Town of Farmington 2019 Annual Town Report

ADDENDUM

Due to the overwhelming health and safety issues confronting public assemblies as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the Board of Selectmen, in concurrence with the Budget Committee, has voted to **not hold** an Annual Town Meeting in the year 2020. This action is authorized by Part D, Section D-1 of Public Law, Chapter 617, LD 2167, Maine State Legislature, "An Act to Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency". This Law allows taxes to be committed to the Collector based on the prior year's budget. The revised 2020 budget total is \$6,114,616, which is \$770 less than the 2019 budget.

The election of Selectmen and School Directors prescribed by **ARTICLE SECOND** of the within Warrant, dated February 25, 2020 but not posted, will take place at the July 14, 2020 referendum.

The amounts presented in the original Articles are amended as follows:

ARTICLE THIRD – Anticipated revenues are estimated at \$2,120,200

ARTICLE SEVENTH - POLICE DEPARTMENT

Amount budgeted for the year 2020_____\$1,311,659

ARTICLE EIGHTH - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Amount budgeted for the year 2020_____\$566,550

ARTICLE NINTH - OTHER PROTECTIONS

Amount budgeted for the year 2020 \$557,037* *This is an increase of \$10,000 in the traffic signal portion of the original budget, which was necessitated by several recent traffic signal maintenance issues.

ARTICLE TENTH - PARKS AND RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Amounts budgeted for the year 2020: Parks and Recreation_____\$188,566 Community Center_____\$136,992 TOTAL___\$325,558

ARTICLES TWELFTH (Road Discontinuance) and **THIRTEENTH** (Solar Easement Agreement) will be presented at a future Town Meeting. No action can be taken on these Articles at this time.

ARTICLE EIGHTEENTH - DEBT SERVICE

Amount budgeted for the year 2020______\$97,209* *The bank has agreed to defer the first payment on the 2020 fire truck to January 2021.

ARTICLE THIRTIETH - The interest rate on overdue taxes has been established at <u>8.00</u>% per annum after Thursday, November 5, 2020.

ARTICLE THIRTY-FIRST – The interest rate on refunds of overpaid or abated taxes has been established at <u>4.00</u>% per annum after Thursday, November 5, 2020.