARYANNE	1,049.08	SHUFELT, ROBERT	2,554.70
* PARLIN, DAVID W. & MAE E.	738.08	SIDNEY, TERRY J. & SANDY A.	329.08
PARLIN, HERBERT J. & MARY P.	6.93	SIDNEY, TERRY J. & SANDY A.	32.91
PARLIN, HERBERT J. & MARY P.	521.33	SIDNEY, TERRY J. & SANDY A.	45.03
PARLIN, JERRY R. & BONNIE J.	973.93	SILVA, DAVID & CINDY L.	181.86
* PARLIN, MICHAEL A. & DENISE C.	1,913.86	SIMONEAU, RONALD E. & DENISE R.	320.42
PARLIN, RAYMOND E. & RAELENE J.	938.74	SIMONEAU, JR., RONALD E. & DENISE R.	339.47
* PAUL, BARBARA L. & LAWRENECE F.	954.32	SMALL, JOAN U.	1,238.38
PAWLOSKI, JOSEPH W.	3,552.33	SMALL, JOAN U.	509.21
* PIAWLOCK, ASHLEY L. & ROY, ISRAEL	674.26	* SMALL, JOAN U.	1,437.56
PIAWLOCK, TERRY T. & LINDA A.	337.74	SMITH, ROBERT L.	103.92
PIAWLOCK, TERRY T. & LINDA A.	3,058.71	SNELL, JR., CHARLES H., PERS. IN POS.	332.54
* PINGREE, DOREEN E.	43.96	SNOW, GARY - ALAN	571.56
PINKHAM, ANGELA	1,860.17	SOHA, NICHOLAS	88.33
PLATT, NATHAN R.	1,707.75	SOTO-MORENO, LOURDES	4,627.90
PODGURSKI, EDWARD & LABREE, VICTORIA	1,470.47	STARBIRD, DAVID A. & DIANA B.	517.87
POND, DOUGLAS J. & NANCY J.	715.32	STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE	259.80
POND, GAIL E.	1,305.93	STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANN	5,686.16
POND, TERESA L.	1,262.63	STEELE, JOAN K.	1,380.16
* PORTER, NANCY J.	246.77	STEENBURG, PATRICK	871.20
* POWERS, ANNA	304.51	STEVENS, JR., ROBERT B. & CYNTHIA H.	1,631.54
PRATT, CURTIS L.	258.07	STEVENS, CHRISTINE V.	316.96
PRATT, MARION, HEIRS OF	1,189.88	STEVENS, GUY E.	668.55
PRATT, RUSSELL & NANCY, TRUSTEES	1,418.51	STEVENS, LINCOLN	341.91
** PRESTON, KATIE S.	490.16	SWETT, ELVA M.	1,782.23
PROBERT, RUSSELL & DEBORAH TRUSTEE	2,095.72	THE MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	2,426.53
PURINGTON, KATHY	672.02	THE MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	174.93
QUINN, MARTIN F. & PATRICIA	568.10	THE MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	895.44
RACKLIFF, JR., HERSHEL & SHARON	1,602.10	THE MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	176.66
RACKLIFF, ETHELYN	46.76	THE MAPLE HILL FARM TRUST	195.72
* RACKLIFF, SANDRA J.	203.89	THEBEAU, NANCY & BLANCHE, MICHAEL	363.72
* REEVY, DAWN M. & STEPHEN J.	1,485.61	THERIAULT, ELIZABETH, PERS. IN POS.	484.96
REOPELL, ALBERT P., PERS. IN POS.	587.15	THOMAS, ANITA	722.24
RICHARD, COREY D.	164.54	THOMAS, BARRY DENNIS	1,027.08
RICHARDS, DANIEL A.	529.99	THOMPSON, LINDA P. & GORDON P.	2,843.94
RICHARDS, SARAH B.	609.66	THORNDIKE, LESLIE J.	654.70
* RINGER, CORA C.	1,455.27	TOMLINSON, STEVEN & TERRA, THOMAS	353.33
ROBBINS, SANDRA & JASON	69.28	TRACY, ALBERTA, PERS. IN POS.	292.71
ROLLINS, JASON & JEROMIE	244.21	TRACY, BERNAL	230.36
ROORBACH, WILLAM & KARELSEN, JULIET	1,518.96	TYLER, CYNTHIA J. & EDWARD A.	1,638.47
ROUX, GREGORY E.	2,421.34	TYLER, DARRYL D. & JUDITH L.	2,033.37

** TYLER, DAVID A. & NORMA M.	274.81	WEEKS, HELEN A., PERS. REP.	211.30
TYLER, EDWARD	698.00	WELCH, KEITH	83.14
TYLER, PETER A.	3,084.69	WELLS, PATRICK & CHERYL	361.99
TYLER, TOBY W.	917.96	WELLS, PATRICK V.	3,334.10
TYLER, TONY S.	599.27	WELLS, PATRICK V.	3,519.42
TYLER, TONY S.	2,618.78	WESTERN ME COMMUNITY LAND TRUST	304.83
UNDERWOOD, ROBERT & CHARLOTTE	1,589.98	WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	526.53
VILES, FRANK	1,719.88	WESTGATE, EDWARD T. & DORIS L/T	1,053.06
VILES, MICHAEL L.	791.52	WESTGATE, EDWARD T.	1,543.21
VINING, KENNETH H.	410.48	* WHIPPLE, CARA & GRANT, DAVID	3,507.29
VIOLETTE, KURT R.	968.19	WHITCOMB, LOIS & SOMERS, ANN	672.02
WALKER, SONJA, ET AL, PERS. REP.	147.22	WHITE, SALLY ANN & CHRISTOPHER J.	684.14
WALKER, SONJA, ET AL, PERS. REP.	1,354.42	WIRTA, ERIC J.	888.52
WALKER, SONJA, ET AL, PERS. REP.	547.37	* WOLFSTONE-FRANCIS, PAMELA R.	484.37
WALLACE, THOMAS R.	696.26	** WOODCOCK, SAMUEL A.	647.77
WALSH, BARRY E. & SUSAN A.	100.46	** WORSTER, II, LINWOOD E.	3,100.28
WARREN, JOY M.	426.07	WUORI, GUY P.	467.64
WASHBURN, JANET M.	1,309.39	* WUORI, GUY P.	58.51
WATERS, CAROL A. CHANEY	1,470.47	* WYMAN, ALLAN S. & KATHERINE D.	1,777.64
WATERS, CAROL CHANEY	595.81	* WYMAN, MICHAEL SHAWN	309.22
WATERS, CAROL CHANEY	510.94	* YORK, CHARLES R., HEIRS OF	178.40
* WATSON, MARIA DOLORES D.	8.87	YORKS, JEFFREY STEWART	327.35
WATTS, GAIL S.	1,548.41	ZIEHM, DEBBIE, PERS. REP.	1,047.86
WEBBER, SANDRA NILE PEASE	303.10	** ZUNDEL, ROBERT & CLAWSON, MELLISA	762.08
WEEKS, GEORGE R.	2,776.40	** ZUNDEL, ROBERT A.	363.72

2014 TOTALS 694,301.89

TAXES RECEIVABLE 2013

* ABBOTT, PAMELA J.	113.66	CALLAHAN, JOHN MICHAEL	1,896.82
ABBOTT, PAMELA J. & ERIC BARRY	768.49	CAPE LAWSON TRUST	107.03
* ADAMS, ANTHONY W. & PAMELA J.	668.62	CAPE LAWSON TRUST	98.72
ALLEN, HAROLD F. & WALTER E.	218.38	CASSIDY, MARSHALL	248.30
AMES, EDWARD T.	781.76	* CHASE, SCOTT & ANDREA	2,273.84
ARNOLD, KRISTOPHER M.	316.28	CHICK, JENNIFER	226.53
* ATWOOD, MARILYN A.	64.12	CHRETIEH, JEFFREY S. & TERRY L.	853.10
AYER, KAREN B.	883.17	CLICHE, DONALD R.	995.87
BARD, CHRIS	161.72	COMPTON, HENRY	447.74
BARD, CHRIS	171.85	** COOK, LYDIA V.	465.85
BARD, CHRIS	115.34	CROCKETT, CHRIS	1,169.03
* BARD, CHRISTOPHER J.	605.15	CROSSLEY, DAVID J.	517.54
BARTON, FREDERICK & HOLT, MATILDA	347.27	CUMMINGS, JONATHAN, PERS. IN POS.	833.31
BECK, WALTER C.	268.24	CUNNINGHAM, KURT D.	1,006.00
BELLEFEUILLE, CORY J.	334.72	DALOT, RICHARD & DECKARD, JUDY	507.57
BESSEY, JAMES D. & LAURA C.	279.87	DALRYMPLE, DENIS E. & SARAH H.	3,101.90
BINNS, ROBIN A.	479.15	DECKER, MARY R., HEIRS OF	1,466.52
BIRCH HILL ESTATES OWNERS ASSOC.	613.93	DECKER, STEPHEN M. & CATHERINE ANN	2,122.85
BOWMAN, TANYA LABELLE	91.33	* DEMARSH, DONALD J. & LORRAINE A.	2,387.91
BOYKER-SMITH, PAMELA & CHRISTIAN	688.56	* DUBAY SR., DANIEL S.	1,074.90
BRACKETT, PENNY A., PERS. IN POS.	610.61	DUCKETT, LESLEY R.	1,235.34
* BRACONI, STEPHEN & CARLSON, JOSEPH	7,471.31	DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	409.50
BROWN, LISA M.	994.36	DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	559.08
BRYANT, NANCY L., PERS. IN POS.	143.59	DUNHAM, BETTY B., PERS. IN POS.	314.78
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,335.06	DUNHAM, GERALDINE O. CARTER	142.22
BRYANT, NANCY, PERS. IN POS.	1,119.17	DUNN, BRIAN D.	996.03
BULLEN, TIMOTHY H.	1,669.28	DYAR, RODNEY P.	647.17
BUTLER, STANLEY & KEENE, THEODORE	2,636.55	* ENMAN, HAROLD	331.93
* BUTLER, STANLEY & KEENE, THEODORE	2,126.17	FARMER, GLENDON S. & CATHERINE B.	78.78
* BUTLER, STANLEY & KEENE, THEODORE	2,760.89	FARNUM, PAUL A., ET AL	854.60

FCI CORPORATION	725.28	MAYO, TERRI L.	690.23
** FERRIS, MARLA D.	1,435.02	* MCARTHUR, RONALD B. & BETH M.	1,248.65
FOURNIER, REBECCA ANN	655.16	MCDONALD, JEANNINE D. & MICHAEL	2,014.48
FRALEY, LARRY MICHAEL	2,895.66	MCDONALD, MICHAEL D.	3,849.48
* FROST, JUDITH A.	420.53	MOORE, JR., JOHN W.	348.02
* FROST, KATHLEEN	1,422.09	MOORE, BRADFORD L., HEIRS OF	741.90
GAY, TED F.	643.85	NADEAU, MELANIE	1,488.13
* GAY, TED F.	940.08	* NILE, JUSTIN N. & ANGELA E.	294.79
GIANQUINTO, NINA	2,161.23	OLIVER, IRENE	165.20
GIVEN, BARRY A.	2,224.07	* ORR, JR., RAYMOND B. & DEBORAH	1,619.26
GIVEN, BARRY A. & MELINDA M.	1,976.59	PARLIN, HERBERT J. & MARY P.	67.14
GRANT, SHAWN A.	2,694.56	PARLIN, MICHAEL A. & DENISE C.	1,909.96
GRANT, SHAWN A.	1,253.63	* PIAWLOCK, TERRY T. & LINDA A.	702.26
* GREENMAN, MARY	202.37	PODGURSKI, EDWARD F., ET AL	1,478.00
GRIMANIS, ROSE V. & MICHAEL	1,835.32	* POND, GAIL E.	1,275.17
GRIMANIS, ROSE	2,533.35	PRATT, CURTIS L.	173.28
GUND, JOHN P. & GREENWOOD, LISA	1,117.35	PRATT, MARION, HEIRS OF	1,202.27
GUND, JOHN P.	3,367.66	RACKLIFF, ETHELYN	105.37
* HARTWELL, CHARLES R.	690.50	REOPELL, ALBERT P., PERS. IN POS.	623.89
HAYDEN, JOHN	465.70	RICHARDS, DANIEL A.	569.05
HEAP, JAMES R.	466.01	RICHARDS, SARAH B.	652.00
HENDERSON, ETHEL V.	135.13	ROBBINS, SANDRA & JASON	126.97
HISCOCK, BESSIE L.	539.14	SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	4,441.30
HONAS, JEANICE E., PERS. REP.	1,077.62	SCHANCK, VERNON J. & PATRICIA A.	728.60
HOWARD, JULI	788.44	SEAMON, AMI	1,979.92
* HOWARD, STUART	562.44	SEAMON, TIMOTHY A.	1,564.42
* HOWARD, WILLIAM K.	226.85	SHEA, MARILYN A., PERS. IN POS.	3,996.05
HUNTER, DANIEL	178.50	* SHUFELT, ROBERT	2,339.26
HUNTER, JAMES N.	1,092.42	* SIMONEAU, JR., RONALD E. & DENISE R.	59.30
HUTCHINSON, PRISCILLA J.	386.24	* SIMONEAU, JR., RONALD E. & DENISE R.	125.00
IMLAY, JR., KENNETH W.	175.17	SNELL, JR., CHARLES H., PERS. IN POS.	329.57
INGRAM, DEBRA M.	298.16	SNOW, GARY - ALAN	615.43
INGRAM, DEBRA M.	135.28	STARBIRD, DAVID A. & DIANA B.	563.92
JACOBS, ORIN M. & KYMBERLY R.	2,106.23	STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE	309.79
KENNEY, PHYLLIS	1,022.78	STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANN	5,516.76
* KING, JR., CLAYTON P.	1,786.84	STEVENS, GUY E.	708.50
KITTREDGE, PAULINE; HEIRS OF	199.94	STUMP, KRISTIN L., PERS. IN POS.	308.13
KNAPP, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	1,493.11	THORNDIKE, LESLIE J.	688.72
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	274.89	TRACY, ALBERTA, PERS. IN POS.	347.86
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	274.89	TRACY, BERNAL	281.54
KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	348.02	TYLER, DARRYL D. & JUDITH L.	1,016.92
KOMULAINEN, SANDRA A.	1,323.59	TYLER, EDWARD	730.27
KRAUSE, JANELLE M.	1,537.68	TYLER, TOBY W.	947.83
LABELLE, CHRISTINE H., HEIRS OF	570.56	UNDERWOOD, ROBERT & CHARLOTTE	1,586.18
LADD, VALDORA A.	1,690.89	VILES, FRANK	1,710.84
LAFRAMBOISE, BRIAN	352.84	VINING, KENNETH H.	100.55
LAKIN, LINDA & DAVID, PERS. IN POS.	279.87	VIOLETTE, KURT R.	996.03
LAURITANO, SUZANNE B.	1,875.37	WALKER, SONJA, ET AL, PERS. REP.	202.66
LAVOIE-KERBO, KIMBERLY & MARK D.	1,124.00	WALKER, SONJA, ET AL, PERS. REP.	1,373.13
* LOWELL, LEE & JENNIFER	103.90	WARREN, JOY M.	469.34
MACDONALD, WILLIAM H. & GLENICE B.	1,524.54	WESTERN ME COMMUNITY LAND TRUST	293.32
MAHAR, JR., STEPHEN M.	1,049.37	WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	285.82
MALLET, SAMANTHA, ET AL	1,559.59	WESTGATE, EDWARD T.	1,547.81
MARTIN, DAVID M.	997.69	WIRTA, ERIC J.	919.58
** MAXHAM, JR., GEORGE W., PERS. IN POS.	1,192.30	YORKS, JEFFREY STEWART	374.61
MAXHAM, JAMES C.	177.11	ZIEHM, DEBBIE, PERS. REP.	847.88

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* ABBOTT, PAMELA J. & BARRY, ERIC	317.73	HONAS, JEANICE E., PERS. REP.	808.26
** ADAMS, ANTHONY W. & PAMELA J.	134.69	** HOWARD, JULI	85.24
ALLEN, HAROLD F. & WALTER E.	254.18	HUNTER, DANIEL	262.90
ARNOLD, KRISTOPHER M. & GAGE, NILES	347.48	* HUTCHINSON, PRISCILLA J.	85.78
** BACHELDER, JR., BOYD B.	964.34	INGRAM, DEBRA M.	206.94
BELLEFEUILLE, CORY J.	529.72	INGRAM, DEBRA M.	158.18
BINNS, ROBIN A.	109.23	JACOBS, ORIN M. & KYMBERLY R.	2,050.81
BRACKETT, PENNY A., PERS. IN POS.	812.23	KENNEY, PHYLLIS	885.48
BROWN, LISA M.	864.94	* KITTREDGE, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	171.44
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,271.76	** KRAUSE, JANELLE M.	920.86
BRYANT, NANCY, PERS. IN POS.	899.43	** LABELLE, CHRISTINE H.	496.97
** BULLEN, TIMOTHY H.	1,548.17	** LADD, VALDORA A.	929.63
* BUTLER, STANLEY & KEANE, THEODORE	2,435.34	LAKIN, LINDA & DAVID, PERS. IN POS.	477.40
** BUTLER, STANLEY & KEANE, THEODORE	2,176.37	** LAURITANO, SUZANNE B.	1,924.85
** BUTLER, STANLEY & KEANE, THEODORE	2,672.04	** MACDONALD, WILLIAM H. & GLENICE B.	1,586.92
* CALLAHAN, JOHN MICHAEL	1,597.39	** MARTIN, DAVID M.	880.64
CALLAHAN, JOHN MICHAEL	327.81	** MAXHAM, JR., GEORGE W., PERS. IN POS.	817.58
CAPE LAWSON TRUST	107.69	** MAYO, TERRI L.	180.67
CAPE LAWSON TRUST	100.71	MOORE, BRADFORD L., HEIRS OF	744.22
** CHRETIEN, JEFFREY S. & TERRY L.	121.98	** NADEAU, MELANIE	1,441.79
** CLICHE, DONALD R.	1,015.68	** ORR, JR., RAYMOND B. & DEBORAH	1,206.87
** CROCKETT, CHRIS	1,201.13	** PARLIN, MICHAEL A. & DENISE C.	1,868.09
* CUMMINGS, JONATHAN T., PERS. IN POS.	721.23	PRATT, MARION	836.65
** CUNNINGHAM, KURT D.	822.98	REOPELL, ALBERT P., PERS. IN POS.	662.25
DALOT, RICHARD & DECKARD, JUDY	397.18	** RICHARDS, DANIEL A.	543.67
** DALRYMPLE, DENIS E. & SARAH H.	2,466.27	** RICHARDS, MICHAEL E. & SHEILA L.	208.83
** DECKER, STEPHEN M. & CATHERINE ANN	1,736.90	** RICHARDS, SARAH B.	492.23
** DUCKETT, LESLEY R.	1,201.52	SEAMON, AMI	1,672.38
DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	311.72	** SEAMON, TIMOTHY A.	1,457.51
DUNHAM SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	517.51	SHEA, MARILYN A.	3,844.91
DUNHAM, BETTY B., PERS. IN POS.	402.41	** STARBIRD, DAVID A. & DIANA B.	802.16
FARNUM, PAUL A., ET AL	926.36	** STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MEYERS, ANNE	332.65
FCI CORPORATION	550.16	** STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MEYERS, ANN	6,736.33
FOURNIER, REBECCA ANN	762.44	STUMP, KRISTIN & CHRISTOPHER, PERS. II	304.75
* GAY, TED F.	154.30	SWEETSER, LOUISE	193.14
** GIVEN, BARRY A.	1,915.17	THORNDIKE, LESLIE J.	590.75
** GIVEN, BARRY A. & MELINDA M.	1,536.35	TRACY, ALBERTA, PERS. IN POS.	605.58
GRANT, SHAWN A.	2,386.13	** TYLER, EDWARD	105.04
** GRANT, SHAWN A.	1,136.99	* TYLER, TOBY W.	680.01
** GRIMANIS, ROSE V. & MICHAEL	2,235.66	UNDERWOOD, ROBERT & CHARLOTTE	1,792.31
** GRIMANIS, ROSE	2,054.30	* VILES, FRANK	1,445.27
** GUND, JOHN P. & GREENWOD, LISA	1,121.57	** VIOLETTE, KURT R.	1,117.81
* GUND, JOHN P.	3,466.87	** WALKER, SONJA, ET AL, PERS REP	374.70
HAYDEN, JOHN	406.68	** WESTGATE, EDWARD T.	144.84
** HEAP, JAMES R.	477.25	** WIRTA, ERIC J.	206.80
HENDERSON, ETHEL V.	125.52	YORKS, JEFFREY STEWART	228.20

2012 TOTALS 91,213.80

* Partial payment as of January 31, 2015

** Paid in full as of January 31, 2015

BUDGET COMMITTEE

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



The Budget Committee held its first meeting in early December 2013. It elected the necessary officers, had a brief discussion about its duties, and received the proposed budget for each Town department and some outside agencies. Town Manager, Richard Davis, offered some explanations of the presented budgets and how the increases/decreases might affect the tax rate for the coming year. As usual, there were numerous questions about the reasons for proposed increases.

During the following weeks, meetings were held and the Committee heard from each department head who gave an adequate explanation of needed budget items. Questions were asked by members about some of the reasons for increases in particular budget areas. Cost of materials, insurance increases, and personnel expenses were the primary reasons given. The Selectmen were often in attendance at our meetings so all of us were hearing the same information.

After all the presentations were given, the Committee discussed – to some length at times – each requested budget, and made their final recommendations in late January 2014. Each meeting was an open discussion process and issues were finally agreed upon. These were forwarded to the Selectmen and Town Manager for their review and consideration for the Town Warrant.

The Committee would like to thank the presenters for their fine presentations and the citizens who have supported the budget review process. The outcome was to provide the necessary services that the citizens feel necessary for the Town of Farmington.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Clyde Ross
Chairman

ASSESSING

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



The growth in taxable valuation for 2014 was largely negated by the adjustments made to the 2013 reassessment. As in recent past years, growth to the Town's tax base grows very slowly.

The net amount the Town needed to raise from property tax increased by \$694,369.19 for 2014. As a result of the new taxable properties, budget changes, reductions in state revenues, a new Tax Increment Financing district, and no appropriation of funds from the Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB), the Town's tax rate was set at \$17.32 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation (.01732).

The actual figures used to set the tax rates are:

ITEM	2013 TAX YEAR	2014 TAX YEAR
TAXABLE VALUATION	\$ 461,966,555.00	\$ 459,588,585.00
TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$ 7,275,973.24	\$ 7,960,074.29
TAX RATE	.01575	.01732

As of this writing, the tax abatements (reductions) and supplements (additions) for 2014 are:

ITEM	TAXES
ABATEMENTS (-)	\$ 9,853.00
SUPPLEMENTS (+)	\$ 79,514.00

I would like to remind all property owners and builders that the Town of Farmington has a **Building Notification Ordinance**, enacted on March 14, 1989, that requires that the Assessor's Office be notified of all new buildings, demolition, or mobile home installation projects.

The Town's website can be accessed at 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 Your Taxes*** directly following this report. These are programs that generally reduce the amount of property taxes that you pay per year. You might be interested and qualify for one or more of them. Please feel free to contact the Assessing Department for more information.

On the eve of my retirement, December 31, 2014 at 5:00 p.m., I would like to thank my assistant, Leanne Pinkham, for her excellent work throughout the year and the rest of the office staff for their support and willingness to assist my department and taxpayers. As a staff, we have gone through some good times and a few rough times. The office has always been very supportive and ready to assist.

Lastly, I thank the taxpayers of Farmington for the patience and respect they showed when inquiring about new assessments and taxes for the past 23 plus years I have served you. It has been a good experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Caldwell
Town Assessor

The Assessor's Office is transitioning from an employee held position to a contractor held position. The Selectmen have chosen the firm of John E. O'Donnell & Associates, Inc. The firm's office hours in Farmington will be every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. People are also welcome to contact the firm directly, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The contact information is:

John E. O'Donnell, III, CMA
Phone: 207-926-4044 Fax: 207-926-4037
email: john@jeodonnell.com website: www.jeodonnell.com

Programs That Could Affect Your Taxes



For the following programs the application must be submitted to the Assessor by April 1, 2015. Applications and brochures are available at the Municipal Office or they can be downloaded from our web site at www.farmington-maine.org on the Assessors' page. For further information on these programs, please contact the Assessor's Office at 778-6530.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION – If you are a veteran aged 62 or older, or an un-remarried spouse of a deceased veteran who would have been 62 by April 1, 2015 and served during a federally recognized war period; or if you are a veteran who receives federal funds for 90-100% disability.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION – If you have been receiving the Homestead Exemption in the past, you do not need to reapply unless your home ownership status has changed.

BLIND EXEMPTION – If you are legally blind as determined by a properly licensed doctor, you are eligible to receive an exemption. A letter from a doctor stating that an individual is blind is all that is needed to apply for the exemption.

The above listed exemptions require that your primary residency be Farmington. If you are a new resident or currently a taxpayer that might qualify for one of the above exemptions, your application for the exemption must be submitted to the Assessor by April 1, 2015. These State programs exempt a fixed amount that is deducted from the taxpayer's residential assessed value before the tax rate is applied.

LANDOWNERS – There are three programs for which you might be eligible. The programs are: THE MAINE TREE GROWTH TAX LAW, FARM CLASSIFICATION LAW, and THE OPEN SPACE TAX LAW. As the laws for these programs are quite detailed, please contact the Assessor for more information.

OWNERSHIP AND ADDRESS UPDATES REQUESTED – To avoid errors in tax billing, please notify the Assessor's Office in writing when selling or transferring property and any changes to your mailing address.

STATE OF MAINE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX REIMBURSEMENT (BETR) – If you purchased or transferred taxable business property to a Maine location after April 1, 1995, you may be eligible for this program.

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

PROPERTY TAX AND RENT REFUND PROGRAM – The Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund “Circuitbreaker” Program has been repealed as part of the enacted state budget for claims beginning on or after August 1, 2014. The “Circuitbreaker” Program has been replaced by a refundable Property Tax Fairness Credit that can be claimed on the Maine Individual Income Tax Form.

The new credit will be available beginning in January, 2015 on the 2014 Maine Individual Income Tax Form 1040ME. A worksheet will be included with Form 1040ME to calculate the amount of the credit.

Who will be eligible for the new Property Tax Fairness Credit? Homeowners or renters will be eligible who meet all of the following requirements:

- Were Maine residents during any part of the tax year;
- Owned or rented a home in Maine during any part of the tax year and lived in that home during the year;
- Had Maine adjusted gross income of not more than \$40,000; and
- Paid property tax on a home in Maine during the tax year that was more than 10% of Maine adjusted gross income or paid rent to live in a home or apartment in Maine during the tax year that was more than 40% of Maine adjusted gross income.

TOWN CLERK

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



This being a Governor's election year, the office was busy with the June and November elections. In the November election, 3,181 ballots were cast which was 55% of the total registered voters. There were 727 absentee ballot requests for the November election, with 697 of those being returned. We also registered 325 new voters in November. This was the third election using the voter machines provided by the State of Maine. This equipment worked great with no complications or hold-up for the voters. The upcoming year will be a quiet one but we will definitely be gearing up for the Presidential year. I am planning on purchasing two more portable booths which will help the flow of voters in the upcoming big elections.

I continued to work in the Assessing Department and this continues to be a learning experience. I worked on getting the personal property accounts and files up to date. With Mark Caldwell's retirement in December, I look forward to working with the new assessor in 2015.

With some of the new welfare reform laws, I have seen a slight increase in my caseload as the Welfare Director. I adhere to the guidelines when evaluating the cases and continue to be found in compliance with Department of Health and Human Services.

As always, I would like to remind all dog owners who have not renewed their dog(s) license(s) for the year 2015 to come in to the office to do so. **The late fee now is a straight \$25.00 and begins February 1, 2015.** Please remember to bring in the current rabies certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne E. Pinkham
Town Clerk

2014 ELECTIONS

March 24, 2014	Annual Town Meeting
June 09, 2014	State and RSU 9
October 14, 2014	Special Town Meeting
November 4, 2014	State Referendum

BALLOT CLERKS

Ruby Allen, Diana Bell, Michael Bell, Terry Bell, Beverly Besaw, Lynn Caldwell, Stephanie Clark, Shane Cote, Marion Durrell, Teresa Eagers, Mary Flint, Linda Grant, Donna Kenney, Clare Liwski, Paul McGuire, S. Clyde Ross, and Daryl Schramm

Dogs	488
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	1,177

Births	351
Marriages	46
Deaths	141

51st Maine State Firefighters Convention



Photo courtesy of J.P. Fortier

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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



The year of 2014 was a challenge for Public Works Departments nationwide. As I type this report in November the year continues to be unusual. From record breaking ice and cold during the winter to flash floods in July, taking roads and culverts out, and also creating large and small sinkholes in expected and unexpected places. Our first snows have already come in November cutting our earthwork season short.

The Farmington Public Works crew has been nonstop now since January with repairing roads from ice damage, to fixing washed roads and culverts. Twenty hour shifts were normal throughout the winter months, and working in downpours and thunder through the summer, and sometimes at night. I can say that the complete town of Farmington should be supportive of the crew for the hours worked and the attention given to all that was needed from them. Even with all the emergency work needed, the crew was able to complete ditching projects, much needed drainage projects, and also the complete reconstruction and base paving of the Morrison Hill Road. This construction has kept our road surface management plan on track.

As we move forward with the road management plan adopted four years ago, we find the plan is again underfunded because of escalating costs of fuel and paving products. The plan has already been updated once because of escalating costs and the need for more road repairs. The plan is now very much underfunded. In our budget request for 2015, we must ask for more investment to continue the rehabilitation of our infrastructure. Without good infrastructure, all other functions of the town become more expensive. Our plan at this point is scheduled to include engineering and the complete reconstruction of the Porter Hill Road, and also some overlays not yet determined. Because the severe weather this summer caused so much unexpected work, more must be done on Morrison Hill Road next year. Some ditching and shoulder work were not completed and another inch of surface paving is planned.

As the extreme weather continues, our aging fleet is also under strain with older equipment having major breakdowns. With the

help of the citizens of Farmington and the Board of Selectmen we were able to replace a sidewalk plow and also a loader this year. Both pieces of equipment replaced needed repairs that were more expensive than the worth of the equipment. Both the sidewalk tractor and the loader were more than twenty years old with many thousands of hours logged. We also were finally able to replace a plow truck that was lost in a fire a few years ago. We need to ask for an increase in our equipment replacement fund to continue the same level of service as we have provided in the past. These pieces of equipment are our most important tools. Without dependable equipment we cannot provide dependable service.

As most of you know our shop manager, Greg Soule, retired in October after thirty years of service to the town. Greg had the ability to always keep our fleet working, and also was involved in many projects town wide. We all wish Greg the best in his retirement. Replacing Greg is Jonathan Alexander. Jonathan started work in mid October and has taken control of our fleet repairs. Jonathan has been a good addition to the departments of the Town of Farmington.

Demands for better winter roads are also a concern. More winter driving by all is necessary because of citizens having to travel more for work and also other functions. Twenty years ago the plow crews could get a few hours sleep at the beginning of a snow event. Today, however, there is more traffic on our travel ways. Today the crew must treat roads at the very beginning and also all throughout winter storms. Some storms need 24/7 plowing because of traffic at very early hours of the day. This also is a demand on all budgets and equipment. The costs of road treatment and fuel costs have tripled in the past few years. Modern equipment is helping us cope but the demand is also adding to costs.

I want to thank the citizens of Farmington, the Farmington Board of Selectman, and our Town Manager Richard Davis for all the support and help through the very difficult year of 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Castonguay
Public Works Director

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WINTER ROADS OPERATING PROCEDURE

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

WHEN A STORM BEGINS - For nights and weekend storms, the PWD relies on the Police Department to call our Director or Foreman when the road conditions deteriorate. Sometimes, however, the Public Works Director may call some plow units out earlier if ice or severe weather is forecast. When the snowstorms begin, all of our units are called. The major roads are Priority One (Major roads are determined by traffic volume and time of day). Priority One roads are plowed and pretreated with salt and calcium chloride when liquid additive is needed. Calcium Chloride is only used with very cold temperatures when salt will not work alone. We only use approximately 600 gallons of calcium chloride per season, or about five gallons per mile of road all season. **(Note – For more information on winter road treatment go to <http://mcspolicycenter.umaine.edu/?q=RoadSalt> for a study conducted by the University of Maine).** This liquid is also treated with a rust inhibitor before we accept delivery. This treatment prevents bonding of snow and ice to the pavement. Priority Two roads are plowed and sanded with sand/salt mix to also help prevent bonding of ice and snow. Priority Three roads are plowed and sanded with straight sand as needed after Priority One and Priority Two roads are safe for travel. Our goal is to keep the roads as safe as possible, and we try to keep the snow or ice from bonding and packing to the pavement.

AS THE STORM CONTINUES - Our primary goal is to keep the travel lanes free of snow and ice buildup and ice from bonding to the road. If snow becomes extremely heavy, we have to again prioritize how we plow roads by traffic volume and time of day. If needed, we may have extra plow operators come to help on secondary roads. We continue to plow until the storm subsides, or until the drivers have made their plow routes safe for the night. The crew will normally go home for sleep between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. If needed, a few substitute operators will keep main roads plowed during this time and respond to any emergencies. When the operators have their plow routes in a safe condition at the end of the storm all roads are re-treated with sand, salt, or combination of both. At this time snow banks are pushed back as far as possible to make room for more plowing and make room for water runoff during thaw cycles. This may sometimes happen the day after the storm, depending on how many hours the crew has worked.

ROAD CLEANUP - After the storm, cleanup continues with plowing

snowdrifts and widening all roads as needed. It may take several days to completely push all snow off the road shoulders.

SIDEWALKS - During the storm, our sidewalk plow starts clearing snow when the Director sees the need to clear sidewalks. Again, this is determined by snow intensity, time of day, and sidewalk traffic. Some sidewalks near the roadways become covered with snow when the plow trucks clean streets. Those sidewalks are cleared as soon as possible after the storm and any others with accumulation. Our priority is to clear the sidewalks near the schools and churches. The downtown area sidewalks that are not the responsibility of the area businesses are cleared as soon as possible. We have over nine miles of sidewalks. Again, depending on the storm intensity more than one day may be needed to accomplish clearing the sidewalks.

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

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

CATCH BASINS - Most of us forget about the catch basins in the height of winter. But should we get any rain, those catch basins are needed for drainage and to prevent the streets from icing. So, if you have a catch basin near your property, would you please keep it clear? That would be a tremendous help to the Public Works crew as our Department is responsible for over 600 basins.

TAXPAYER RESPONSIBILITY

MAILBOXES - The PWD gets as close as possible to your mailbox without

damaging it. It is your responsibility to keep it clear. The box and the post may be damaged by the plow, but more often it is the weight of the snow being pushed back that damages the box. We suggest a post set back from the road edge 6 feet, with the mailbox suspended on chains from a yardarm at 39" to 42" off the ground, as required by the U.S. Postal Service for rural delivery. If mailbox damage occurs during a storm, please call 778-2191 so we can remind plow operators to be more careful. Mailboxes, however, are located in the Town right-of-way at the owner's risk.

It is unlawful for any person to place or cause to be placed or deposited, by motor vehicle or otherwise, any snow or ice onto any public right-of-way, which includes sidewalks. (Title 29-A M.R.S.A., Section 2396.4)

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

Farmington Public Works Department



L to R: Director, Denis Castonguay; seasonal plow driver, Fred Barton; Foreman, Jim Kiernan; seasonal plow driver, Mike Cote; equipment operator, Ron Jalbert; truck driver/mechanic, Scott Bouchard; truck driver, Jeff Dunham; Fleet Manager, Jon Alexander; and truck driver, Glen Meisner. Absent from photo: equipment operator, Ted Collins; sidewalk plow operator, Bob Daggett; and sidewalk plow operator, Olen Boulette.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

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



The Safety Committee met six times this past year to review and update the Town's safety policies, conduct employee accident investigations, discuss training and equipment needs, and to monitor working conditions for compliance and risks.

This year the committee received training and consultation in accident investigation from the Maine Municipal Association (MMA). This resulted in a better understanding about how we investigate accidents and the development of a new accident investigation form for supervisors which was adopted by all departments. The Town continues to participate in the MMA Leader Program which rewards municipalities that implement plans and activities to create a safer workplace for employees by crediting the Workers Compensation contributions. These savings, along with utilizing the safety training courses and services in 2014, provided the Town with a total of \$9,449 in benefits.

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 will help prevent accidents.

The Town and I wish to express our gratitude to the committee for the time and work involved. This committee not only helps with monetary savings to the taxpayers but also in having a safe environment to work and conduct business with the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Shane Cote
Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



The Farmington Police Department wishes to thank the entire community for their support this past year.

The Department hired two officers this past year. We welcomed Officers Derrick Doucette and Derek MacDonald. Officers Justin Blais and Ryan Wagner graduated from the Basic Police School at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in May and Officer Michael Lyman in December. Officer Doucette will graduate in May of 2015. This will bring the Department to full staff for the first time since 2009.

We also welcomed Jennifer Farrington who was hired on October 1st to supplement the services of long-time Animal Control Officer Wayne Atwood. ACO Farrington will be on-call nights and week-ends and ACO Atwood will be available from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the week.

Our officers continued to support several charity events. These included the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, the Special Olympics “Tip a Cop” fund raiser and the “Fueling Dreams” program in collaboration with Irving Oil. Officers also supported the American Cancer Society’s “Relay for Life”, “Operation Santa Claus” and “Bowl for Kid’s Sake” benefiting the “Big Brothers Big Sisters” program. And if you have not seen the video, check out our fund raiser for ALS “Ice Bucket Challenge” on our Facebook page.

In 2014, the Department received several grants. “DriveSober, Maine!” awarded the police department \$10,000 to conduct saturated patrols to apprehend and educate motorists of the consequences of operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol. We also received \$2,000 for directed enforcement to participate in the “Click It or Ticket” campaign.

On August 8th, our department participated in a multi-agency training event at the UMF campus. This included over 200 participants and volunteers. The mock scenario included an active shooter, multiple casualties, and a hostage situation. This scenario was two years in the making and evaluated our response to a mass

casualty event. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of all those involved. A special thanks to the Maine Emergency Management Agency, Franklin Emergency Management Agency, and all other participants, planners and volunteers.

I would like to thank Wal-Mart and the Healthy Community Coalition for donating a prescription drug lock box that is located in our lobby at 116 Franklin Avenue. If you or any other family member has unused or unwanted prescription medications please drop them off for disposal. I would also like to thank Wal-Mart Store Manager, Greg Patterson, who was instrumental in our efforts to obtain new "Cop Cards".

In 2015, our Department is starting a new program in an attempt to identify "wanderers" in our community. If you or a loved one has the potential to "wander" due to mental or physical disability and would like emergency personnel to have access to their information, please contact us.

To the members of the Farmington Fire Rescue, Farmington Public Works, NorthStar Ambulance, Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Maine State Police, UMF Campus Police, Wilton Police Department, Jay Police Department, and all other agencies that assisted us in the last year, thank you. Special thanks go to the men and women that serve on the Farmington Police Department for their dedicated and devoted service.

The Farmington Police Department maintains a website at www.farmingtonpd.org and a Facebook page. These contain public service announcements and other helpful information. Please take a minute and check the sites from time to time as the information changes frequently.

Our Department continues to strive to provide the best service and contribute to our mission "To create a feeling of safety for people within the Town of Farmington". If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us or to stop in at your police department.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack D. Peck, Jr.
Chief of Police

Members of the Farmington Police Department

Chief Jack Peck Jr.
Sgt. Edward Hastings IV
Det. Marc Bowering
Off. Darin Gilbert
Off. Ryan Rosie
Off. Justin Blais
Off. Michael Lyman

Deputy Chief Shane Cote
Sgt. Michael Adcock
Off. Bridgette Gilbert
Off. William Tanner (MDEA)
Off. Derek MacDonald
Off. Ryan Wagner
Off. Derrick Doucette

Sec./Disp. Bonnie Pomeroy
Sec./Disp. Kyle Ellis
Traffic Guide Robert Hallman
ACO Wayne Atwood

Sec./Disp. Rachel Heseltine
Sec./Disp. Stephan Bunker
Parking Dean Robinson
Parking Kevin Bremner

ACO Jennifer Farrington

New Officers



Derrick Doucette



Derek MacDonald

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



**Bridgette Gilbert
Congratulations!**

Employee of the Quarter

Winter 2013 – Michael Lyman
Spring 2014 – Darin Gilbert and Derrick Doucette
Summer 2014 – Bridgette Gilbert
Fall 2014 – Sgt. Edward Hastings, IV

Summary of the Most Common Crimes or Police Calls/Complaints

Crime	2012	2013	2014
Rape	2	4	9
Assault	81	102	78
Burglary	29	34	16
Thefts (combined)	193	239	156
Criminal Mischief	82	77	37
Criminal Trespass	58	46	55
Drug Cases	52	84	50
Domestic Disturbance	69	66	66
Traffic Crashes	439	380	498
Arrests	421	535	553
OUI Arrests	52	52	50
Summons			
Speeding	289	181	488
Traffic Warnings	3,930	4,238	5,702
Parking Tickets	314	668	994
Missing Persons	4	0	2
Harassment Calls	132	84	136
Security Checks	2,198	1,956	2,254
Total Traffic Stops	5,338	4,823	6,793

Police Revenues

	2012	2013	2014
Parking Tickets	\$ 14,760	\$ 15,070	\$ 18,355
Police Reports	\$ 883	\$ 1,523	\$ 1,457
Court Fees & Outside Extras	\$ 9,303	\$ 9,506	\$ 9,126
Misc.& Gun Permits	\$ 2,125	\$ 3,012	\$ 1,762
TOTAL	\$ 27,071	\$ 29,111	\$ 30,700

Farmington Police Department 2014



Left Side Front to Back:

Sergeant Edward Hastings IV, Officer Ryan Wagner, Deputy Chief Shane Cote, Officer Ryan Rosie, Officer Derrick Doucette, Officer Darin Gilbert

Right Side Front to Back:

Officer Bridgette Gilbert, Detective Marc Bowering, Officer Justin Blais, Chief Jack Peck Jr., Officer Derek MacDonald, Office Manager Bonnie Pomeroy, Sergeant Michael Adcock

Absent from photo: Officer Michael Lyman and Secretary Rachel Heseltine

FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

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



The Farmington Fire Rescue Department has continued its regular training schedule as it has done for many years. All members are taking part in these trainings, some are learning new skills and others are just refreshing those from previous sessions. New mandates, new products, and improved methods require us to keep up-dated. Budget restraints have limited the types of equipment that can be replaced or purchased for training.

Some of the common trainings are Ventilation, Ladders and Uses, Draft and Relay Pumping, the Rural Hitch set up, Forcible Entry, 25 to Survive class (Mutual Aid departments included), Chief Officers and Municipal Officers two day class, presentation by the Farmington Village Corporation (Water Department), Meth Labs by the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, the annual Mandatory topic day (county departments invited), Verso Emergency Response Drill, Vehicle Extrication, the Active Shooter Drill at the University of Maine at Farmington (UMF), and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. Mutual Aid departments have also been invited to attend our sessions.

“Company” training nights have been very beneficial to the members because there is opportunity for everyone to have more “hands on” participation, questions, and explanations. Demonstrations are a useful tool here too.

The Fire Prevention Programs continue to be offered to the local schools, day care centers, tour groups and organizations that may want a safety presentation. The per diem crews have been very busy with conducting the above activities. The Department has continued its dormitory evacuation drills with UMF.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Clyde Ross
Deputy Fire Chief

Timothy D. Hardy
Captain

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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



I submit my annual report for the Farmington Fire Rescue Department for 2014. The Department responded for assistance 405 times this year. We gave assistance in mutual aid for other towns totaling 18 times, and received assistance 26 times. The Department had a total of 13,060 man-hours which included 23 training classes:

2013	2014	Calls for Assistance
61	45	Fire related calls
43	49	Rescue, extrication, and emergency medical calls
134	149	Hazardous conditions with no fire
32	73	Service calls
28	37	Good intent, such as calls from concerned citizens
39	53	Alarm malfunction/false alarms
0	0	Severe weather/natural disaster
1	0	Special incident type
338	405	Total Calls

This year we had two members of the department decide to leave our Department. After 35 years Captain Richard (Dick) Knight decided it was time to retire and move to Florida. Good for him! Stephen Almquist was a member for seven years, and he is now a fulltime firefighter in the city of Augusta. "Thank You Both".

Also this year, we have added new members from other fire departments in our county: Mike Booker, Kyle Ellis, Joseph Hastings and Brian Fagnant. All these members have training in firefighting, three of them are Firefighter 1 and 2, and the other one is working on his certification.

In April we expanded our per diem program to a staff of three firefighters Monday through Friday, and two firefighters on Saturday and Sunday. These firefighters work an 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. schedule.

On April 30th, we had our first meeting on regionalization of the fire service in Franklin County. All towns were represented with selectmen, town managers and fire service leaders in attendance which was gratifying. It shows that we are aware of the problems

that we are facing. There was plenty of discussion on how we might solve our manpower problem. We also had a follow up meeting at the end of October, which was also very well attended. We will continue to meet, and maybe someday, will come up with the solution.

This year Chesterville and Farmington Fire Departments started training together on a monthly basis. We train on various topics at each other's stations.

In September, our Benevolent Association hosted the 51st Maine State Firefighters Convention, it was well attended from all over the State and everyone had a very good time. Well done, Farmington Firefighters.

Fire Rescue Department Roster and years of service to the Town:

Scott Baxter 9 yrs.	Teddy Baxter 8 yrs.	Michael Bell 25 yrs.	Terry Bell 37 yrs.
Michael Booker 6 mo.	James Brown 28 yrs.	Stephan Bunker 36 yrs.	Patty Cormier 6 yrs.
Mike Cote 5 yrs.	Kyle Ellis 6 mos.	Brian Fagnant 2 mos.	Zach Faulkner 2 yrs.
Jeff Field 1 yrs.	Jon Paul Fortier 10 yrs.	David Fronk 23 yrs.	Tim A. Hardy 36 yrs.
Tim D. Hardy 17 yrs.	Joseph Hastings 6 mos.	Jim Kiernan 2 yrs.	Tony Larrabee 8 yrs.
Michael Melville 7 yrs.	Doug Oliver 51 yrs.	Jennings Pinkham 8 yrs.	S. Clyde Ross 43 yrs.
Brandon Sholan 4 yrs.	Junior Turner 43 yrs.	Peter Wade 12 yrs.	Stanley Wheeler 20 yrs.

Thank you all for your years of service.

I would also like to thank all the other Departments in the Town that we work with and their employees on a daily basis. **“THANK YOU ALL”**

Respectfully submitted,

Terry S. Bell, Sr.
Fire Chief

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

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



With administration and coordination provided by the Code Enforcement Office, during 2014 there were 10 Planning Board meetings. During its meetings, the Planning Board reviewed 44 applications under the following ordinances: Site Review, Subdivision, Shoreland Zoning, Floodplain Management, and Soil Erosion Control/Stormwater Management. The Board usually meets on the second Monday of every month unless a holiday falls on that Monday, in which case the Board meets on the third Monday.

On July 14, 2014, annual elections were held and Clayton King was re-elected as Planning Board Chairman, and William Marceau was re-elected as Vice Chairman. Jeffrey Wright joined the Board as an alternate member and at this time there are no vacancies on the Board.

The Board of Appeals met twice, once in August to review a variance application and again in October to review a second variance application and hold their Annual Administrative Meeting. Peter Tracy joined the Board as a regular member and there is currently one vacancy available for a regular member and two vacancies for alternate members.

The Zoning Board conducted its annual administrative meeting in July. There were no applications regarding zoning issues this year. There is one vacancy for a regular member and there are two vacancies for alternate members.

The Code Enforcement Office also administers the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), which has a Loan Review Board, and is available through application by businesses located in Farmington. Loan funds are intended to supplement bank financing, equity injections, and funds from other loan sources. The RLF is meant to promote local investment and economic development by encouraging business start-ups, expansions, and acquisitions.

The Code Enforcement staff completed updating the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan and received approval from the Planning Board at its October 20, 2014 meeting. The Plan has

been forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for their future review and Public Hearing.

During 2014, 34 residential registration forms, nine business registration forms, and four home occupation registration forms were filed with the Code Enforcement Office. Twenty-six sign permits were issued by the Code Enforcement Office as well.

The Code Office applied for and received CDBG funding to install new sewer and water mains and services at the 82 High Street housing neighborhood, with design this winter, bidding in the spring, and construction in the summer of 2015.

One septic system was constructed in 2014 under the Small Community Grant Program (SCGP), funded by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Limited funds may be available in 2015 through this program for septic systems posing environmental and/or health threats.

On June 10, 2014, the Code Enforcement Office had a scheduled 5 Year Cycle visit from FEMA representatives in regards to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This program provides federally backed flood insurance within communities that participate in the Community Rating System (CRS) and enact and enforce floodplain regulations. Over the years, Farmington has earned the required amount of credits for re-certification and will continue its ongoing efforts to mitigate flood damage and losses.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

J. Stevens Kaiser,
Code Enforcement Officer



IMPORTANT NOTICES

PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND MEETINGS

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

VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

TRANSFER STATION PERMITS

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

BURN PERMITS

Burn Permits may be obtained at no cost online at www.maineburnpermit.com, or Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Fire Rescue Office, which is located on the main floor of the Municipal Office Building. Permits will be issued subject to safe weather conditions as set forth by the Maine Forest Service.

TOWN ORDINANCE AND STATE LAW COMPLIANCE

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

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

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

Full-Scale Emergency Exercise at UMF



Photos courtesy of the Daily Bulldog

More than 200 first responders, volunteers, hospital and university staff participated in an active shooter drill that was overseen by the Maine Emergency Management Agency.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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



“I would like to create a Recreation Department that is a source of pride for the Town of Farmington.” Those words were stated in response to a question I fielded at a press conference held at the Town office announcing my appointment to the department head position for Parks and Recreation in late February of 1980. Little did I know that 35 years later, as I ponder retirement as Director of this highly respected municipal service, how prophetic those words would become.

Each year under my direction the goal would be not to sustain existing programs and maintain current conditions of our facilities, but to expand opportunities for the community and upgrade our playing fields, parks and game courts, both inside and out, to reflect the growing interest in our offerings by active-minded families and their children. We always did and we still do. That’s why I’m so confident that Farmington and its recreation facilities are immeasurably better off than at any time in the past. What we stand for, who we serve and how affordable our services still are makes me more certain than ever before how important we are to this Town.

At this point in time, the only activity that still exists from those days of disco is the Wading Pool Swim Lessons. Many programs, leagues, tournaments and events have become fond memories for two generations of Farmington citizens fortunate enough to enjoy a rural lifestyle with local leisure opportunities.

Anyone desiring particulars on the kinds of activities available currently can access the information on the Town’s website (an improved one unveiled in 2014) or pay us a visit at our office still located at the Farmington Community Center. And anyone hoping to see the great conditions of our fields, courts or parks need only contact us for their locations.

This past calendar year was one of the most challenging in recent memory. We attempted to provide the same level of our seasonal programs in the face of uncertain funding due to a reduction in State Revenue Sharing. Internally, the Recreation Department led the way before the Selectmen and Budget Committee by

recommending a cut of nearly \$18,000 from the preceding year's allocation to its joint appropriation for Parks and Recreation and Community Center. Our proposed amount was later approved at Town Meeting.

This summer we addressed the lighted basketball court at Hippach that was showing its age, and was constructed by a grant that I wrote in 1986 and matched by Town benefactor Richard Bjorn. We spent \$2,250 from our operating budget and used a like amount from the Peter Mills Trust Fund to repair all the cracks and re-seal the playing surface. For an eye-catching finishing touch we painted the court in grey and purple colors with gold game lines that really stand out. Taking advantage of the Basketball Court being done, we had one of our tennis courts laid out with smaller Pickleball court lines to accommodate adults desiring to play their sport outside as well as at the Community Center throughout the winter.

2014 almost signaled the end of our popular fishing derbies held at UMF's Rollo Pond. After a relatively cool spring, everything was a go for the first week in July until the last week in June, that is. The water temperature became so unacceptably high due to a brief heat wave that the purchase source for the fish wouldn't introduce the rainbow trout to the three foot deep pond. We rescheduled our derbies for the end of September to provide a chance for people to enjoy a fishing experience and maybe, discovered an alternative time to run our derbies.

To counter the long winter of 2014, we introduced three new "Cabin Fever" filler programs in March. Saturday morning Batting Practice, Indoor Lacrosse, and Indoor Field Hockey along with the popular Indoor Soccer helped kids pass the time away until they could get outside around their April vacation.

I would be remiss if I didn't at least try to thank all the employees I've worked with – Matt Foster and the three previous Assistant Directors, seasonal employees, Program Directors (especially Kim Richards for more than 20 years), and the college and high school volunteer coaches that make our popular programs work.

I'd like to thank the six Town Managers I've served under, especially Richard Davis for my final 13 years or so, the Recreation Committee members I haven't met with often enough, and all of the Selectmen of differing political persuasions I tried to appease with my answers.

Thank you, people of Farmington for your support while I made the “best job in Franklin County” a career. Special thanks to my wife, Julie, for understanding my job was never 9 to 5. I’d do it again except for all the nights and weekends.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Shible
Director of Parks and Recreation

THANK YOU STEVE!



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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



2014 was a busy year for the Farmington Conservation Commission (FCC). The theme was planning and support of several big projects.

Farmington is again a Tree City, USA, for the 37th consecutive year. Rural Farmington is tied with suburban Westbrook and urban Kennebunkport for the longest running Tree City. To celebrate this, and Maine Arbor Week; May 18-24, we hosted the annual Statewide Tree City USA awards ceremony. Selectmen proclaimed May 20th as Farmington's Arbor Day. The Farmington Historical Society pitched in with the use of the renovated North Church for the event. The Maine State Forester participated, with support from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry. Most of the FCC members attended and participated in Farmington's Award.

This is the 2nd year of the "Adopt a Tree" long term care program for the 11 downtown planted trees. Businesses with the sidewalk trees near their locations have cared for these trees. We wish to thank the following businesses for giving these trees a family; County Seat Realty, U.S. Cellular, Bangor Savings Bank, WKTJ, Kyes Insurance, Mills and Mills, Mooseville, TD Bank, Maine Retirement Annuities, and Franklin County.

Your FCC has supported the Sandy River Recycling Association's transition of its composting program to UMF with volunteer technical support. It has furnished support to UMF in their grant proposal to Project Canopy for tree planting on campus. Your FCC also wrote its own grant request to Project Canopy for tree assessment and planning in the downtown and Hippach Field area. We are anxiously awaiting word on both of these grant requests.

In 2014, there were 236 hours donated by FCC volunteers for varying projects. Four hours of equipment use was donated, including, pickups, trailers, hand tools, and power equipment. The total value of these donated hours, both human and machine, was \$6,248!

Help! The FCC is a small but dedicated corps. We need your help! We welcome individuals, Boy Scouts, students, churches, and any group or organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Forrest Tracy
Chairman

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

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



In my first full year as Superintendent, I assisted the facility staff in completing many projects which were previously approved. During the summer months and into early fall crews from Copia Specialty Contractors of Brewer completed the painting and sealing of both of the facility's Oxidation Ditches and one of the Primary Clarifiers. This completed project should protect these tanks from weather and chemical degradation for another 25 to 30 years with just occasional touch-up maintenance.

In addition to completing work on three of our concrete tanks, we were also able to upgrade pump stations Number 2 and Number 4 and replaced the pumps and motors that had over 170,000 hours of service with new pumps and more energy efficient motors.

Some of the other areas of concern that I mentioned in last year's report we have begun to address while others remain in the research and planning stage.

1. Bio-solids Removal – I am currently developing a Request For Proposal to address a replacement for the Facility's aging belt press. In early 2013, a Huber Screw Press was demonstrated on site. This yielded a bio-solids dryness of 35%, which is 12-14% dryer than our current belt press is capable of producing. I continue to research what the market has to offer for affordable solutions.
2. Emergency Generator – The Facility's need for a trailer mounted generator for operating our pump stations during times of Emergency Preparedness still exists. During my research I located a company out of Oquossoc where we can purchase a reconditioned generator that will fill our needs.
3. Routes 2 and 4 Pump Stations – As I mentioned, Pump stations 2 and 4 were upgraded this year. I plan to budget to upgrade pump stations 1 and 3 in 2015.

4. Plant Process Water – During the year, I received three quotes for upgrading our decaying Plant Water System. I plan to incorporate money for this upgrade in my 2015 budget.
5. Manhole Repairs – In 2014, we replaced or repaired over a dozen manholes that were reported by residents as being a problem. In addition, all of the manholes on the Morrison Hill Road were rebuilt during that pavement project. The Wastewater Treatment personnel will continue to address problem manholes in the coming year, as well as scheduling a percentage for annual repair or replacement.
6. Mechanical Bar Rack – The operators at the Wastewater Treatment Facility are collectively researching the best most cost and energy efficient solution to removing the larger debris from our influent stream in an effort to reduce costly repairs on our influent pumps. During 2015, we plan on visiting facilities around the state to observe the types of mechanical bar racks or grinding pumps in use to determine which are the lowest maintenance and most energy efficient solution for our facility.
7. Geographical Information System (GIS) – The Town Department Heads met in 2014 to discuss getting a GIS system set up for the various departments. I plan to budget for my portion of that project to move the Wastewater Treatment Facility into a more digital record format.

My first year as Superintendent has been both busy and productive. My plan is to continue this same path and improve this facility in a manner which allows me to remain within the existing budgetary figures and maintain current ratepayer fees. I thank everyone for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Millett
Superintendent

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Liened Receivables as of December 31, 2014

* Partial Payments Ending 01-31-2015

ACCOUNT	BALANCE	EARLIEST YEAR DUE
Bourgault, Sheryl	419.28	2012
Brackett, Penny A.	1,584.67	2012
Chretien, Jeffrey S.	293.01	2013
Cummings, Jonathan	294.96	2013
Duckett, Lesley R.	261.49	2013
Fraser, Bruce M.	1,526.28	2012
Grant, Shawn A.	298.51	2014
Grimanis, Michael	310.02	2013
Grimanis, Rose V.	393.22	2013
Grimanis, Rose V.	1,161.10	2013
Gund, John P.	404.92	2013
Hutchinson, Priscilla J.	345.86	2013
Kimball, Catherine M.	15.55	2014
Lakin, Linda & David	1,493.94	2012
Lesperance, Bruce & Penny	352.25	2013
Lowe, Linda	719.21	2013
Millett, Robin E., Heirs of	317.22	2014
Provenzano, James	26.96	2014
Riddle, Virginia	1,175.54	2012
Rogers, Catherine	134.38	2014
Seamon, Ami	93.92	2014
Shea, Marilyn	729.14	2012
Shufelt, Robert	223.95	2013
Smith, II, Fred O.	765.68	2013
Straznitskas, Robert	136.70	2014



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January 23, 2015

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, 2014. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2014 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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STATEMENT C

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,707,492	\$ 146,172	\$ 3,853,664
Investments	784,426	898,390	1,682,816
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	737,272	-	737,272
Liens	286,497	-	286,497
Notes	-	203,631	203,631
Other	-	-	-
Prepaid expenses	155,348	-	155,348
Tax acquired property	2,331	-	2,331
Due from other funds	44,012	789,789	833,801
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,717,378	\$ 2,037,982	\$ 7,755,360
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 77,483	\$ -	\$ 77,483
Payroll related payables	18,172	-	18,172
Accrued expenses	71,857	-	71,857
Due to other governments	1,745	-	1,745
Due to other funds	3,071,895	44,012	3,115,907
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,241,152	44,012	3,285,164
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	2,201	-	2,201
Deferred revenue	79,162	-	79,162
Deferred tax revenues	802,995	-	802,995
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	884,358	-	884,358
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	157,679	-	157,679
Restricted	-	1,530,720	1,530,720
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	-	347,604	347,604
Unassigned	1,434,189	115,646	1,549,835
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,591,868	1,993,970	3,585,838
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 5,717,378	\$ 2,037,982	\$ 7,755,360

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STATEMENT D

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 7,907,722	\$ -	\$ 7,907,722
Excise taxes	865,028	-	865,028
Intergovernmental	679,588	-	679,588
Miscellaneous revenues	224,904	390,339	615,243
TOTAL REVENUES	9,677,242	390,339	10,067,581
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	788,307	-	788,307
Public safety	1,855,355	-	1,855,355
Health and welfare	25,579	-	25,579
Recreation and culture	318,837	-	318,837
Education	4,163,362	-	4,163,362
Public works	1,682,593	-	1,682,593
County tax	470,247	-	470,247
Community services	160,905	-	160,905
Unclassified	136,336	355,344	491,680
Debt service:			
Principal	189,171	-	189,171
Interest	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,790,692	355,344	10,146,036
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(113,450)	34,995	(78,455)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers in	80,999	195,464	276,463
Operating transfers (out)	(195,464)	(80,999)	(276,463)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(114,465)	114,465	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(227,915)	149,460	(78,455)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	1,819,783	1,844,510	3,664,293
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 1,591,868	\$ 1,993,970	\$ 3,585,838

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SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 1,819,783	\$ 1,819,783	\$ 1,819,783	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	7,965,674	7,965,674	7,907,722	(57,952)
Excise taxes	824,500	824,500	865,028	40,528
Intergovernmental	759,637	759,637	679,588	(80,049)
Miscellaneous revenues	190,600	190,600	224,904	34,304
Transfers from other funds	15,000	80,999	80,999	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>11,575,194</u>	<u>11,641,193</u>	<u>11,578,024</u>	<u>(63,169)</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	837,813	813,463	788,307	25,156
Public safety	1,976,736	1,938,525	1,855,355	83,170
Health and welfare	23,000	23,000	25,579	(2,579)
Recreation and culture	332,176	330,676	318,837	11,839
Education	4,163,362	4,163,362	4,163,362	-
Public works	1,429,535	1,491,534	1,682,593	(191,059)
County tax	467,370	467,370	470,247	(2,877)
Community services	158,639	158,639	160,905	(2,266)
Unclassified	80,964	80,964	136,336	(55,372)
Debt service:				
Principal	158,413	158,413	189,171	(30,758)
Interest	-	-	-	-
Transfers to other funds	127,403	195,464	195,464	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>9,755,411</u>	<u>9,821,410</u>	<u>9,986,156</u>	<u>(164,746)</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 1,819,783</u>	<u>\$ 1,819,783</u>	<u>\$ 1,591,868</u>	<u>\$ (227,915)</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<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, 2014

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General government:					
Administration	\$ 235,533	\$ -	\$ 235,533	\$ 226,425	\$ 9,108
Assessor	126,604	(10,000)	116,604	113,385	3,219
Clerk Treasurer	235,225	-	235,225	234,797	428
Municipal building	81,421	(13,550)	67,871	59,721	8,150
CEO	152,530	-	152,530	149,799	2,731
Committees	6,500	(800)	5,700	4,180	1,520
	<u>837,813</u>	<u>(24,350)</u>	<u>813,463</u>	<u>788,307</u>	<u>25,156</u>
Public safety:					
Police department	1,193,565	(14,000)	1,179,565	1,136,009	43,556
Fire department	380,055	(24,211)	355,844	322,542	33,302
Hydrants	276,378	-	276,378	271,256	5,122
Street lights	72,000	-	72,000	70,238	1,762
Traffic lights	5,000	-	5,000	5,572	(572)
Ambulance	49,738	-	49,738	49,738	-
	<u>1,976,736</u>	<u>(38,211)</u>	<u>1,938,525</u>	<u>1,855,355</u>	<u>83,170</u>
Health and welfare:					
General assistance	23,000	-	23,000	25,579	(2,579)
	<u>23,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>25,579</u>	<u>(2,579)</u>
Recreation and culture:					
Parks and recreation	153,002	(1,500)	151,502	150,516	986
Community center	105,881	-	105,881	103,069	2,812
Cemeteries	73,293	-	73,293	65,252	8,041
	<u>332,176</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>	<u>330,676</u>	<u>318,837</u>	<u>11,839</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Education	4,163,362	-	4,163,362	4,163,362	-
Public works:					
Highway department	1,053,087	-	1,053,087	1,247,981	(194,894)
Recycling department	70,448	(4,000)	66,448	64,513	1,935
Sandy river recycling	-	-	-	-	-
Local roads	306,000	65,999	371,999	370,099	1,900
	1,429,535	61,999	1,491,534	1,682,593	(191,059)
County tax	467,370	-	467,370	470,247	(2,877)
Debt service:					
Principal	158,413	-	158,413	189,171	(30,758)
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
	158,413	-	158,413	189,171	(30,758)
Community services:					
Animal shelter	13,968	-	13,968	14,418	(450)
Public library	143,771	-	143,771	143,771	-
Safe voices	-	-	-	-	-
Red cross	-	-	-	-	-
Snow clubs	-	-	-	764	(764)
Shiretown	-	-	-	1,052	(1,052)
Gay cemetery	900	-	900	900	-
	158,639	-	158,639	160,905	(2,266)

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified:					
Insurances	76,000	-	76,000	62,771	13,229
Tan interest	3,000	-	3,000	-	3,000
Overlay	1,964	-	1,964	73,565	(71,601)
	<u>80,964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,964</u>	<u>136,336</u>	<u>(55,372)</u>
Transfers to other funds:					
Reserve funds	-	68,061	68,061	68,061	-
TIF	101,903	-	101,903	101,903	-
Legal reserve	18,000	-	18,000	18,000	-
ADA	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Public works	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
	<u>127,403</u>	<u>68,061</u>	<u>195,464</u>	<u>195,464</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 9,755,411</u>	<u>\$ 65,999</u>	<u>\$ 9,821,410</u>	<u>\$ 9,986,156</u>	<u>\$ (164,746)</u>

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Special Revenues	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 146,172	\$ -	\$ 146,172
Investments	-	898,390	898,390
Notes receivable	203,631	-	203,631
Due from other funds	789,789	-	789,789
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,139,592</u>	<u>\$ 898,390</u>	<u>\$ 2,037,982</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	31,682	12,330	44,012
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>31,682</u>	<u>12,330</u>	<u>44,012</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted	644,660	886,060	1,530,720
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	347,604	-	347,604
Unassigned	115,646	-	115,646
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,107,910</u>	<u>886,060</u>	<u>1,993,970</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,139,592</u>	<u>\$ 898,390</u>	<u>\$ 2,037,982</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, 2014

	Special Revenues	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/ (losses)	\$ 337,028	\$ -	\$ 337,028
Interest income	-	53,311	53,311
Intergovernmental	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>337,028</u>	<u>53,311</u>	<u>390,339</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Other	345,761	9,583	355,344
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>345,761</u>	<u>9,583</u>	<u>355,344</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(8,733)</u>	<u>43,728</u>	<u>34,995</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers in	195,464	-	195,464
Operating transfers (out)	(65,999)	(15,000)	(80,999)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>129,465</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>114,465</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	120,732	28,728	149,460
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1	<u>987,178</u>	<u>857,332</u>	<u>1,844,510</u>
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 1,107,910</u>	<u>\$ 886,060</u>	<u>\$ 1,993,970</u>

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

**2015 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-THIRD DAY OF MARCH, 2015, at 8:45 o'clock in the morning to act upon Articles 1 and 2. The polls will open at 9:00 o'clock in the morning and close at 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 TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF MARCH, 2015 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. 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 2015, to reduce the taxes committed, in the amount of \$1,664,581.

FOURTH - To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with 30-A M.R.S. section 5721-A.7, to increase the property tax levy limit of \$3,583,303 established for Farmington by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following Articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The budget that is presented below exceeds the 2015

property tax limit. This is due to a number of factors, including increases in the cost of materials, public works and public safety operations, and capital improvements to roads. 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 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$711,283	\$689,081
Selectmen Recommended	711,283	689,081
Budget Committee Recommended	711,283	689,081
Town Meeting Approved	711,283	

STATEMENT OF FACT:

	Appropriated <u>2014</u>	Requested <u>2015</u>	Selectmen and Budget Committee <u>Recommended</u>
1. Administration	\$235,533	\$241,946	\$241,946
2. Assessor	126,604	79,500	79,500
3. Treasurer / Clerk	235,225	242,884	242,884
4. Committees & Events	6,500	6,800	6,800
5. Municipal Building	81,421	87,951	87,951
6. Tax Anticipation Note	3,000	5,000	5,000
7. General Assistance	<u>23,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL	\$711,283	\$689,081	\$689,081

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 1.55% pay increase for employees, based upon the average of the Consumer Price Index from October 1 to September 30, and one half of a 7% 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 consists of a part-time contracted Assessor provided by John E. O'Donnell & Associates and a 20-hour per week in-house assistant position. Changes in this budget include 1.55% pay increases and half of a 7% health insurance increase for the Assessor. This budget includes \$10,000 for the Revaluation Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$63,596.74.

The Treasurer/Clerk Budget includes pay increases of 1.55% and half of health insurance premium increases of 7%.

Committees and Events includes Memorial Day Flags (\$2,700), Planning Board (\$800), Conservation Commission (\$800), and Special Projects (\$2,500) 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 funding for parking lot sealing...

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 2014 appropriation was \$23,000. Expenditures totaled \$25,578.97 for the year, and are likely to increase in 2015 due to changes in eligibility for certain state assistance programs. Half of this expenditure is currently reimbursed by the state, and accrues to the General Fund.

SIXTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CODE ENFORCEMENT** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$152,530	\$151,166
Selectmen Recommended	152,530	151,166
Budget Committee Recommended	152,530	151,166
Town Meeting Approved	152,530	

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 1.55% pay increases and half of a 7% increase in health insurance premiums.

SEVENTH - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Unassigned Fund Balance a sum not to exceed \$10,000 for the purpose of demolishing and disposing of the dilapidated structure located at 1158 Farmington Falls Road, Map U1 Lot 10 of the Town of Farmington Tax Maps, said amount plus attorney's fees and court costs to be recovered through a court order and, failing that, a special tax assessed on the subject property pursuant to 17 M.R.S. §2853.

STATEMENT OF FACT: In response to a complaint signed by nine nearby residents that was received on November 21, 2013, the Town initiated enforcement action against the owner of this neglected property. With no response from or mitigation action taken by the owner after required notification, the Town subsequently obtained Default and

Summary Judgment from Justice Nancy Mills in Franklin County Superior Court on December 17, 2014. The Judge Ordered the owner to repair or demolish/dispose the subject structure by March 17, 2015, granting the Town thereafter the right to demolish/dispose the subject structure and recoup all expenses from owner.

EIGHTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **POLICE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,193,565	\$1,245,337
Selectmen Recommended	1,193,565	1,245,337
Budget Committee Recommended	1,193,565	1,245,337
Town Meeting Approved	1,193,565	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Police Department budget includes 1.55% pay increases, negotiated contract obligations, and half of a 7% increase in health insurance costs. Also included are expenses related to building operation and maintenance.

NINTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$380,055	\$401,513
Selectmen Recommended	380,055	401,513
Budget Committee Recommended	380,055	401,513
Town Meeting Approved	380,055	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Fire Department's request includes a 1.55% increase in stipends, wages, and salaries and half of a 7% increase in health insurance premiums for the Chief, who is the only full-time member. The request also includes three per Diem firefighters for eight hours weekdays and two per Diem firefighters for eight hours on weekends. Also included is a \$36,306 appropriation to the Fire Equipment Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$51,818.89.

TENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **OTHER PROTECTIONS** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$479,116	\$472,833
Selectmen Recommended	479,116	472,833
Budget Committee Recommended	479,116	472,833
Town Meeting Approved	479,116	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
1. Street Lights	\$ 72,000	\$ 72,000
2. Fire Hydrants	276,378	276,378
3. Insurances	76,000	68,000
4. Ambulance	49,738	50,455
5. Traffic Light Maintenance	<u>5,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL	\$479,116	\$472,833

The Street Light budget is based on 2014 expenditures and expected 2015 costs. The cost of Fire Hydrants is governed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission, and is based on a percentage of the Water Company's total operating expenses. The Insurance category is decreased by \$8,000 because coverages were re-bid in 2014 for a three year contract. 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 2014 actual expenditures and 2015 projected costs.

ELEVENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PARKS AND RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER DEPARTMENTS** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$258,883	\$264,951
Selectmen Recommended	258,883	264,951
Budget Committee Recommended	258,883	264,951
Town Meeting Approved	258,883	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2015</u>
Parks and Recreation	\$153,002	\$152,740	\$152,740
Community Center	<u>105,881</u>	<u>112,211</u>	<u>112,211</u>
TOTAL	\$258,883	\$264,951	\$264,951

The Parks and Recreation Budget includes operational expenses for all recreational activities, including personnel costs for twelve part-time seasonal employees and stipends for seven program directors and coaches. Changes include a 1.55% pay increase and half of a 7% increase in health insurance costs for the Director. The Community Center budget includes personnel costs for one full-time Assistant Director and one part-time custodian.

TWELFTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,053,087	\$1,238,583
Selectmen Recommended	1,053,087	1,238,583
Budget Committee Recommended	1,053,087	1,238,583
Town Meeting Approved	1,053,087	

STATEMENT OF FACT: 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 16). This budget covers the personnel costs for ten full-time employees. Included are 1.55% pay increases and half of a 7% increase in health insurance premiums.

THIRTEENTH - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Unassigned Fund Balance a sum not to exceed \$300,000 for the purpose of replacing the failing drainage pipe running from Front Street beneath Prescott Field in a southwesterly direction to the Sandy River.

STATEMENT OF FACT: On August 13, 2014, a large sinkhole appeared in the southbound travel lane at 168 Front Street. The cause has been attributed to the failure of the drainage pipe which runs under Prescott Field to the river. Inspection has revealed extensive deterioration of the pipe, which is allowing infiltration of sand and debris. The pipe carries all of the drainage from a large section of the downtown, including some of the streets north of Broadway, Broadway itself, and parts of Main Street. The Town has determined that the pipe will need to be replaced. This Article seeks an appropriation from the Unassigned Fund Balance to replace the pipe in a new, more northerly location, which will result in a shorter run and greater pitch. The Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) currently stands at \$1,434,189. The auditors recommend carrying a UFB level that is adequate to cover two month's expenditures, which is approximately \$2,129,752. Approval of this Article could lower the UFB to \$1,134,189, which is \$995,563 below the Auditor's recommended minimum level.

FOURTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **RECYCLING DEPARTMENT** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$70,448	\$72,138
Selectmen Recommended	70,448	72,138
Budget Committee Recommended	70,448	72,138
Town Meeting Approved	70,448	

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

FIFTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CEMETERIES** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$73,293	\$73,478
Selectmen Recommended	73,293	73,478
Budget Committee Recommended	73,293	73,478
Town Meeting Approved	73,293	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The 2015 request represents the amount needed to maintain the cemeteries in the current year. Included are 1.55% pay raises for cemetery personnel. The amount requested will be offset by cemetery fees estimated at \$17,645 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 \$158,324 for the year 2015, and to authorize the expenditure of said funds for road improvements.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$173,000	\$158,324
Selectmen Recommended	173,000	158,324
Budget Committee Recommended	173,000	158,324
Town Meeting Approved	173,000	

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 2015 funding. This allocation is used for capital improvements to Town roads.

SEVENTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR ROADS** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$133,000	\$233,000
Selectmen Recommended	133,000	150,000
Budget Committee Recommended	133,000	150,000
Town Meeting Approved	133,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount requested represents the amount that is needed, over and above the \$158,324 appropriation in the preceding Article, to fully fund the third year of a five-year Capital Improvement Program for road rehabilitation. Roads to be repaired in 2015 are a portion of Porter Hill Road, outer Bailey Hill Road, and a section of Route 43 (Clay Hill) in West Farmington. Also included is final surfacing for Morrison Hill Road, which was rebuilt in 2014. Roads planned for repair in 2016 are the

continuation of Porter Hill Road, Mohawk Drive, Seminole Drive, Shawnee Drive, Prescott Street, North Street, and Middle Street from Mount Blue Middle School to Route 43. Planned for repair in 2017 is Titcomb Hill Road. Additional projects will be reviewed and prioritized for 2018 and beyond.

EIGHTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PUBLIC WORKS RESERVE** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$5,000	\$5,000
Selectmen Recommended	5,000	5,000
Budget Committee Recommended	5,000	5,000
Town Meeting Approved	5,000	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Public Works Reserve Account was established several years ago for use in planning and building the Town Garage, which was constructed in 2002. The current balance in the account is \$50,160.90. The amount requested for 2015 will be added to the balance and held in reserve for future garage-related expenses.

NINETEENTH - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$166,248.37 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to cover an overdraft in the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** account.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Public Works account was overdrawn by \$166,248.37 (approximately 15.8%) at December 31, 2014. The overdraft resulted from numerous contingencies, including overtime expenses, fuel, and extra road salt purchases that were necessary as a result of the numerous early season snow and ice storms and unanticipated road repairs following several heavy summer rain storms. This Article authorizes the transfer of unassigned funds to cover the overdraft. Because of the unpredictable, weather-influenced nature of Public Works operations, state statute allows the municipal officers to authorize an overdraft of up to 15% of budget. Such overdrafts, however, must be ratified by Town Meeting vote.

TWENTIETH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **DEBT SERVICE** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$158,413	\$155,170
Selectmen Recommended	158,413	155,170
Budget Committee Recommended	158,413	155,170
Town Meeting Approved	158,413	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated <u>2014</u>	Requested <u>2015</u>	Recommended <u>2015</u>
Municipal Garage Debt	\$58,395	\$57,880	\$57,880
Fire Truck Debt	50,789	49,335	49,335
Police Building Debt	<u>49,229</u>	<u>47,955</u>	<u>47,955</u>
TOTAL	\$158,413	\$155,170	\$155,170

The amount indicated in this Article represents the debt service (principal and interest) for bonds for the municipal garage, the 2007 fire truck, and the new police station renovations. The garage debt will be retired in 2022, the fire truck debt in 2016, and the police building debt in 2027.

TWENTY-FIRST - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **LEGAL RESERVE ACCOUNT** for the purpose of funding costs associated with actual or potential litigation for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$18,000	\$15,000
Selectmen Recommended	18,000	15,000
Budget Committee Recommended	18,000	15,000
Town Meeting Approved	18,000	

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, 2014 was \$14,625.91. The amount shown is requested in order to achieve a target balance of approximately \$30,000 for legal expenses this year.

TWENTY-SECOND - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) RESERVE ACCOUNT** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$2,500	\$1,000
Selectmen Recommended	2,500	1,000
Budget Committee Recommended	2,500	1,000
Town Meeting Approved	2,500	

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 \$8,849.58

TWENTY-THIRD - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FARMINGTON LIBRARY** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$138,771	\$146,666
Selectmen Recommended	135,938	138,666
Budget Committee Recommended	143,771	143,771
Town Meeting Approved	143,771	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount requested represents a portion of personnel costs for the library staff. The Selectmen recommend an amount that is \$8,000 less than the Library has requested. They feel that some reductions could be made in the areas of personnel compensation, heating oil use, supplies, and capital improvements. The Budget Committee, however, feels the library should be flat-funded at the amount appropriated in 2014 and not be reduced.

TWENTY-FOURTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **GAY CEMETERY** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$900	\$900
Selectmen Recommended	900	900
Budget Committee Recommended	900	900
Town Meeting Approved	900	

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

TWENTY-FIFTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER** for the year 2015.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	\$13,968	\$14,744
Selectmen Recommended	13,968	14,744
Budget Committee Recommended	13,968	14,744
Town Meeting Approved	13,968	

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. Effective July 1, 2015, the shelter will assess all participating communities at \$2.00 per capita.

TWENTY-SIXTH - 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 on the basis of mileage of trails each maintains in Farmington.

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH - 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-EIGHTH - 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 2015 budget in an effort 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 2014 budget year is approximately \$1,434,189. The auditors recommend carrying a minimum UFB level that is adequate to cover two months' expenditures, which is approximately \$2,129,752. 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 2015 Bee Line Cable Contract Franchise Fee and equipment and facilities fund the Town will vote to appropriate for the **CABLE FRANCHISE FEE RESERVE FUND** for the benefit of Bee Line Cable subscribers, to be expended or allocated at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Amount Requested	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Selectmen Recommended	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Budget Committee Recommended	Full Franchise Fee	Full Franchise Fee
Town Meeting Approved	Full Franchise Fee	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Cable Television Franchise granted to Bee Line, Inc. by the Town of Farmington requires Bee Line to pay the Town 5% of its gross annual revenues as compensation for the rights and privileges granted by the Agreement. In 2014, that amount was \$47,533.80. This payment is used to support the operations of

the Public, Educational, and Governmental channel, Mount Blue TV (Channel 11). The Franchise Agreement also allows for a \$5,000 annual payment for Mount Blue TV's equipment and facilities. The full franchise fee for 2015 is expected to be an amount similar to that received in 2014.

THIRTIETH - To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes due and payable on Monday, November 2, 2015 and, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 505(4), charge interest on overdue taxes at the rate of 7.00% per annum after November 2, 2015.

THIRTY-FIRST - To see if the Town will vote to pay interest on tax refunds at the rate of 7.00% per annum after Monday, November 2, 2015.

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, USDA Rural Development 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 2015 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2016 until the Town Meeting in March, 2016.

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, tax assessing, solid waste disposal, equipment purchasing, leasing and maintenance, and collective bargaining agreements.

THIRTY-NINTH - Shall the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan, current version adopted March 13, 2006, be amended to incorporate revisions drafted in 2014.

(Copies of the Plan and a synopsis of same are available in advance at the Municipal Building and will be available at the Community Center during the Town Meeting.)

STATEMENT OF FACT: Using the 2010 Census and other data, all of the informational sections of the ordinance have been updated, and the Plan has been formatted to maintain consistency with State requirements.

FORTIETH - Shall an ordinance entitled the "The Town of Farmington Fire & Life-Safety Ordinance" be enacted.

(Copies of the "The Town of Farmington Fire & Life-Safety Ordinance" are available in advance at the Municipal Building and at the Community Center during Town Meeting.)

STATEMENT OF FACT: "The Town of Farmington Fire & Life-Safety Ordinance" will enable the Town to more directly and effectively administer and enforce the NFPA-1 (Fire) and NFPA-101 (Life-Safety) Codes. Both these Codes have been the State-wide

adopted standard for fire and life-safety for many years, and local adoption will provide more rigorous enforcement when such is necessary. The Fire Rescue and Code Departments are already familiar with these codes from past and present use as the standards for corrective and enforcement actions.

FORTY-FIRST - Shall an ordinance entitled the "The Town of Farmington Building Permit Ordinance" be enacted.

(Copies of the "The Town of Farmington Building Permit Ordinance" are available in advance at the Municipal Building and at the Community Center during Town Meeting.)

STATEMENT OF FACT: "The Town of Farmington Building Permit Ordinance" will enable the Town to more effectively maintain complete, accurate, and permanent records of building activity within the municipality, and to promote public health and safety. These records will be relied on extensively by three departments - Code, Assessing, and Fire-Rescue. The Town for years has been collecting such information through the Project Registration (Code) and Project Notification (Assessing) forms, and this ordinance will strengthen this activity under one system for data collection.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Community Center on March 23, 2015 at the time of the meeting to add new names to the voting list or make changes to the voting list.

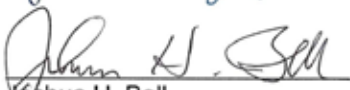
Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk intends to begin the process of casting absentee ballots at 2:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Town Meeting day.

Given under our hands at Farmington, Maine this twenty-fourth day of February, A.D. 2015.

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN


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Leanne E. Pinkham

OFFICER'S RETURN

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Farmington of the time and place of the Town Meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at the **FARMINGTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING** at _____; at the **WEST FARMINGTON POST OFFICE** at _____; at the **FARMINGTON POST OFFICE** at _____; at the **FARMINGTON FALLS POST OFFICE** at _____; and at the **FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER** at _____, all being conspicuous public places within the Town of Farmington on March ____, 2015, which is a least 7 days prior to the day of said meeting.

Dated at Farmington, Maine this ____ day of March 2015.

S. Clyde Ross
Resident of Farmington
True copy:

Leanne E. Pinkham
Town Clerk

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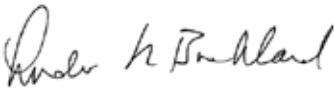
Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you, the people of Farmington, for selecting me to serve you in the 127th Maine House of Representatives. It is truly an honor and privilege to represent the people of this community. The New Year has started strong in the State House, and at time of writing, the legislature will be considering close to 1,900 bills for the first session. During this time, I will be serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. This committee is tasked with the review and initial consideration of bills regarding air and water quality, natural resource protection, and general environmental policy, including oversight of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Please feel free to visit the Legislature's web site, www.maine.gov/legis, to directly monitor legislative proceedings and obtain information about State Government at all levels.

As a Representative, I am your voice in Augusta. It is my hope that I can be a resource to each town, business, school and individual in our district in assisting you with state matters. Please call me anytime at 287-1470, or email at Andrew.Buckland@legislature.maine.gov to keep me updated on any concerns you might have. If you would like to be added to my weekly email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Sincerely,



Andrew Buckland
State Representative



Annual Report to Farmington
A Message from Senator Thomas Saviello

January 2015

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

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

I am proud of the results of the 126th Legislature, which worked hard to increase the availability of mental health services, pay off the debt our state owed our hospitals, and improve Maine's economic climate in a constrained fiscal environment. I am especially pleased that we were able to preserve many valuable gains made during the 125th Legislature. My fellow legislators and I have a great deal to accomplish when the 127th Legislature reconvenes in January. The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so it is our responsibility and my solemn promise to work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. Growing our economy and increasing the number of jobs available to Mainers will be a challenge, but I am confident that our ongoing commitment to addressing our outrageous energy costs and the needs of our aging population will continue to move our state in the right direction.

Private sector gains remain the best vehicle to spur robust economic growth, and I am focused on ensuring that traditional industries and small businesses have their needs met so Maine will continue to create jobs. In the same sense, innovation is critical to providing a path forward for Maine's economy – and my colleagues and I are excited to encourage the ideas of entrepreneurial minds young and old.

Another essential component of a robust economy is efficiency in allocating the state government's scarce resources, and I was elected because I will be an attentive steward of your tax dollars. Unfortunately, Maine's current distribution of benefits from our welfare system is not helping the folks who need these benefits most. In order to help our truly needy survive and get back on their feet, I will work with my fellow legislators to protect our state's vulnerable citizens while fighting fraud, waste, and abuse in Maine's welfare system. In short, we must reform welfare.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. I look forward to working with you over the next two years. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I would be happy to assist in any way that I can. I can be reached in Augusta at 287-1505 or by e-mail at drtom16@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Thomas Saviello
Maine State Senator

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Dear Friends,

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate in January of 2013. First off, I want to make sure you know how to reach my offices, as I welcome your thoughts, questions, or concerns. You can call our toll-free, in-state line at **1-800-432-1599**. In addition, our local numbers are as follows: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, and Washington D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also provide your input on our website at www.king.senate.gov.

Maine is a large state; I know that traveling to our offices can present logistical and financial challenges, which is why our team implemented an outreach program, **Your Government Your Neighborhood**. My staff has been traveling to communities throughout the state for two years now, hosting office hours for local residents. Since we began, we have made over 400 trips and plan to increase that throughout 2015.

If we haven't yet been to your town office, community library, or school, or hosted an information table at a local non-profit, please let us know!


My work in Washington this year has been broad reaching, and I am committed to continue this work in a transparent and nonpartisan manner.

My projects have included:

- Overseeing national security and defense issues from ISIS to cybersecurity
- Continuing efforts to simplify student loans and make higher education more affordable
- Easing the regulatory burdens facing Maine businesses, farms, and schools
- Co-sponsoring budget initiatives for a smarter economic direction
- Supporting vital infrastructure and highway investments
- Tackling climate change mitigation and its long-term impacts
- Ensuring financial transparency in politics through campaign finance reform
- Promoting the growth of rural internet access
- Co-sponsoring legislation to help working families get paid leave to care for loved ones

I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity to serve you and will keep you informed of my activities in Maine and Washington.

Sincerely,



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Phone: (207) 778-6538 FAX: (207) 778-5871 TTY: (207) 778-5873

Website: www.farmington-maine.org

Recycling Facility Hours:

Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS	9-1-1
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/JOHN E. O'DONNELL & ASSOC.	778-6530
VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	778-6539
TAX/SEWER INQUIRIES	778-6539
CODE ENFORCEMENT	778-5874
RECYCLING FACILITY / TRANSFER STATION	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
PUBLIC MEMORIAL LIBRARY	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.

Historic Homes of Farmington

Many of Farmington's settlers connected their ells and barns to the main house. Farmington was fortunate to have many talented carpenters and masons, which contributed to the wide variety of architectural styles seen today throughout the town.



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