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2017 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-SEVENTH DAY OF MARCH, 2017, 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-SEVENTH DAY OF MARCH, 2017 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 37, 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, two (2) Selectmen and two (2) School Directors, each 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 2017, to reduce the taxes committed, in the amount of \$1,812,880.

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 \$3,786,990 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 recommended by the Selectmen exceeds the 2017 property tax limit by \$3,771. Because the Town Meeting process is active, interactive, and unpredictable, the Selectmen cannot know with certainty whether the

municipal budget being proposed will be increased or decreased by the Town Meeting. Therefore, it is advisable to include this Article if there is any chance that the Town Meeting will raise and appropriate sums in excess of the property tax levy limit. It is also possible that unanticipated reductions in non-property tax revenues will result in a tax commitment that exceeds the limit. In such cases, State law requires voter action to authorize an increase in the limit. A vote on this Article requires a written ballot.

FIFTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION** for the year 2017.

| Sele Buc | ount Requested ectmen Recommended Iget Committee Recomm vn Meeting Approved | nended | <u>2016</u> \$725,621 725,621 725,621 725,621 | <u>2017</u> \$706,130 706,130 706,130 |
|-------------|--|---------------|---|--|
| STATEME | NT OF FACT: | | | Selectmen and |
| | | Appropriated | Requested | Budget Committee |
| | | <u>2016</u> | 2017 | Recommended |
| 1. | Administration | \$240,052 | \$248,202 | \$248,202 |
| 2. | Assessor | 97,784 | 81,634 | 81,634 |
| 3. | Treasurer / Clerk | 253,665 | 245,274 | 245,274 |
| 4. | Committees & Events | 6,800 | 6,800 | 6,800 |
| 5. | Municipal Building | 97,320 | 94,220 | 94,220 |
| 6. | Tax Anticipation Note | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 7. | General Assistance | <u>25,000</u> | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| | TOTAL | \$725,621 | \$706,130 | \$706,130 |

The <u>Administration Budget</u> includes personnel costs for the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Town Secretary and one half of the Planning Assistant, related office supply and equipment costs, and expenses for professional services such as the Town Report printing, annual audit, public notice advertising, and routine legal services. Included are 0.6% pay increases for 2017 and a \$200 increase in each Selectman's stipend. The Town pays 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for full time employees in this Department.

The <u>Assessor's</u> Department consists of a part-time contracted Assessor provided by John E. O'Donnell & Associates and a 20-hour per week in-house assistant position. Also included is \$10,000 for the Revaluation Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$83,596.74.

The <u>Treasurer/Clerk</u> Budget includes pay increases of 0.6%.

<u>Committees and Events</u> 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 special projects, promotions, or events deemed appropriate.

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

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

The <u>General Assistance</u> program provides for the basic needs of persons who apply and qualify financially. The 2016 appropriation was \$25,000. Expenditures totaled \$23,890.15 for the year, and are likely to increase in 2017 due to increasing demand. Seventy percent of this expenditure is now 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 2017.

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$150,561 | \$139,187 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 150,561 | 139,187 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 150,561 | 139,187 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 150,561 | |

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 0.6% pay increases for 2017. The Town pays 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for employees in this Department.

SEVENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **POLICE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2017.

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$1,214,550 | \$1,244,941 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 1,214,550 | 1,244,941 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 1,214,550 | 1,244,941 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 1,214,550 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Police Department budget includes 1% pay increases and negotiated contract obligations for union members. Management employees receive 0.6% pay increases for 2017. The Town pays 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for employees in this Department. Also included are expenses related to building operation and

maintenance.

EIGHTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2017.

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$434,492 | \$516,057 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 401,513 | 516,057 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 434,492 | 516,057 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 434,492 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Fire Department's request includes 0.6% pay increases for 2017. The Town pays 80% of the employee portion and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for full-time members. Also included is a \$75,000 appropriation to the Fire Equipment Reserve Account, the balance of which is currently \$116,052.

NINTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **OTHER PROTECTIONS** for the year 2017.

| | | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Amount Requeste | ed | \$497,152 | \$498,494 |
| Selectmen Recor | nmended | 497,152 | 498,494 |
| Budget Committe | e Recommended | 497,152 | 498,494 |
| Town Meeting Ap | proved | 497,152 | |
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| STATEMENT OF FACT: | | Appropriated | Requested |
| | | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
| 1. Street Lights | | \$ 87,500 | \$ 85,000 |
| Fire Hydrants | | 276,378 | 276,378 |
| 3. Insurances | | 72,000 | 80,000 |
| 4. Ambulance | | 51,274 | 47,114 |
| Traffic Light M | laintenance | <u>10,000</u> | <u>10,000</u> |
| TOTAL | | \$497,152 | \$498,494 |

The <u>Street Light</u> budget shows a slight decrease based on anticipated expenses. The cost of <u>Fire Hydrants</u> is governed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission, and is based on a percentage of the Water Company's total operating expenses. The <u>Insurance</u> category is based on anticipated premium costs in 2017. Included are employee cash handling bonds, blanket property and automobile coverages, public officials' liability, and unemployment insurance. The <u>Ambulance</u> subsidy is established by contractual agreement with NorthStar Ambulance. The <u>Traffic Light Maintenance</u> budget is based on 2016 actual expenditures and 2017 projected costs.

TENTH - 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 2017.

| | | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Amount Requested | 9 | \$272,146 | \$279,769 |
| Selectmen Recommended | | 272,146 | 279,769 |
| Budget Committee Recomn | nended | 272,146 | 279,769 |
| Town Meeting Approved | | 272,146 | |
| STATEMENT OF FACT: | Appropriated | Requested | Recommended |
| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2017</u> |
| Parks and Recreation | \$155,640 | \$163,227 | \$163,227 |
| Community Center | <u>116,506</u> | <u>116,542</u> | <u>116,542</u> |
| TOTAL | \$272,146 | \$279,769 | \$279,769 |
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The Parks and Recreation Budget includes operating expenses for all recreational activities, including personnel costs for part-time seasonal positions, program directors and coaches. Also included is 80% of the employee portion and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium for the Director. The Community Center budget includes personnel costs for one full-time Assistant Director and one part-time custodian. Included are 0.6% pay increases for 2017.

ELEVENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** for the year 2017.

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$1,249,537 | \$1,330,734 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 1,249,537 | 1,330,734 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 1,249,537 | 1,330,734 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 1,249,537 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The <u>Public Works Department</u> budget covers the operational expenses required for maintaining and improving the Town's 120 miles of roads. Additional funding for road capital improvements is received from the State (see Article 15). This budget covers the personnel costs for ten full-time employees. Included are 0.6% pay increases and 80% of the employee premium and 55% of the dependent portion of the health insurance premium.

TWELFTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **RECYCLING DEPARTMENT** for the year 2017.

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$68,838 | \$76,658 |

| Selectmen Recommended | 68,838 | 76,658 |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Budget Committee Recommended | 68,838 | 76,658 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 68,838 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: This budget covers all operating expenses for the transfer station, including personnel costs for two part-time employees. This budget is offset by approximately \$26,000 of revenue that accrues to the General Fund.

THIRTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CEMETERIES** for the year 2017.

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$77,511 | \$86,643 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 77,511 | 86,643 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 77,511 | 86,643 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 77,511 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The 2017 request represents the amount needed to maintain the cemeteries in the current year. Included are 0.6% pay raises for cemetery personnel. The amount requested is offset by cemetery fees estimated at \$17,000 and trust fund earnings estimated at \$15,000.

FOURTEENTH - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate State of Maine Local Road Assistance Program (LORAP) funds in the amount of \$158,780 for the year 2017, and to authorize the expenditure of said funds for road improvements.

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$158,780 | \$158,780 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 158,780 | 158,780 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 158,780 | 158,780 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 158,780 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The figure shown in this Article is the amount the Town is projected to receive from the Maine Department of Transportation for 2017 funding. This allocation is used for capital improvements to Town roads.

FIFTEENTH - 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 2017.

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$233,000 | \$270,736 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 233,000 | 270,736 |

| Budget Committee Recommended | 233,000 | 270,736 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Town Meeting Approved | 233,000 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount requested represents the amount that is needed, over and above the \$158,780 appropriation in the preceding Article, to fully fund the fifth year of a five-year Capital Improvement Program for road rehabilitation. Planned for 2017 is the first year of a two year reconstruction project on Anson Street / Titcomb Hill Road. Additional projects will be reviewed and prioritized for 2018 and beyond.

SIXTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PUBLIC WORKS RESERVE** for the year 2017.

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$5,000 | \$10,000 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| 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 \$30,519.34. The amount requested for 2017 will be added to the balance. A portion of the funds from this reserve account will be used to make necessary structural repairs to the sand/salt storage building.

SEVENTEENTH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **DEBT SERVICE** for the year 2017.

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|---------------|--|---|
| | \$151,323 | \$102,206 |
| | 151,323 | 102,206 |
| ended | 151,323 | 102,206 |
| | 151,323 | |
| Appropriated | Requested | Recommended |
| <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2017</u> |
| \$57,265 | \$56,555 | \$56,555 |
| 47,073 | 0 | 0 |
| <u>46,985</u> | <u>45,651</u> | <u>45,651</u> |
| \$151,323 | \$102,206 | \$102,206 |
| | Appropriated <u>2016</u> \$57,265 47,073 <u>46,985</u> | \$151,323 151,323 151,323 151,323 Appropriated Requested <u>2016</u> <u>2017</u> \$57,265 \$56,555 47,073 0 <u>46,985</u> <u>45,651</u> |

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

EIGHTEENTH - 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 2017.

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$15,000 | \$7,500 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 15,000 | 7,500 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 15,000 | 7,500 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 15,000 | |

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 The Legal Reserve Account provides for such unforeseen legal expenses. expenditures. The account balance as of December 31, 2016 was \$20,769.76. The amount shown is requested in order to achieve a target balance of approximately \$28,000 for legal expenses this year.

NINETEENTH - 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 2017.

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$1,000 | \$1,500 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 1,000 | 1,500 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 1,000 | 1,500 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 1,000 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The ADA Reserve Account is used to improve accessibility to public facilities for people with disabilities. It currently has a balance of \$11,350.00.

TWENTIETH - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FARMINGTON LIBRARY** for the year 2017.

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$149,500 | \$187,094 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 149,500 | 157,723 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 149,500 | 165,945 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 149,500 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount requested represents approximately 71% of the Library's total projected budget for 2017 and is a 25.1% increase over the 2016 Town appropriation. The Selectmen's recommendation shows a 5.5% increase over the 2016 appropriation, which they feel is more in keeping with the municipal budget than the requested amount. The Budget Committee's recommendation represents an 11% increase over the 2016 appropriation.

TWENTY-FIRST - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **GAY CEMETERY** for the year 2017.

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 1,000 | |

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-SECOND - 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 2017.

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount Requested | \$15,520 | \$15,520 |
| Selectmen Recommended | 15,520 | 15,520 |
| Budget Committee Recommended | 15,520 | 15,520 |
| Town Meeting Approved | 15,520 | |

STATEMENT OF FACT: The State of Maine mandates that all municipalities designate a shelter that will accept stray animals. Farmington contracts with the Franklin County Animal Shelter for this service. The shelter assesses all participating communities at \$2.00 per capita.

TWENTY-THIRD - 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, funds are distributed as follows: Shiretown Riders - 58%, Northern Lites - 21%, and New Sharon Snow Riders - 21%.

TWENTY-FOURTH - 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-FIFTH - 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 2017 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 2016 budget year is approximately \$1,793,694. The auditors recommend carrying a minimum UFB level that is adequate to cover two months' expenditures, which is approximately \$1,757,254. 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-SIXTH - To see what amount, if any, of the Year 2017 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>2016</u> | <u>2017</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 2016, that amount was \$44,955.90. 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 2017 is expected to be an amount similar to or slightly less than that received in 2016.

TWENTY-SEVENTH - To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes due and payable on Tuesday, November 1, 2017 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 1, 2017.

TWENTY-EIGHTH - To see if the Town will vote to pay interest on tax refunds at the rate of 7.00% per annum after Tuesday, November 1, 2017.

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

THIRTIETH - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the 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-FIRST - 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-SECOND - 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-THIRD - 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-FOURTH** - 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 2017 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2018 until the Town Meeting in March, 2018.

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

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

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Community Center on March 27, 2017 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-eighth day of February, A.D. 2017.

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ua H. Bell, Chairman

Stephan M. Bunker

Matthew

Andrew R. Buckland

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OFFICER'S RETURN

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Farmington of the time and place of the Town Meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at the FARMINGTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING at ; at RON'S MARKET at_____; and at the FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER at _____, all being conspicuous public places within the Town of Farmington on March _____, 2016, which is at least 7 days prior to the day of said meeting.

Dated at Farmington, Maine this _____ day of March 2017.

S. Clyde Ross Resident of Farmington True copy:

Qa AU Leanne E. Dickey

Town Clerk