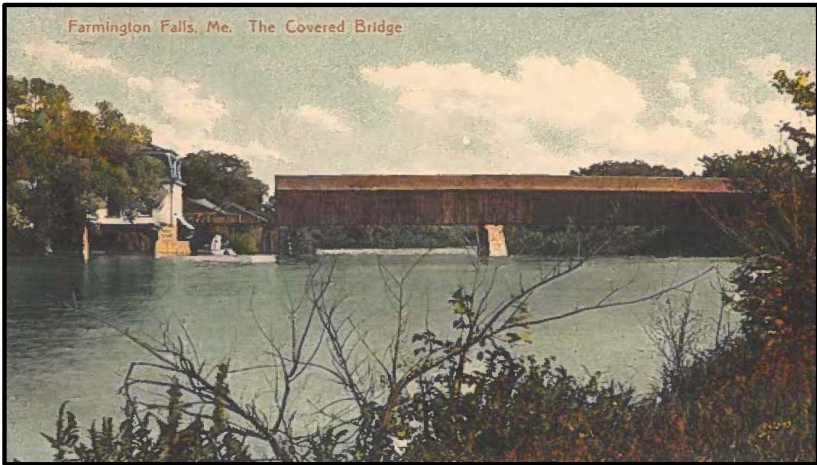


# Town of Farmington

## Farmington Falls Bridge



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# Annual Town Report 2024



# **FARMINGTON, MAINE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**



**FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING**

**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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# DEDICATION

It is with great pleasure that we  
dedicate the 2024 Annual Town Report to

*Galen L. Dalrymple*



The citizens of Farmington thank you for your tireless efforts  
and unwavering commitment to the betterment  
of the community.

Galen is a remarkable man with a strong work ethic and a big kind heart who gives selflessly to those in need.

He was born in Farmington and graduated from Mt. Blue High School in 1982. Galen earned a BA in Business/Managerial Economics at the University of Maine at Farmington, all while working at the local papermill. After graduation, Galen joined the U.S. Army and attended the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, where he met his wife Lisa - who was a Spanish Signal Intelligence Voice Interpreter. Galen was stationed in Berlin, Germany, as a Russian Signal Intelligence Analyst from 1989 – 1992, during which he witnessed the fall of the Berlin Wall. While there, he graduated Summa Cum Laude from Troy University with an MA in Public Administration.

After his military service, Galen and Lisa returned to Farmington to raise their son Zachary and daughter Victoria. He worked as a loan officer for Franklin-Somerset Federal Credit Union and then as assistant vice president at Bangor Savings Bank. Ultimately, Galen found his true calling in education, joining the Mt. Blue Regional School District as a dedicated and respected member of the educational community. He has taught special education, been an interim assistant principal, an assistant football coach and announcer at the games, and is currently the interim assistant director of the Foster Career and Technical Education Center – to name a few of the hats he has worn. Galen and Lisa have also opened their home to countless international students over the years. Mentoring and inspiring students and athletes is something Galen cares about deeply.

Galen has been involved in many community service events and organizations. He is a member of the Elks Lodge, the American Legion, and is treasurer for the Shiretown Riders Snowmobile Club. He has also served on the Farmington Board of Appeals for 24 years, many of those as Chair.

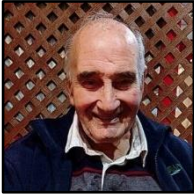
His interests are diverse and reflect his adventurous spirit, including expanding his culinary skills. Galen enjoys fishing, boating, hunting, swimming, snorkeling, and snowmobiling, as well as exploring new places. The most important thing in life to Galen is his family, and spending time with his beloved grandchildren and dogs. He is a true patriot, and a reliable man of integrity, compassion, and unwavering loyalty. Galen is a role model for us all.

# IN MEMORIAM

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

## **Philip Haines**

**12/02/1936 – 01/24/2024**



Philip was born in Farmington and worked with his father delivering milk and eggs to residents and at the Farmington Farmers Union. He later worked for International Paper in Jay, and also during this time, as a part-time Farmington Police Officer. Philip served four years on the Assessment Review Board and the Budget Committee. He was a member of the PTA, Wilton Fish and Game, Elks Lodge, Titcomb Mountain ski patrol, and Farmington Baptist Church. Philip was an avid outdoorsman and well-known basketball player.

## **Kamilla L. Hall**

**05/25/1946 – 05/11/2024**



Kamilla was born in Old Town, Maine and later moved to Farmington where she graduated from Farmington High School. She married David Hall, and they raised their family on army bases from Texas to Germany to name a few, and eventually settled back in Farmington. Kamilla continued to work various jobs and volunteered at the American Legion and Elks Lodge. She was a member of the Emblem Club and served on the Clearwater Swim Committee. Kamilla was a lifelong dancer, singer and musician, and made sure everyone had a full belly and a smile on their face.

## **Greta Essency**

**11/03/1948 – 06/20/2024**



Greta was born in Kingfield and worked for the Town of Farmington as the Assessing Clerk.

**Edmund “Ed” H. Lewis**

**1932 – 07/02/2024**



“Ed” graduated from the University of Maine at Orono. He worked as the administrator for the Exeter Medical Clinic in New Hampshire for 18 years. Ed and his family moved to Farmington, where he worked in administration for Rural Health Associates before advancing to Franklin Memorial Hospital as administrator for over 35 years. He served four years on the Farmington Budget Committee and 19 years on the Town Report Committee. Ed enjoyed his family’s accomplishments, watching his grandchildren’s athletic events, and all New England sports.

**Linwood “Bussie” H. York**

**04/19/1938 – 07/09/2024**



Bussie was a life-long resident of Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School and the University of Maine at Orono. He was raised on the family farm on Mosher Hill before his parents purchased the Sandy River Farm. Bussie and his wife Brenda raised dairy and beef cattle and cultivated over 600 acres of farmland. He was active in the numerous associations and boards including the National Soil and Water Conservation and received several awards for farm and conservation stewardship. Bussie served on the Farmington Planning Board for 20 years, along with the Comprehensive Plan, Shoreland Zoning, Soil and Erosion, and Tax Advisory Committees. He enjoyed growing sweet corn which he sold at the roadside stand.

**John N. Frary**

**12/02/1940 – 10/10/2024**



John was born in Farmington, graduating from Farmington High School, and received his degree in history at the University of Maine at Orono. He went on to earn his master’s in byzantine history at Rutgers University, and in 1972, he joined the history department at Middlesex College in New Jersey, teaching there until his retirement. John returned to Farmington, where he pursued his passion for politics, and campaigned for the U.S. Congress 2<sup>nd</sup> District seat, and although he didn’t win, he remained forever grateful for the opportunity. He was a member of the Select Board for three years.



## Wallace “Skip” Dyke

10/09/1934 – 11/30/2024



“Skip” was born in Wilton and he worked for H.E. Sargent operating bulldozers and graders across Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. He later worked for E. L. Vining & Sons and plowed snow for the Farmington Public Works during layoffs. Skip volunteered at Franklin Memorial Hospital and enjoyed traveling and exploring the world.

## Robert W. Underwood

10/08/1942 – 12/08/24



Robert began his introduction to medicine by applying for a laundry job at Maine Medical Center, which later led to becoming Head Surgical Technician, all while attending Gorham’s Teachers College. He applied fo Dartmouth’s first ever Medic program. Robert later moved his family to Farmington and worked as a Physician Assistant at the Rural Health Association and for the Franklin County Jail, and was an interim professor of music at the University of Maine at Farmington. Robert was a 50-year member of the Maine Lodge #20 and Special Olympics Maine, and as a member of the Kora Highlanders, you probably heard him play at the Gazebo on Thursday nights or in a parade. He was dedicated to his family, enjoyed cowboy movies, and Civil War history.

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Photos courtesy of the Daily Bulldog

# History of the Farmington Falls Bridge

Before the Town of Farmington Falls was established on the north side of the Sandy River, there were trails leading to the water's edge where Native Americans forded the river to their encampment. Most Native Americans were gone by the time settlers moved to the area in the late 1700s.



The early settlers used the ford (just above where the dam used to be) for crossing the Sandy River, but the spring floods made it impossible to cross when the river ran deep. A crude bridge was constructed in 1828 to connect Farmington and Chesterville, but it was swept away the following spring. In 1832, and several bridges later, a covered bridge was constructed with stronger and higher supports to withstand the spring freshets. This bridge was dedicated to Jeremiah Stinchfield and, except when the Chesterville side was swept away in 1849 by the Thomas Williams sawmill, stood for a hundred years.



On August 5, 1932, the Town celebrated the construction of a cement bridge where approximately one thousand people attended. The ceremony was kicked off by Wheelers Band followed by a children's chorus. Several notable speakers were present, including George F. Hodgkins who spoke on the history of the covered bridge. The principal speaker, Frank W. Butler from Farmington, talked about the "common convenience and necessity" of having a bridge at this location.

The UMF Archaeology Research Center (now Northeast Archaeology Research Center, Inc.), conducted the Farmington Falls Survey Project that focused on locating evidence of an early historic period. This area was a focal point for Native American habitation.

In 2022, Wyman & Simpson Construction began building a multi-span temporary detour bridge that would carry traffic while the existing cement bridge was being demolished. During the December 2023 flood event, the temporary bridge was damaged and eventually removed. The new bridge was fully open for traffic in October of 2024 almost a year ahead of schedule.

Photos and information courtesy of the Farmington Historical Society

# ELECTED OFFICIALS

## SELECT BOARD

3 Year Term

Joshua Bell, Chairperson	(March 2025)
Matthew Smith, Vice Chairperson	(March 2027)
Dennis O' Neil	(March 2026)
Byron Staples	(March 2025)
Richard M. Morton	(March 2026)
Stephan Bunker (Resigned)	

## RSU #9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FARMINGTON MEMBERS

3 Year Term

Scott Erb	(July 2026)
J. Wayne Kinney	(July 2025)
Gloria McGraw	(July 2027)
Dina Spenciner	(July 2025)
Todd "Will" Jones (Resigned)	

# APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## Board of Appeals

3 Year Term

Galen Dalrymple, Chairperson	(June 2025)
Robert Yorks, Vice Chairperson/Secretary	(June 2027)
Michael Deschenes	(June 2026)
Aileen Kennedy	(June 2026)
Peter F. Tracy	(June 2025)
Regular-3 Year Term	Alternate - 1 Year Term
(2) Seats Vacant	(2) Seats Vacant

**Board of Assessment Review**

3 Year Term

Michael Moffett, Chairperson (June 2027)

Gloria McGraw (June 2026)

Michael Otley (June 2025)

Erica E. LaCroix - Ex-Officio

Regular - 3 Year Term (2) Seats Vacant

**Planning Board**

3 Year Term

Judith Murphy, Chairperson (June 2026)

Michael Otley, Vice Chairperson (June 2025)

Craig Jordan (June 2027)

Clayton King, Jr. (June 2027)

Gloria McGraw (June 2025)

Lloyd W. Smith (June 2027)

Jeffrey Wright (June 2026)

Alternate - 1 Year Term

Michael Guerrette (June 2024)

Alternate - 1 Year Term (1) Seat Vacant

**Zoning Board**

3 Year Term

Paul Mills, Chairperson (June 2026)

Terry Bell, Vice Chairperson/Secretary (June 2025)

Jennifer Bjorn (June 2026)

Edwin Provencher (June 2027)

Kyle Terrio (June 2027)

Alternate - 1 Year Term (2) Seats Vacant

**Revolving Loan Board**

Joshua Bell

Stephan Bunker

Erica E. LaCroix

Byron Davis

Aileen Kennedy

Ex-Officio

J. Stevens Kaiser

**2024 Budget Committee**

3 Year Term

Judith Murphy, Chairperson	(June 2026)
S. Clyde Ross, Vice Chairperson	(June 2025)
Ed David	(June 2025)
Beth Edwards	(June 2024)
Fenwick Fowler	(June 2026)
Michael Guerrette	(June 2024)
Betty Jespersen	(June 2025)
J. Wayne Kinney	(June 2025)
Aileen Kennedy	(June 2026)
Michael MacNeil	(June 2026)
Lloyd Smith	(June 2026)
Peter F. Tracy	(June 2024)

Alternate - 1 Year Term (2) Seats Vacant

**Conservation Commission**

3 Year Term

William Haslam, Chairperson	(June 2026)
Patty Cormier	(June 2025)
Sally Speich	(June 2027)
Peter F. Tracy	(June 2025)
Jane Woodman	(June 2025)
Robert Zundel (Term ended)	

Associate - 1 Year Term - Unlimited Vacancy

Kyle Terrio

3 - Year Regular (2) Seats Vacant

**Downtown TIF Advisory Committee**

Byron Davis, Chairperson	Laurie Gardner
Joshua Bell	Derek Hayes
Jennifer Bjorn	Paul Mills
Patty Haggan (Resigned)	

Erica E. LaCroix - Ex-Officio

## **Odor Panel**

Kate Foster  
Adrian Harris  
Betty Jespersen

Steve Kaiser  
Scott Landry  
Judith Murphy

## **Parking Ordinance Committee**

Kenneth Charles  
Byron Davis  
Tim D. Hardy

Philip Hutchins  
Paul Mills  
Pamela Poisson

Erica E. LaCroix - Ex-Officio

## **Recreation Committee**

3 Year Term

Tom Bissell  
Sheryl Farnum  
Aileen Kennedy  
Troy Luther  
Katie Fournier

(June 2025)  
(June 2027)  
(June 2026)  
(June 2025)  
(June 2025)

## **Recycling Committee**

Stephan Bunker  
Christian Waller  
Cindy Gelinias

Andrew Hufnagel  
Philip Hutchins

## **Safety Committee**

Tim D. Hardy, Chairperson  
Shane Cote, Vice Chairperson  
Cindy Gelinias, Secretary  
Kenneth Charles  
Shane Cote  
Diane Dunham  
Leia Durrell  
Matthew Foster

Leah Giusti  
Timothy A. Hardy  
Philip Hutchins  
James Kiernan  
Erica E. LaCroix  
Steve Millett  
Dennis O'Neil  
S. Clyde Ross

## **Town Report Committee**

Cindy Gelinas  
Betty Jespersen

Linda Smith  
Janet Paul

## **Farmington Transportation Advisory Committee**

Philip Hutchins  
Dennis O'Neil

Michael Otley  
Lloyd W. Smith

Matthew W. Smith  
Ex Officio:

Erica E. LaCroix

Kenneth Charles

## **Administration**



**L to R:** Mavis Gensel, Ed Provencher, Leah Giusti, and Brandy Paradis

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Manager Tax Collector Road Commissioner Public Access Officer	<b>Erica E. LaCroix</b>	778-6538
Finance Director/Treasurer Deputy Tax Collector	<b>Tammy L. Bureau</b>	778-6539
Executive Assistant	<b>Leah E. Giusti</b>	778-6538
Accounts Payable Deputy Town Clerk	<b>Edwin J. Provencher, Jr.</b>	778-6539
Motor Vehicle Agent Sewer Department Clerk Welfare Director	<b>Mavis A. Gensel</b>	778-6539
Assessor	<b>Frank Xu</b>	778-6530
Fire Chief Emergency Management Director	<b>Timothy D. Hardy</b>	778-3235
E-911 Addressing Officer	<b>Terry S. Bell, Sr.</b>	778-3235
Police Chief	<b>Kenneth A. Charles</b>	778-6311
Public Works Director	<b>Philip C. Hutchins</b>	778-2191
Director of Parks & Recreation	<b>Jennifer R. Savage</b>	778-3464
Code Enforcement Officer	<b>J. Stevens Kaiser</b>	778-5874
Wastewater Superintendent	<b>Joseph W. Hartigan</b>	778-4712
Local Plumbing Inspector	<b>Andrew Marble</b>	779-4858



# TOWN MANAGER REPORT

To the Citizens of Farmington and the Select Board:



My first year serving the Town of Farmington has been a joy. Farmington is a vibrant town with residents who have a true sense of community. The people here are involved, and they care. Likewise, the staff are selfless, dedicated, and kind to the people they serve. The Select Board and our volunteers are invested and active in Town business. I am so happy to have the opportunity to work in this great place right down the road from where I grew up. It truly has been a homecoming for me.

This transition year has been one of catching up and moving forward. Without a full-time manager at the helm, some things were put off and others fell through the cracks. The department heads did a fantastic job in the interim, and I'm thankful that they had the knowledge, skills and dedication to operate without a leader for almost a year. When you see one of them, thank them for their service.

The Town's finances are stable with a healthy fund balance. However, due to the calendar fiscal year (a system abandoned by all but a handful of municipalities), none of these funds can be used to offset the budget. The budget year starts in January and the first taxes aren't collected until November. Thus, the entirety of the reserve funds needs to be used for daily operations for the first 10 months of the year. The budget isn't approved until three months into the year so no projects or capital spending can start until at least April. The State, County, schools, ambulance service and several other service contracts are all on a fiscal year that starts on July 1st. This leaves many unknowns in our budget preparation since those costs aren't available before Town Meeting. The Town has come very close to needing to borrow money for the last two years. This costs the taxpayers, either in interest lost by taking funds out of the Sewer Fund, or interest paid to a lending institution.

The Town would benefit from conversion to a July to June fiscal year. This is accomplished with a short-term six-month budget covering January through June followed by a 12-month budget starting in July. Taxes on the six-month budget would be due in the spring, and taxes on the full year budget would be split into a fall and spring payment. This will not cost taxpayers any increase in their tax bills, it just

changes the timing, and will ensure that the Town's fund balance remains liquid until revenues start coming in.

At the time of this report, I regret to say that we have not completed the 2023 financial audit. This is due entirely to the transition of the finances out of QuickBooks and back into TRIO, an 8-month undertaking converting two years of financial transactions back into the TRIO accounting structure. Happily, this project is almost finished and the annual audit for 2023 should be a relatively simple process to complete after that. The 2024 audit should be completed on time.

My list of goals when I took this office was long, and many of those items have not yet been undertaken. Some of the more significant accomplishments in 2024 include:

- The 2024 municipal budget - a 0.7% decrease over the prior year.
- Conversion of the Town's finances back into TRIO from QuickBooks.
- Filling the long-vacant Assessor position.
- Launching the town-wide Revaluation project.
- Procuring the new Trifecta system at a cost savings over TRIO.
- Conducting a facility security assessment on the Town Office complex and Community Center.
- Executing a contract for the Community Center Roof project, including structural and HVAC improvements at a reduced cost.
- Implementing a 4-day work week with longer morning and evening office hours.
- Completing a comprehensive benefits study and health plan changes.

We're just getting started. In the coming year I will continue to work on overhauling the Town's Policies and Procedures manual, upgrading the Town's website, and launching a Town Facebook page. I also look forward to finally being able to start holding monthly open-door "Coffee with the Manager" sessions for the public, and continuing to develop working relationships with UMF and the business community.

This is a great Town with a bright future. I am excited to be a part of it and I look forward to how much further we can improve. Thank you for allowing me to serve. It is an honor and a privilege.

Respectfully

Erica E. LaCroix  
Town Manager

## SELECT BOARD

To the Residents of Farmington:



I would like to start off by saying that we are all pretty lucky and fortunate to live where we do. As Selectman Matt Smith has always said, “I feel we live in our own ‘Mayberry’ right here in Maine”. This is in part due to our sense of community and hometown feel. It is immeasurable. I want to thank the many members of our community who volunteer their time, whether that be on a town board or committee, one of the many non-profit organizations, or our local fire department. If you are looking to get involved, there are many boards and committees with positions open where you would be welcome. As a town, we have been very blessed to have such great community participation.

I would also like to thank the many Town employees who make the day-to-day operation work for our community, and with such a high level of professionalism. Without their hard work and skills, we would be in a much more difficult place. I tip my hat to all of them and wish them a successful year ahead.

After a lot of hard work and dedication to the Town’s finances, the Town Manager and Financial Director have brought our books back in order. After a few years of tumultuous times, we are back on track. The Board and I are glad to see this issue settled, and it has now allowed other tasks to be addressed.

Our new Town Manager Erica LaCroix has completed her first year here with the Town, and we are lucky to have her. She is a hard worker and will see a task is completed no matter how difficult or challenging. Her door is always open, and she looks forward to hearing from you and getting to know the community better. She and the Board have a good working relationship. We may not always agree, but we all have the Town’s best interests at heart. We are in good hands with her as our Town Manager and wish her many years of success.

The Community Center roof project has, for the most part, been designed and engineered. I want to thank the Parks and Recreation staff for their many hours of dedication and hard work to make sure this project got off the ground. It should all be completed by next fall. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will be used to pay for a good portion of the project, but we will need to approve additional funds at the 2025 Town Meeting. I ask that you all come out to support this project.

It was good to see the continued progress of the Road Program. Public Works Director Phil Hutchins and crew keep plugging away and are doing a great job. We saw Bailey Hill Road, Weeks Mills Road, and Davis Road all addressed this year, and it was nice to pass over them without losing your teeth for once. We should see parts of Main Street and other roads improved with your support at the Town Meeting.

I close this report by saying it has been a great honor and privilege to have served all of you this past year. After twelve years of serving on the Board, it is time for me to step away and focus on other things in my life. I have learned so many valuable life lessons from you all. I want to thank all the Board members and Town Managers that I have served with over the years. I look forward to seeing you all at this year's Town Meeting and around our wonderful community.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua H. Bell  
Chairman

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### Select Board Recognizes Junior Turner



**Left to right:** Dennis O'Neal, Byron Staples, Fire Chief Tim D. Hardy, Junior Turner, Town Manager Erica LaCroix, Joshua Bell, and Richard Morton

REAL ESTATE TAXES RECEIVABLE 2024

136 BOX SHOP HILL, LLC	3,764.48	BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,427.50
489 FARMINGTON FALLS, LLC	9,414.41	BRYANT, NANCY R.	107.25
ADAMS, RANDY W. & BONITA F.	585.59	BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,366.37
AISHTON, RICHARD W. & PATRICIA K.	2,101.03	BRYANT, NANCY R.	203.78
AISHTON, RICHARD W. & PATRICIA K.	278.85	BUBIER, JON L. & LOIS F.	72.29
* ALBERT, DEBBIE HOGAN	257.40	BUBIER, JON L. & LOIS F.	50.32
* ALBERT, DEBBIE HOGAN	381.81	BUBIER, JON L. & LOIS F.	54.31
ALLEN, CHELSEA & MEGHAN E.	2,771.34	BUBIER, JON L. & LOIS F.	46.72
ALLEN, DIANNE D.	294.94	BUBIER, JON L. & LOIS F.	26.43
ALLEN, MEGHAN & CHELSEA	4,427.28	BUBIER, JON L. & LOIS F.	87.95
AMES, EDWARD T.	680.18	CARROLL, JASON M. & MEGHAN M.	1.76
AMMENDOLIA, MERIDITH C.	431.13	CASE, KRISTEN	5.15
ANGELAKIS, JACOB E.	304.59	CASE, KRISTEN	2.09
ARCHIES, INC.	1,986.27	CASELLO, JACQUELINE	2,846.42
ARCHIES, INC.	2,269.41	CHADWICK, DAVID A. & DAWN M.	19.31
ARCHIES, INC.	3,412.70	CHANDLER, JOEL A. & REBECCA J.	4,587.08
AYER, KAREN B.	852.41	** CHAPMAN, BONNIE J.	626.04
AZERI PROPERTIES, LLC	4,927.07	CHARETTE, ALFRED & ELSA	334.62
** BAILEY, LAURIS M. & CHARLENE S.	240.24	CHASE, SCOTT & ANDREA	2,839.98
BANKS, JAMES & BEAUMONT, SCOTT	4,021.88	CHC TMC FARMINGTON, LLC	313.17
BARD, CHRIS	143.72	CHRETIEN, JEFFREY S. & TERRY L.	1,229.09
BARD, CHRIS	70.79	CHRETIEN, MICHAEL S.	779.71
BARD, CHRISTOPHER J.	1,892.96	CHRISTIAN, ALEXANDRA J.	283.14
** BARRERA, FELIX & DEBORAH E.	211.28	** CLARK-UTANS, SALLY	3,999.35
BARTOLO, THOMAS M. & SAL	202.92	CLARK, ROY H.	378.59
BARTON, FREDERICK	1,143.29	CLARY, MATTHEW	1,493.99
BARTON, FREDERICK	1,173.91	COCHRAN, BREANNE	41.83
BASS/WILSON PROPERTIES, LLC	13.87	** COOK, SCOTT E. & DEBRA J.	1,877.95
BASS/WILSON PROPERTIES, LLC	6.35	COOLIDGE, MARVIN K. & LUCILLE	5,040.75
BASS/WILSON PROPERTIES	13.20	COOLIDGE, MARVIN K. & LUCILLE	2,826.04
BATES, BRIAN T.	942.73	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	32.00
BEACH, SABRINA P.	3,449.16	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	38.21
BEISAW, ROBERT E.	4.39	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	49.75
BELL, JENNIFER & JORDAN, LUKE	1,047.83	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	14.26
** BERKNER, PETER	1,090.73	COUSINEAU PROPERTIES, LLC	11.43
BEST, KENNETH W.	3,138.14	CRANDALL, DEBORA	471.90
BLAKE, LAURIE M.	1,000.00	CROCKETT, CHRIS	1,007.08
BLOOD, ELIZABETH S.	593.09	CURRIER, LAURA A.	2,109.61
BOLDUC, AMANDA J.	2,805.66	CURRIER, LAURA A.	353.93
BOLDUC, AMANDA J.	536.25	CURRIER, LAURA A.	1,091.81
BOLDUC, II, MICHAEL A. & JULIE A.	899.40	CUVA, MICHELLE & MICHAEL	409.70
** BONNEY WOODS CORP.	1,053.20	DAELLENBACH, KIM M. & MICHAEL J.	1,499.37
** BOURGAULT, SHIRLEY HILL	830.54	* DAKU, BENJAMIN R.	2,923.81
** BOWEN, TIM	356.07	DAKU, GINGER	227.37
** BOWEN, TIM	431.15	DAKU, GINGER A., PERS. REP.	710.00
** BOWEN, TIM	347.49	DAKU, JACOB G. & GINGER A.	36.47
BOWMAN, TANYA LABELLE	54.24	DAKU, JACOB G. & GINGER A.	156.59
BOYKER, CAROLYN M.	647.15	DALRYMPLE, DENIS E. & SARAH H.	2,360.57
BOYKER-SMITH, PAMELA & CHRISTIAN	1,577.65	DAVIS, JAMES R. & AMANDA	3,204.63
BRACKETT, PENNY A.	527.88	* DAVIS, LAURIS SCOTT	628.09
** BRACKLEY, JUSTIN	2,350.92	** DAVIS, STEPHEN J.	422.57
BRADLEY, LEVI	862.29	DEMELLO, VALISA L. B.	497.64
BRADLEY, ROBERT E.	845.13	DENNISON, MABEL H., DEWISEES OF	66.50
BRETON, BLAINE L. & NIKKI L.	97.60	DENNISON, MABEL H., DEWISEES OF	394.68
BRIN, ANNIE	122.27	DENNISON, REBECCA G.	1,115.40
BROWN, LISA M.	987.77	DISTEFANO, MICHAEL	456.89
** BROWN, TYLER T. & SYDNEY A.	474.05	DISTEFANO, MICHAEL P.	2,187.90
** BROWN, TYLER T. & SYDNEY A.	489.06	DOIRON, MICHAEL S. & ENGBERG, DEEDRA	1,386.74

DOIRON, RYLEE & PAPWORTH, BRIAN J.	217.16	GOMES, ROGER	1,228.76
** DORR, IRVING G. & JOY B.	1,579.79	** GORDON, SUE A.	2,976.19
** DOUGHTY, DANA L.	1,881.17	GREATER THINGS, LLC	2,734.88
DOUGLAS, JOAN	519.09	GREENMAN, FORREST W.	679.97
DOYLE, KIRK E. & JOANNE	2,199.70	GREENOUGH, CHARLES E.	809.74
DOYLE, KIRK E. & JOANNE	141.57	** GRIFFIN, BRIAN N. & SANDRA L.	2,268.34
DRAKE, WAYNE H.	3,839.95	** GRIFFIN, BRIAN N. & SANDRA L.	141.57
DUCHARME REALTY TRUST	4,060.49	** GRIFFIN, SANDRA L.	718.58
DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	23.56	GRIMANIS, ANTHONY	2,207.21
* DUNHAM, SR., JOSHUA M. & BETTY D.	434.36	GRIMANIS, ANTHONY M.	1,235.52
* DUNN, BRIAN D.	376.63	GRIMANIS, ROSE V. & MICHAEL	1,333.12
DUNN, LATARA L.	1,482.20	GRUBBS, CURTIS S. & LOIS RUTH	236.56
DURRELL, GILBERT C.	516.95	GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	411.84
DURRELL, SHAWN C.	2,350.92	GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	12,949.37
DYAR, ALVERTA & NORMAN & JAMES	278.85	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	85.80
DYAR, ERIN	150.15	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	1,098.24
DYAR, RODNEY	551.27	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	349.64
** EDWARDS, IVAN A.	1,353.50	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	377.52
EGERS, KEVIN A.	810.81	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	124.41
** ELLIS, MELISSA	2,616.90	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	122.27
ELLSWORTH, SARAH P.	83.66	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	525.30
EMERSON, JAMES	418.28	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	383.96
EUBANK, JOHN R.	2,507.15	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	373.23
EUBANK, POPPY JOY & JOHN R.	2,511.80	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	525.53
EVANS, BARRETT & JOY	353.93	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	2,410.98
* EVERETT, ALSTON C. & DEVON M.	245.86	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	2,569.71
EVERETT, NATHANIEL M.	330.93	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	351.78
EW INVESTMENTS, LLC	3,590.73	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	345.35
FARMER, GLENDON S. & CATHERINE B.	2,107.46	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	169.46
FARMER, GLENDON S. & CATHERINE B.	23.60	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	135.14
FARMINGTON SOLAR LAND HOLDINGS	223.08	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	137.28
FARRINGTON, JANE A. & PARLIN, DAVID W.	330.24	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	137.28
FENG, AIZHU	664.95	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	130.85
FILAROSKA, JOSEPH M.	79.36	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	132.99
FILAROSKA, JOSEPH M.	164.09	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	135.14
FILAROSKA, JOSEPH M. & KEMPTON, SETH J.	184.47	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	169.46
FISHER, MARC D., PER. REP.	6,510.08	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	171.60
FLATLANDERS PROPERTIES, LLC	2,654.95	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	165.17
FLETCHER, ALLEN K. & DONNIE A.	1,439.30	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	165.17
FLYNN, KELLY J. & TUCCI, MICHAEL A.	2,513.94	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	173.75
FOSS, JAYME E.	315.32	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	150.15
FOURNIER, MARC	306.74	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	128.70
FOURNIER, REBECCA ANN	541.61	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	362.51
FRANK, EDWARD H. & LISA H.	1,310.60	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	619.91
FRANSON, JOHN K. & JULIE M.	1,430.72	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	525.53
FROST, KAITLIN E.	2,139.64	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	519.09
** FROST, MARK C. & JOANNE D.	2,218.14	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	493.35
FUERSTENBERGER, JAMES A. & JENNIFER L.	323.90	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	459.03
GAGE, NILES	321.75	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	480.48
GAGE, III, NILES H.	478.34	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	371.09
GAJDUKOW, KATHERINE S.	490.13	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	135.14
GALOUCH, JONATHAN & NOYES, ASHLEY	742.17	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	120.12
GAMEOFCHES, LLC	4,199.91	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	128.70
GARDNER, ROBERT & TINA	27.34	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	471.90
* GAY, TED F.	1,273.95	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	128.70
GEORGIA BANKS, LLC	234.32	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	128.70
GIBSON, DAVID & HILARY S.	30.03	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	510.51
GILBERT, JAMES E.	2,581.51	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	832.26
GIVEN, BARRY A.	2,566.49	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	598.46
GODDARD, BREANNA & LAVERS, MASON	2,169.67	** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	626.34

** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	626.34	KEMP, MARK S.	6,469.75
** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	797.94	KEMPTON, SETH J.	3,163.88
** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	630.63	KEMPTON, SETH J.	553.41
** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	705.71	KENDALL, ISAAC J.	74.89
** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	763.62	KENNEDY, MADELINE, HEIRS OF	767.91
GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	283.14	KENNEDY, JR., ALTON L. & REBECCA J.	1,563.71
GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	1,006.01	KENNEY, PHYLLIS	1,561.35
GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	265.98	KILLGREN, KEVIN, DEVISEES OF	456.89
** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	377.52	KINGS CROSS REALTY, LLC	4,038.29
** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	336.77	KINGS PINES, LLC	495.50
** GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	407.55	KINGS PINES, LLC	531.96
GUARDIAN COMMUNITIES, LLC	585.59	KINGS PINES, LLC	461.18
GUND, JOHN P.	3,767.69	KINGS PINES, LLC	461.18
HAINES, LINDA L. & STEPHEN L.	609.39	KINGS PINES, LLC	461.18
HALEY, JR., PAUL D. & THERESA L.	218.08	KINGS PINES, LLC	461.18
** HALEYS, INC.	26.63	KINGS PINES, LLC	465.47
** HALEYS, INC.	1.39	KINGS PINES, LLC	471.90
HALL, KAMILLA L.	2,435.65	KINGS PINES, LLC	480.48
HANSON, WENDY & MEADER, MICHAEL	156.59	KINGS PINES, LLC	459.03
HARDY, IV., WILLIAM	823.62	KINGS PINES, LLC	424.71
HART, ALAN P. & DULONG, HEIDI P.	2,369.15	KINGS PINES, LLC	429.00
HAYDEN, JOHN	297.08	KINGS PINES, LLC	424.71
HAYWOOD, ERIC J. & ERICA C.	467.61	KINGS PINES, LLC	424.71
HEAP, JAMES R.	314.24	KINGS PINES, LLC	424.71
* HEATH, DANIEL S.	247.85	KINGS PINES, LLC	424.71
HEATH, SHAUNA M.	111.35	KINGS PINES, LLC	486.92
HISCOCK, BESSIE L.	408.62	KINGS PINES, LLC	598.46
HITCHCOCK & COMPANY, LLC	2,290.86	KINGS PINES, LLC	615.62
HITCHCOCK & COMPANY, LLC	40.76	KINGS PINES, LLC	429.00
HITCHCOCK & COMPANY, LLC	210.21	KINGS PINES, LLC	429.00
HITCHCOCK & COMPANY, LLC	81.51	KINGS PINES, LLC	420.42
HITCHCOCK & COMPANY, LLC	55.77	KLOYTHEP, CHAIWAT & SUPATTHRA	3,575.72
HITCHCOCK & COMPANY, LLC	53.63	KNAPP, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	1,848.99
HITCHCOCK & COMPANY, LLC	315.32	KNIGHT, EMILIE M.	1,254.83
* HOGAN, DEBORAH S.	1,767.48	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	276.71
HOLMES, SHAWN P.	1,122.91	KNOWLTON ESTATES, LLC	64.35
HORN & COMPANY, LLC	6,643.07	KOHLLENBERGER, ALAN LEN	501.93
HOWARD, JULI	515.87	KOMULAINEN, SANDRA A.	126.44
HOWARD, PHEOBE	497.64	KRISTA, BENJAMIN & ALDA M.	5,049.33
HOWARD, STUART	1,032.82	KRISTA, BENJAMIN & ALDA M.	840.84
HOWARD, WILLIAM K.	2,459.24	KRISTA, BENJAMIN & ALDA M.	429.00
HOYT, KAY	993.14	LABRECQUE, LAURA	2,847.49
HOYT, KAY A. & DAVID P.	572.72	LABREE, VICTORIA L.	1,611.97
HUIH, WENDY A.	979.19	LADD, MARYANN	435.44
HUIH, WENDY A.	388.25	LAKE, THOMAS, DEVISEES & SHARON E.	1,324.75
HUNTER, JAMES N.	1,114.33	LAMBERT, GLADYS B., DEVISEES OF	174.69
* HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A.	386.72	LAMBERT, PAMELA J. & GREGORY T.	368.94
HUNTER, SR., ROBERT A. & JANIS M.	12.87	LAVOIE-KERBO, KIMBERLY & MARK D.	940.58
HUTCHINS, SHIRLEY	1,993.78	LEPPALA, COREY & ST PIERRE, REBECCA	1,002.79
ISLAND RENTAL, LLC	1,132.56	* LEWIS, EDMUND H. & JANICE J.	1,744.96
JACOBS, LOU & JACKSON, RUTH	10.40	LOVE, PAMELA J.	606.93
JALBERT, CHERI B. & RONALD D.	656.82	LOVEJOY, GERALDINE A.	992.06
JEANNETTE, CHRISTOPHER L. & BECKY L.	1,135.78	* LOVEJOY, WILLIAM W.	2,086.01
JOHNSON, SHAWAUN & PRESSEY, ANGELA	471.90	LOVEJOY, WILLIAM W. & MELISSA	3,462.03
** JONES, TODD WILL & EMILY E.	1,170.10	LOVELL-VOTER, KENDRA S.	113.69
JORDAN, ALEXANDER	2,556.84	LOWE, LINDA	1,238.74
KAMINSKY, JOSHUA	3,025.52	LOWELL, JENNIFER C. & LEE E.	347.49
KASHKE TERRACES, LLC	371.09	LOWELL, LEE & JENNIFER	181.25
KASHKE TERRACES, LLC	347.49	** LUCAS, DAVID W. & JAMIE L.	444.02
KASHKE TERRACES, LLC	373.23	LUGER, CHARLES P.	214.50

* MACDONALD, WILLIAM H. & GLENICE B.	1,540.10	PIERSON, GLORIA J. & HAND, EDWARD R.	1,485.41
MADORE, CYNTHIA M.	3,168.17	PILLSBURY, ANNIE M. & NICHOLE R.	866.79
MADORE, CYNTHIA M.	4,832.69	PILLSBURY, DON LEON	2,911.84
MADORE, CYNTHIA M. & KEVIN J.	2,998.71	** POLASKE, JR., BRUCE M.	896.61
MADORE, JODY	496.57	** POLASKE, JR., BRUCE M. & APRIL B.	2,492.49
MADORE, RYAN J. & CYNTHIA M.	2,356.28	POND, SONYA L.	874.09
MAGUIRE, BETTY A.	1,903.69	POND, TERESA L.	1,354.57
MAHAR, JEREMY	1,067.14	POWERS, ANNA	371.09
* MAHAR, JEREMY	503.63	PRATT, CURTIS L.	246.68
MAINEWESTRENTALS, LLC	2,842.13	PRATT, MARION J., HEIRS OF	1,310.60
MAINEWESTRENTALS, LLC	1,688.12	PURINGTON, CORA M.	110.47
MAINEWESTRENTALS, LLC	1,484.34	PURINGTON, KATHY	623.12
MAINEWESTRENTALS, LLC	13,176.74	QUIMBY, JESSICA L.	409.70
MANIATAKOS, ROULA	4,479.83	RAMU, PHILIP M. & CAROL M.	2,970.83
MANIATAKOS, ROULA	5,216.64	RANCO, JACQUELINE	702.49
MANIATAKOS, VASILIOS	2,028.10	REINER, KARIN M.	2,752.04
MARCHETTI, RANDY	33.25	REOPELL, ALBERT P., PERS. IN POS.	727.16
MARKEY, MATTHEW	1,685.28	RICHARDS, DANIEL A.	447.23
MARQUIS, MAXINE	637.07	RICHARDS, JESSE L. & ELLIOTT, LAURA M.	756.11
MARSHALL BEACH CORP.	332.48	RICHARDS, MICHAEL E. & SHEILA L.	2,838.91
MARTIN, ROB ROY & HOLLY A.	2,949.38	RICHARDS, SARAH B.	331.40
MAYO, TERRI L.	380.74	RIORDAN, MELISSA & BROWN, SANDRA	2,308.11
MCCLEARY, ANN J.	734.66	RMJ GROUP, LLC	3,584.30
MCCLUSKY, LARRY	569.50	RMJ GROUP, LLC	4,856.28
** MCPHERSON, PAULA C. & JOSEPH P.	2,296.22	RMJ GROUP, LLC	3,084.51
MEADER, JAMES F.	16,237.65	ROBBINS-HAYDEN, BRIAN L.	178.04
** MEALEY, RONALD G. & RUTH I.	2,655.51	ROBINSON, MICHELLE P.	377.52
MELANSON, RUTH L.	1,810.42	ROWE, TERESA L.	1,089.66
MELVIN, KEVIN L.	2,228.66	ROY, ISRAEL & ASHLEY	418.28
MERCIER, PATRICIA A.	440.80	RUNDLETT, RICK ALLAN	404.33
METCALF, JR., JOHN L.	790.43	SANDY RIVER FARM, LLC	19.31
MILLER, GILBERT	2,554.70	SANDY RIVER FARM, LLC	1,866.15
MITCHELL, SHAWN ADAM	1,978.76	SANDY RIVER FARM, LLC	148.01
MORGAN, RYAN D. & IRIS L.	104.71	SANDY RIVER FARM, LLC	148.01
** MORRIS, MICHAEL	852.64	SANDY RIVER FARM, LLC	3,987.56
MOSHER, BASIL W. & LORI S.	128.70	SANDY RIVER FARM, LLC	347.49
MOTES, JAMES & BUCHANAN, SAMANTHA	459.03	SANDY RIVER FARM, LLC	3,562.85
MURPHY, JOSEPH S.	606.34	SANDY RIVER FARM, LLC	2,361.65
NATALE, SHANNON	1,780.89	SANDY RIVER FARM, LLC	248.82
NICHOLS, II, ROBERT F. & RACHEL A.	1,803.95	SANDY RIVER FARM, LLC	422.57
NIGHTINGALE, CHRISTOPHER M.	2,029.17	SANDY RIVER PLAYERS	1,004.38
NILE, OWEN	709.87	SANDY RIVER PROPERTIES, LLC	21,728.85
* NOEL, DAVID J. & VICKI M.	1,304.16	SAVAGE, JILL M.	515.80
** NYBOE, MARK E.	463.32	SAVAGE, JILL M.	323.74
OLIVADOTI, TREVOR & ZENA S.	1,752.47	SAVAGE, VIVIAN A.	944.32
** OLIVER, NAOMI L. & CHARLES A.	809.74	SAVAGE, VIVIAN A. & CHRISTINE M.	57.67
ORR, RAYMOND B., DIVISEES OF	4,519.52	SAYWARD, GALEN R. & VIRGINIA E.	2,260.83
ORR, DEBORAH L. & RAYMOND B.	1,794.29	SAYWARD, MICHAEL J.	448.31
** OTLEY, MICHAEL D. & SARAH M.	840.84	SCHUMACHER, ERIKA C.	11,154.00
** OTLEY, MICHAEL D. & SARAH M.	429.00	** SHEA, MARILYN A.	5,079.36
PAGE, GEORGE & BONITA	158.63	SHEA, MICHAEL & CHRISTOPHER	2,117.12
PALING, NATHAN & RACHEL	343.50	SHEPARD, GEORGE S. & KATHLEEN A.	993.35
** PARKER, JAY S.	2,145.00	SHIPLEY, LINDA J.	2,812.10
PARLIN, JERRY R. & BONNIE J.	1,616.26	SHM REALTY, LLC	6,751.85
PARLIN, MICHAEL A. & DENISE C.	70.23	SIMONEAU, BRENDA L.	4,719.00
PATTERSON, DANIEL A. & HEATHER A.	241.94	SIMONEAU, BRENDA L. & DILL, MARIAH	471.90
* PAYNE, SARAH	1,494.85	SIMONEAU, RONALD E. & DENISE R.	396.83
** PERHAM, STEPHEN W. & ANNA M.	1,472.63	SIMONEAU, RONALD J. & SHARON L.	1,396.40
PERRY, ANTHONY G. & DILL, DONNA M.	448.91	SIMONEAU, JR., RONALD & DENISE R.	1,684.90
PIAWLOCK, ASHLEY L. & ROY, ISRAEL	1,552.98	SIROIS, LUCAS J.	3,689.40



SNELL, JR., CHARLES H.	202.70	TYLER, RUSTY D.	2,293.01
SNYDER, ROBERT N.	356.07	UNDERWOOD, ROBERT W. & CHARLOTTE F.	1,759.97
SOLIS, CONNI S.	1,659.16	VALVERDE, MAXIMILIANO L.	881.60
STANLEY LESTER REALTY, LLC	3,009.44	VEILLEUX, DEREK & LINDSEY	388.25
STAPLES, JOSEPH E. & ELIZABETH	3,774.13	VELAZQUEZ FELIX, HEIRS OF	68.64
STARBIRD, DAVID A. & DIANA B.	427.93	VELEZ, DAVID	865.51
STASIOWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE	321.75	VILES, FRANK	160.18
STASIOWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE	7,042.04	VILES, MICHAEL L.	70.38
STEARNS, JR., DREW T.	64.35	VINING, KENNETH H.	229.21
STEVENS, CHRISTINE V., HEIRS OF	549.12	VIOLETTE, MONA R.	1,943.37
STINCHFIELD, JOSHUA E.	4.11	WAGNER, WILLIAM & DENISE	2,103.17
STINSON, SIIRI LEE & JARED	1,882.24	WALKER, BETH M.	1,315.96
STITSEL, JOYCE & GREEN, KITTY	484.77	WALKER, NORMAN	398.97
STROSS-PERHAM, ANNA MARIE	1,110.49	WALLACE, THOMAS R.	862.29
SUNNY DAY, LLC	356.07	WALLACE, TJ	102.96
SUNNY DAY, LLC	2,962.25	WALSH, BARRY E. & SUSAN A.	124.41
SUNNY DAY, LLC	1,679.54	WALTONEN REALTY TRUST	381.81
SUNNY DAY, LLC	308.88	WARREN, JOY M., HEIRS OF	868.73
SUNNY DAY, LLC	287.43	WATERS, CAROL CHANEY	566.28
SUNNY DAY, LLC	349.64	WATERS, CAROL CHANEY	632.78
SUNNY DAY, LLC	368.94	WEBER, BRIAN M.	4,838.05
SUNNY DAY, LLC	296.01	WEHRMAN, ANNE & FOLSOM, ELIZABETH	47.19
SUNNY DAY, LLC	431.15	WELCH, MARK C.	1,145.43
SUNNY DAY, LLC	156.59	WELCH, MARK C.	5,577.00
SUNNY DAY, LLC	347.49	WESCOTT, MARGARET GOULD	2,654.44
SUNNY DAY, LLC	274.56	WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	240.24
SUNNY DAY, LLC	214.50	WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	564.14
SUNNY DAY, LLC	214.50	WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	1,999.14
SWAN, LESLIE JEAN	1,579.79	WESTERN MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST	1,919.78
SWEETSER, SAYWARD	283.14	WESTGATE, EDWARD T.	1,646.29
SWETT, ELVA M.	1,998.07	WHIPPLE, CARA D. & GRANT, DAVID L.	4,641.65
TARTT, EVANGELINE & WEBBER, SANDRA	182.33	WHITE, SALLY A. & CHRISTOPHER J.	638.14
TATE, LINDA M. & MAHLON G.	113.69	WILBOURN, RODNEY & HARRIS, AMANDA	868.29
THEBEAU, NANCY & BLANCHE, MICHAEL	241.31	WOOD, STEVE	2,406.69
THOMPSON, MELISSA S.	598.59	WOOLSEY, JOYCE	7.85
THORNDIKE, LESLIE J.	387.17	** WORSTER, II, LINWOOD E.	19.96
TINSMAN, JR., LONNIE W.	10,426.84	** WORSTER, II, LINWOOD E.	17.35
TROLL VALLEY, INC.	6,274.13	WORTHLEY, MICHAEL	1,844.70
TROLL VALLEY, INC.	2,983.70	** YORKS, HALCYON K.	2,609.39
TYLER, DARRYL D. & JUDITH L.	1,000.00	YORKS, JEFFREY S.	405.41
TYLER, EDWARD	276.73	ZIMMERSCHIED, ADAM M. & MEGAN L.	3,296.87
TYLER, JOSHUA A.	873.02		
		<b>2024 REAL ESTATE TOTAL</b>	<b>726,753.14</b>

#### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE

ARCHIES, INC.	733.59	FARMINGTON AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE	70.79
AT&T MOBILITY, LLC	585.59	FARMINGTON CONGREGATE, ASSOC.	49.34
BETTER LIVING CENTER	225.23	FARMINGTON HOUSE OF PIZZA	178.04
BITCOIN DEPOT OPERATING, LLC	105.11	FARMINGTON MOTEL	1,081.08
BOUFFARDS FURNITURE	87.95	FARMINGTON TOWING	111.54
BRICKYARD CAFE	173.75	GCP APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	23.60
CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA, INC.	34.32	GCP APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	51.48
CAR CLINIC	94.38	GETCHELL BROTHERS, INC.	45.05
COASTAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	25.74	GTP STRUCTURES I, LLC	677.82
COMPLETE DENTURE CENTER	51.48	** HALEY'S, INC.	18.16
COTE & DUNTON, LLC	248.82	HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK	1.76
DEEP ROOT TREE SERVICE, LLC	117.98	** HUSSEY COMMUNICATIONS	158.73
DS SERVICES OF AMERICA, INC.	25.74	IDENGO	51.48

JACK'S TRADING POST	143.72	RS ELECTRIC	45.05
JADE PALACE, INC.	330.33	SANDY RIVER FARMS, LLC	2,844.27
KEMP ENTERPRISES, INC.	686.40	SANDY RIVER PROPERTIES, LLC	4,849.85
KENNEBEC HOME BREW SUPPLIES	10.73	SJ ACQUISITION	38.61
LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING, LLC	49.34	STATE FARM INSURANCE	171.60
MADORES MARKET	422.57	STATE FARM INSURANCE	10.73
MAINE MOUNTAIN MUSTANG	141.57	THAI SMILE & SUSHI RESTAURANT	34.32
MAINECOM SERVICES	321.75	THE HOMEGROWN CONNECTION	12.87
MARK RAINS, PHD	23.60	TIMBERLAND BUILDERS, INC.	45.05
MARLIN LEASING	117.98	TROLL VALLEY, INC.	150.15
NESTLE USA, INC.	4.29	TUMBLEDOWN BREWING, LLC	145.86
NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEMS, INC.	21.45	TYLER, EDWARD A.	272.42
OUTPOST	233.81	VITALITY FOOD SERVICE, INC.	12.87
REDBOX AUTOMATED RETAIL, LLC	111.54	* WEST MOUNT, INC.	130.48
RONALD GREENWOOD, HEIRS OF	15.01	WESTERN MAINE ELECTRIC & EXCAVATION	2,190.05
ROOST PUB & WINGERY	926.64	XEROX FINANCIAL SVCS, LLC	49.34

**2024 PERSONAL PROPERTY TOTAL 19,592.80**

**REAL ESTATE TAXES RECEIVABLE 2023**

136 BOX SHOP, LLC	3,799.23	HOWARD, PHEOBE	554.91
** ATWOOD, MICHAEL A., HEIRS OF	558.42	HOWARD, STUART	1,060.17
BANKS, JAMES A. & BEAUMONT, SCOTT E.	4,043.69	HOWARD, WILLIAM K.	2,124.91
BOYKER-SMITH, PAMELA & CHRISTIAN A.	1,487.63	JEANNETTE, CHRISTOPHER L. & BECKY L.	1,152.17
BRACKETT, PENNY A.	532.26	KEMPTON, SETH J.	3,225.59
BRADLEY, LEVI	937.33	KEMPTON, SETH J.	609.97
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,449.80	KILLGREN, KEVIN, DEVISEES OF	514.68
BRYANT, NANCY R.	208.08	KINGS PINES, LLC	552.79
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,431.80	KINGS PINES, LLC	588.79
BRYANT, NANCY R.	284.09	KINGS PINES, LLC	518.92
CHARETTE, ALFRED & ELSA	403.62	KINGS PINES, LLC	518.92
CHC TMC FARMINGTON, LLC	184.30	KINGS PINES, LLC	518.92
CHRISTIAN, ALEXANDRA J.	343.15	KINGS PINES, LLC	518.92
CROCKETT, CHRIS	1,015.47	KINGS PINES, LLC	523.15
CURRIER, LAURA A.	1,141.47	KINGS PINES, LLC	529.50
DAKU, JACOB G. & GINGER A.	99.64	KINGS PINES, LLC	537.97
DAKU, JACOB G. & GINGER A.	218.22	KINGS PINES, LLC	516.79
DALRYMPLE, DENIS E. & SARAH H.	2,351.66	KINGS PINES, LLC	482.92
DUNN, LATARA L.	1,526.87	KINGS PINES, LLC	487.15
DYAR, ERIN	174.87	KINGS PINES, LLC	482.92
EMERSON, JAMES	476.57	KINGS PINES, LLC	482.92
* EUBANK, POPPY JOY & JOHN R.	2,288.26	KINGS PINES, LLC	482.92
EVERETT, NATHANIEL M.	982.65	KINGS PINES, LLC	482.92
FLYNN, KELLY J. & TUCCI, MICHAEL A.	2,545.41	KINGS PINES, LLC	544.33
FOURNIER, REBECCA ANN	575.25	KINGS PINES, LLC	654.44
GAGE, NILES	410.19	KINGS PINES, LLC	671.38
GAGE, III, NILES H.	535.85	KINGS PINES, LLC	487.15
GAJDUKOW, KATHERINE S.	301.54	KINGS PINES, LLC	487.15
GALOUCHE, JONATHAN & NOYES, ASHLEY	796.32	KINGS PINES, LLC	478.68
GIVEN, BARRY A.	2,554.94	KNAPP, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	1,917.89
GODDARD, BREANNA & LAVERS, MASON	2,182.48	LAKE, THOMAS, DEVISEES & SHARON E.	1,380.55
** GORDON, SUE A.	2,978.67	LOVEJOY, GERALDINE A.	1,000.66
GREATER THINGS, LLC	2,763.52	LOWELL, JENNIFER C. & LOWELL, LEE E.	425.96
GRIMANIS, ANTHONY	2,281.16	LOWELL, LEE & JENNIFER	219.50
GRIMANIS, ANTHONY M.	742.44	MAHAR, JEREMY	561.79
GRIMANIS, ROSE V. & MICHAEL	459.35	OLIVADOTTI, TREVOR & ZENA S.	1,812.96
HANSON, WENDY E. & MEADER, MICHAEL C.	218.22	PIAWLOCK, ASHLEY L. & ROY, ISRAEL	1,596.74
** HISCOCK, BESSIE L.	231.46	PILLSBURY, ANNIE M. & NICHOLE R.	886.11

PILLSBURY, DON LEON	2,915.14	STANLEY LESTER REALTY, LLC	3,034.56
POND, SONYA L.	428.50	STAPLES, JOSEPH E. & ELIZABETH	3,509.29
POWERS, ANNA	449.25	STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE C.	381.27
PRATT, MARION J., HEIRS OF	1,357.46	STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE C.	7,015.56
RANCO, JACQUELINE	714.78	STEVENS, CHRISTINE V., HEIRS OF	653.94
ROPELL ALBERT P., PERS. IN POS.	34.47	STITSEL, JOYCE & GREEN, KITTY	542.21
RICHARDS, DANIEL A.	462.79	TROLL VALLEY, INC.	6,311.21
RICHARDS, MICHAEL E. & RICHARDS, SHEILA L.	2,823.87	TYLER, JOSHUA A.	913.93
RICHARDS, SARAH B.	348.45	TYLER, RUSTY D.	3,585.12
RUNDLETT, RICK ALLAN	439.72	TYLER, TONY S.	2,298.76
SANDY RIVER PROPERTIES, LLC	21,487.39	UNDERWOOD, ROBERT W. & CHARLOTTE F.	1,751.75
SAYWARD, MICHAEL J.	506.21	WALKER, BETH M.	1,170.22
SCHUMACHER, ERIKA C.	9,973.50	WALKER, NORMAN	52.51
** SHEA, MARILYN A.	5,078.00	WALLACE, TJ	165.28
SIMONEAU, BRENDA L.	2,016.61	WARREN, JOY M., HEIRS OF	959.81
SIMONEAU, BRENDA L.	558.42	WELCH, MARK C.	1,213.69
SIROIS, LUCAS J.	3,705.83	WELCH, MARK C.	5,588.55
SNYDER, ROBERT N.	415.16		
		<b>2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES TOTAL</b>	<b>168,973.20</b>

#### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE 2023

AT&T MOBILITY, LLC	1,262.29	GETCHELL BROTHERS, INC.	73.67
BETTER LIVING CENTER	306.61	GTP STRUCTURES I, LLC	201.47
BRICKYARD CAFE	232.57	JACKS TRADING POST	109.30
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	55.75	KENNEBEC HOME BREW SUPPLIES	27.87
CAR CLINIC	109.51	MAINECOM SERVICES	613.23
COASTAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	10.62	MARK RAINS, PHD	31.86
COMPLETE DENTURE CENTER	40.38	ROOST PUB & WINGERY	1,027.36
COTE & DUNTON, LLC	352.41	STATE FARM INSURANCE	94.49
DEEP ROOT TREE SERVICE, LLC	139.37	THE HOMEGROWN CONNECTION	13.94
FARMINGTON AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE	149.33	TIMBERLAND BUILDERS, INC.	47.78
FARMINGTON CONGREGATE ASSOC.	4.30	TROLL VALLEY, INC.	163.26
FARMINGTON MOTEL	1,268.27	TYLER, EDWARD A.	314.58
FARMINGTON TOWING	121.45	WESTERN MAINE ELECTRIC & EXCAVATION	2,419.07
		<b>2023 PERSONAL PROPERTY TOTAL</b>	<b>9,190.74</b>

#### REAL ESTATE TAXES RECEIVABLE 2022

136 BOX SHOP, LLC	3,336.11	KEMPTON, SETH J.	2,823.24
BANKS, JAMES & BEAUMONT, SCOTT	3,621.68	KEMPTON, SETH J.	549.53
BRACKETT, PENNY A.	867.70	KILLGREN, KEVIN, DEVISEES OF	456.17
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,683.61	* LAKE, THOMAS, DEVISEES & SHARON E.	627.21
BRYANT, NANCY R.	1,262.77	OLIVADOTTI, TREVOR & ZENA S.	1,516.27
BRYANT, NANCY R.	253.49	PILLSBURY, ANNIE M. & NICHOLE R.	728.19
CHRISTIAN, ALEXANDRA J.	305.33	POWERS, ANNA	390.21
CROCKETT, CHRIS	1,301.58	RICHARDS, DANIEL A.	373.30
CURRIER, LAURA A.	508.67	RICHARDS, MICHAEL E. & SHEILA L.	1,534.40
DALRYMPLE, DENIS E. & SARAH H.	2,034.33	RICHARDS, SARAH B.	257.56
* DUNN, LATARA L.	738.00	RUNDLETT, RICK ALLAN	786.84
FLYNN, KELLY J. & TUCCI, MICHAEL A.	2,241.95	** SHEA, MARILYN A.	163.58
GAGE, NILES	347.38	STASIEWSKI, WILLIAM A. & MYERS, ANNE C.	4,672.18
GAGE, III, NILES H.	474.79	STEVENS, CHRISTINE V., HEIRS OF	536.24
GIVEN, BARRY A.	2,213.09	STITSEL, JOYCE & GREEN, KITTY	480.37
GRIMANIS, ANTHONY	1,098.00	WALLACE, TJ	148.91
HOWARD, PHEOBE	491.55	WARREN, JOY M., HEIRS OF	822.23
JEANNETTE, CHRISTOPHER L. & BECKEY L.	1,413.30		
		<b>2022 REAL ESTATE TOTAL</b>	<b>41,059.76</b>

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE 2022**

AT&T MOBILITY, LLC	144.00	GETCHELL BROTHERS, INC.	61.20
CAR CLINIC	104.40	MAINECOM SERVICES	247.05
DEEP ROOT TREE SERVICE, LLC	133.20	MARK RAINS, PHD	32.40
DISTEFANO, MICHAEL P.	491.40	RDM ELECTRIC, LLC	36.00
FARMINGTON AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE	127.80	ROOST PUB & WINGERY	916.20
FARMINGTON DENTAL	241.20	THE HOMEGROWN CONNECTION	14.40
FARMINGTON MOTEL	1,236.60	TROLL VALLEY, INC.	3.33
FARMINGTON TOWING	118.80	TYLER, EDWARD A.	307.80
FIRST AMERICAN COMMERCIAL, INC.	516.60	WAYPORT, INC.	18.00
		<b>2022 PERSONAL PROPERTY TOTAL</b>	<b>4,750.38</b>

Please note these amounts do not include interest

\* Partial payment as of January 31, 2024

\*\* Paid in full as of January 31, 2024

**BJORN CENTER FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION - MT.BLUE MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**L to R: Governor Janet Mills, Richard Bjorn, RSU #9 School Board Chair Dee Robinson, and Mt. Blue Middle School Principal James Black**

## FINANCE DIRECTOR

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



It is hard to believe that 2024 is coming to an end. We had some transition in staff early in the year, but the team is once again complete. The finance crew has been working hard collecting taxes and registering vehicles of all sorts, all while dealing with a major election. I am very proud to have Mavis, Ed, Brandy and Diane in my department. They keep things running smoothly and make my job easier, and I very much appreciate all that they do. THANK YOU to all of you!

Real Estate and Personal Property taxes for 2024 are 94.65% collected, with the remaining 2023 and 2022 taxes in lien status, and 2021 taxes and older in foreclosure. The Select Board approved moving forward with the foreclosure process on the 11 properties that remain on the list. The Town has foreclosed real estate properties going back years. There are also unpaid Personal Property Taxes going back years. I will be reviewing these accounts as well in preparation for collection this coming year. Your account status will also be sent with the Personal Property list requests for 2024. Please contact the Assessor's office if you no longer have personal property to report due to your business moving or closing.

Please make every effort to bring your taxes current, as this revenue is important in providing the services that you all depend on.

Remember as always, if you sell a mobile home this year, or have in the past, the bill of sale needs to be brought into the Assessor's office. The ownership for the tax bill will not be changed until this happens, and it will continue to be taxed to the previous owner.

Once filed, liens are reported to credit agencies and can affect your credit report. Please report address changes to the Town office as soon as possible. Correct addresses decrease our postage expenses significantly. I would also advise new owners to ensure that the real estate taxes are paid during the closing process. Remember, the tax obligation goes with the property as of April 1 of each year no matter who owns it at the time of commitment.

The Town exceeded its revenue projections by modest amounts in most areas. Overall, the department budgets stayed within approved

amounts. There were some budget items that did exceed the appropriated amounts due to unexpected expenses. I commend the department heads' diligence in managing their budgets. It has been a busy year, and it is my pleasure to work with all of them.

The Town's current Unassigned Fund Balance is \$3,462,939. It is important to maintain an adequate fund balance. When taxes are unpaid, the General Fund balance is used with the approval of the citizens, which in turn lowers the Town's "Emergency Funds". Therefore, it is very important that the Town maintains a few months of operating expenses and that taxpayers make every effort to pay their part. Please understand that the General Fund balance is comprised of receivables and accruals and not just cash.

The Town also accepts payment for Real Estate and Personal Property taxes throughout the year. Most banks now have a "bill pay" option for their clients to use. Much like any installment loan payment, you can use this option to help pay your tax bills throughout the year with a recurring monthly payment.

Lastly, the Town does accept credit and debit cards. There is a 2.5% processing fee (minimum of \$1.00) charged by the vendor supplying this service.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for being committed to your town's success. Please continue to take pride in your community. It is a wonderful place to work, play, and to get an education.

I look forward to working with you all in 2025 and wish you all good health, peace and prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Bureau  
Finance Director

**REVENUE HISTORY AND PROJECTION**

Revenue Category	2023 Estimate	2023 Actual	2024 Estimate	2024 Actual	2025 Estimate
Vehicle Excise	\$1,100,000.00	\$1,192,766.79	\$1,100,000.00	\$1,243,126.96	\$1,150,000.00
Watercraft Excise	\$5,000.00	\$5,017.90	\$5,000.00	\$4,545.10	\$4,500.00
Victualers, Liquor Licenses	\$0.00	\$832.00	\$600.00	\$806.05	\$800.00
Code Fees	\$30,000.00	\$51,122.86	\$35,000.00	\$43,110.60	\$40,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,734,600.70	\$1,620,000.00	\$1,723,593.22	\$1,700,000.00
State Welfare Reimbursement	\$15,000.00	\$14,525.94	\$17,500.00	\$20,822.13	\$24,500.00
State Tree Growth	\$30,000.00	\$36,929.44	\$35,000.00	\$37,361.53	\$35,000.00
State Veterans Exemption	\$5,000.00	\$6,184.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,877.00	\$6,000.00
State Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$10,494.00	\$10,000.00	\$14,240.00	\$12,700.00
Motor Vehicle Fees (Town)	\$30,000.00	\$30,724.00	\$30,000.00	\$31,831.00	\$31,000.00
Vital Statistics (Town)	\$18,000.00	\$19,016.50	\$18,500.00	\$20,468.30	\$19,000.00
Hunting, Fishing, R.V., Dogs (Town)	\$2,000.00	\$3,013.00	\$2,400.00	\$4,923.08	\$3,500.00
Interest on Taxes	\$35,000.00	\$23,510.00	\$25,000.00	\$43,402.33	\$35,000.00
Tax Lien Fees	\$0.00	\$13,298.18	\$10,000.00	\$12,154.54	\$12,000.00
Recreation Fees	\$25,000.00	\$39,052.00	\$34,000.00	\$48,060.12	\$39,000.00
Rental of Town Property	\$0.00	\$6,258.00	\$6,000.00	\$9,069.00	\$7,000.00
Timber Sales					
Investment Income	\$35,000.00	\$112,100.16	\$35,000.00	\$113,475.11	\$100,000.00
Contributions in Lieu of Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous - Police Dept.	\$12,000.00	\$23,001.00	\$26,000.00	\$23,754.31	\$20,000.00
Miscellaneous - All Other Depts.	\$15,000.00	\$23,026.00	\$20,000.00	\$26,466.93	\$2,300.00
Unemployment Comp. Dividend					
Recycling	\$75,000.00	\$80,316.00	\$75,000.00	\$94,288.20	\$82,950.00
Cemetery Fees	\$0.00	\$2,380.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,250.00	\$2,000.00
Cemetery Trust Fund Transfer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,032,000</b>	<b>\$3,428,168</b>	<b>\$3,150,000</b>	<b>\$3,561,626</b>	<b>\$3,364,250</b>
LORAP (Local Road Assistance Prog.)	\$160,000.00	\$191,752.00	\$190,000.00	\$191,204.00	\$191,000.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES*</b>	<b>\$3,192,000</b>	<b>\$3,619,920</b>	<b>\$3,340,000</b>	<b>\$3,752,830</b>	<b>\$3,555,250</b>

\*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.

# TAX COLLECTOR

## Bankruptcy Notice

For any property listed here 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.

2024 End of Year Taxes Receivable	
2024	\$ 726,753.14
2023	\$ 168,973.20
<u>2022</u>	<u>\$ 41,059.76</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 936,786.10</b>
Properties Liened	158
Properties	16
Foreclosed	

<b>PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT)</b>	
University of Maine at Farmington PILOT Contribution*	\$ 17,337
<p>*Additionally, UMF provides many in-kind contributions. A few examples include, but are not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full property tax on the President's house at 104 Lake Avenue</li> <li>• Half of the property tax on 242 Main Street</li> <li>• Half property tax on 274 Front Street</li> <li>• Mount Blue TV (provide free facilities and utilities)</li> <li>• Snow removal and sanding of town sidewalks adjacent to campus</li> <li>• Providing lawn care, parking and plowing for Farmington Public Library</li> <li>• Sharing Prescott Fields at no charge with the community – includes bathroom facilities and maintaining playing surfaces</li> <li>• UMF/Town of Farmington/RSU #9 combine for a compost program where UMF transports all materials to the compost facility and absorbs all costs associated with the program</li> </ul>	



# ASSESSING

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



The office of the Town Tax Assessor in Farmington is committed to ensuring fair and equitable property tax assessments that support the financial health of our community. This report provides an overview of key accomplishments, challenges faced, and future initiatives for the year 2025. This office has worked diligently to maintain accurate records, uphold transparency, and foster positive relationships with taxpayers while adhering to State laws and municipal guidelines.

Despite my relatively short tenure since becoming the full-time Assessor, our office successfully finalized the tax commitment in October as scheduled. We completed over 120 property inspections and processed more than 100 real estate tax transfers, carefully documenting associated deeds. Due to an increase in the town's total appropriation for 2024, the property tax rate rose from 0.01991 to 0.02145 (see Financial Overview below).

Category	2023	2024	Change (%)
Total Assessed Value	\$544,255,621	\$547,652,609	+0.62%
Real Estate	\$523,631,521	\$530,431,309	+1.3 %
Personal Properties	\$17,221,300	\$20,524,100	-16.1%
Total Appropriation	\$14,652,394	\$15,633,288	+6.7%
Allowable Deduction	\$3,240,735	\$3,340,000	+3.1%
Tax to be Raised	\$11,411,659	\$12,323,288	+8.0%
Tax Mill Rate	19.91/\$1,000	21.45/\$1,000	

**Townwide Property Revaluation:** In April and May, the Town of Farmington and KRT Appraisal, LLC hosted two public information sessions explaining the reassessment process and addressing residents' questions regarding updated valuations. The contracted revaluation process, initiated in June 2024, will conclude before April 1, 2025. Data collectors are currently examining all residential, commercial, and industrial properties. Updated property values will reflect current market conditions, ensuring both fairness and accuracy in taxation.

**Community Outreach:** Our office responded to multiple inquiries regarding property cards, penalty calculations for withdrawals from current use programs (e.g., Tree Growth and Farmland), and

potential taxation on solar farms and housing developments. We also addressed frequent questions – by phone, email and in person – concerning property valuations, exemptions, and boundary issues between neighbors.

**Challenges Encountered:** Market volatility and fluctuations in the real estate market create difficulties in maintaining current and precise property valuations. To address this, our office increased communication with local realtors and performed additional spot checks on high-value properties.

**Public Perception:** Some residents expressed concerns that rising property values following the revaluation process could lead to higher tax bills. We addressed these concerns through proactive communication, emphasizing that assessed values are determined independently of the tax rates ultimately set by the Select Board.

In the coming year, we will emphasize enhanced data analytics and invest in advanced analytical tools to better predict trends in property values and identify areas requiring more frequent updates. This office will stay current with the industry’s best practices and emerging technologies.

The assessing office remains dedicated to serving the people of Farmington with integrity, accuracy, and accountability. We aim to continue delivering exceptional service to our community. Thank you to our Town office staff, partners, and residents for your support and collaboration throughout this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Xu  
Assessor

## PROGRAMS THAT COULD AFFECT YOUR TAXES



For the following programs the application must be submitted to the Assessor by April 1, 2025. Applications and brochures are available at the Municipal Office or they can be downloaded from our website at [www.farmington-maine.org](http://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, 2025, 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, 2025. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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, 2023. 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 2025 on the 2024 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 who meet all of the following requirements will be eligible:

- 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.

**2024 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION FORM**

Municipality: Farmington

**BE SURE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM BEFORE FILLING IN THE TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT**

1.	Total taxable value of real estate	1	<b>\$530,431,309</b> <small>(from page 1, line 6)</small>
2.	Total taxable value of personal property	2	<b>\$17,221,300</b> <small>(from page 1, line 10)</small>
3.	Total taxable value of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2)	3	<b>\$547,652,609</b> <small>(from page 1, line 11)</small>
4. a.	Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted	4a.	<b>\$26,913,940</b> <small>(from Page 1, line 14f)</small>
	b. Homestead exemption reimbursement value (.76)	4b.	<b>\$20,454,594</b>
5. a.	Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property	5a.	<b>\$16,804,800</b> <small>(from page 2, line 15c)</small>
	b. BETE exemption reimbursement value	5b.	<b>\$8,909,905</b>
6.	Total valuation base (Line 3 + line 4b + line 5b)	6	<b>\$577,017,108</b>

**ASSESSMENTS**

7.	County tax	7	<b>\$1,009,200.00</b>
8.	Municipal appropriation	8	<b>\$9,034,808.00</b>
9.	TIF financial plan amount	9	<b>\$455,598</b> <small>(must match page 2, line 16c + 16d)</small>
10.	Local education appropriation	10	<b>\$5,163,682.00</b>
11.	Total appropriations (Add lines 7 through 10)	11	<b>\$15,663,288.00</b>

**ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS**

12.	Anticipated state municipal revenue sharing	12	<b>\$1,620,000.00</b>
13.	Other revenues: (All other revenues that have been formally appropriated to reduce the commitment such as excise tax revenue, T.G. reimbursement, renewable energy reimbursement, trust fund or bank interest income, appropriated surplus revenue, etc. (Do not include any homestead or BETE reimbursement)	13	<b>\$1,720,000.00</b>
14.	Total deductions (Line 12 plus line 13)	14	<b>\$3,340,000.00</b>

15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14) **\$12,323,288.00**

	A		B		C	
16.	<b>\$12,323,288.00</b> <small>(Amount from line 15)</small>	x	<b>1.05</b>	=	<b>\$12,939,452.40</b>	Maximum Allowable Tax
17.	<b>\$12,323,288.00</b> <small>(Amount from line 15)</small>	+	<b>\$577,017,108</b> <small>(Amount from line 6)</small>	=	<b>0.02136</b>	Minimum Tax Rate
18.	<b>\$12,939,452.40</b> <small>(Amount from line 16)</small>	÷	<b>\$577,017,108</b> <small>(Amount from line 6)</small>	=	<b>0.02242</b>	Maximum Tax Rate
19.	<b>\$547,652,609.00</b> <small>(Amount from line 3)</small>	x	<b>0.02145</b> <small>(Selected Rate)</small>	=	<b>\$11,747,148.46</b> <small>(Enter on page 1, line 13)</small>	Tax for Commitment
20.	<b>\$12,323,288.00</b> <small>(Amount from line 15)</small>	x	<b>0.05</b>	=	<b>\$616,164.40</b>	Maximum Overlay
21.	<b>\$20,454,594</b> <small>(Amount from line 4b.)</small>	x	<b>0.02145</b> <small>(Selected Rate)</small>	=	<b>\$438,751.05</b> <small>(Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)</small>	Homestead Reimbursement
22.	<b>\$8,909,905</b> <small>(Amount from line 5b.)</small>	x	<b>0.02145</b> <small>(Selected Rate)</small>	=	<b>\$191,117.46</b> <small>(Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)</small>	BETE Reimbursement
23.	<b>\$12,377,016.97</b> <small>(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22)</small>	-	<b>\$12,323,288.00</b> <small>(Amount from line 15)</small>	=	<b>\$53,728.97</b> <small>(Enter on line 5, Assessment Warrant)</small>	Overlay

(If Line 23 exceeds Line 20 select a lower tax rate.)

Results from this completed form should be used to prepare the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant, Certificate of Assessment to Municipal Treasurer and Municipal Valuation Return.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



The Budget Committee held its first meeting in December 2023 and elected the following officers: Chairman Fenwick Fowler; Vice Chairman Clyde Ross; and Secretary Wayne Kinney. The Committee had an opportunity to meet with our new Town Manager Erica LaCroix and hear her thoughts on how best to proceed during the budget process. Four meetings were held with department heads and the Town Manager, and a thorough review was provided.

The Committee looked in depth at aligning the Town's fiscal year with the State and school systems' fiscal year. Currently the Town's fiscal year is the calendar year, January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>. The State and school system are on a fiscal year of July 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>. This new alignment would make the budgeting more accurate as the school budget would be known as well as revenues from the State. This would also help the Town from having to borrow (Tax Anticipation Note) funds to operate the Town from January through November when taxes are received. The Committee recognized that the Town's revaluation process may complicate the issue. The Select Board will decide how best to integrate this in the future.

The Budget Committee honored long-term member Lloyd Smith who retired after serving for 26 years.

The Committee is grateful for all the work done by the Town Manager, department heads, and those who have supported the budget review process.

Respectfully submitted,

Fenwick Fowler  
Chairman

# TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



Thank you so much for your support. This is a wonderful town to work in filled with really nice people. I have an amazing group of coworkers that are wonderful to work with and readily willing to share their skills and knowledge.

It often seemed as though this year was one continuous election, with at least one every quarter. We appreciate the kindness and courtesy that voters have always extended towards our election clerks. Absentee ballots are always available at the Town Office 30 days before an election. The process requires filling out an absentee ballot application, and these can be filled out by the voter, immediate family members, or by telephone request. However, the voter must fill out an affidavit to receive a ballot the Friday and Monday before an election as these are considered special circumstance absentee ballots.

As always, I would like to remind all dog owners that it is very important to get their dogs licensed. This is an excellent way to help identify your dog should it get lost and is found by someone else. Please bring in the current rabies certificate so that information can be updated in our system. For new dogs, you need to provide a rabies certificate and a spay/neuter certificate if that is applicable. If you have any questions regarding this, feel free to call the office.

One thing that we are especially proud of this year is the grant from the Center for Tech Life. These funds were used to install automatic door openers in both the Town Office and the Community Center.

## Elections 2024

Municipal Elections	March 25,2024
Town Meeting	March 25,2024
RSU 9 Budget Referendum	June 11, 2024
State Referendum	November 5, 2024

I truly appreciate the assistance of my Ballot Clerks: Ann Arbor, Rebecca Austin, Lynn Caldwell, Mark Caldwell, Jonathan Cohen, Shane Cote, Tina DiDonna, Kathy Hussey, Aileen Kennedy, Wayne Kinney, Janice Lathrop, Nancy Martin, Joyce Morton, Dick Morton, Yvette Robinson, John Rosenthal, Clyde Ross, Anne Wehrmann and for their help at the polls. Thank you, Matt, Charity, and Jenn, for your assistance and patience at the Community Center, along with Mavis, Brandy, Ed, Leah, Tammy, Kate, Cindy, and Tom for your willingness to help with the absentee ballots and all of the “behind the scenes” ways that you make things run smoothly.

Dogs	397
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	953
Births	274
Marriages	34
Deaths	247

Respectfully submitted,

Diane L Dunham  
Town Clerk

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



I begin by expressing my thanks to the residents of the Town of Farmington for their continued support. It is with great pride that the community I serve is the same community where I live.

We continue to plan and train for critical events, such as the one experienced by Lewiston in 2023. In August, we hosted a nationally recognized Active Shooter Incident Management response course, paid for by the Department of Homeland Security. This three-day immersive course brought together 70 fire, police, dispatch, and emergency management personnel from across our region to learn and demonstrate best practice response to many incident types.

Officers continue to provide training at workplaces, schools, and other gathering places to increase citizen preparedness. In doing so, we reaffirm our mission: “To create a feeling of safety for people within the Town of Farmington.”

We said goodbye to one of our staff in 2024, Sergeant Jesse Clement, who transferred to the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office. We are pleased to announce that Officer Jesse Dixon joined our team and completed our Field Training Program in December. Officer Dixon comes from Albion and is a recent graduate of University of Maine at Augusta with an associate’s degree in justice studies.

We are also proud to announce a few promotions this year. Ryan Rosie was promoted to the rank of Corporal and is now our lead training officer. Rex Schweighofer was promoted to Detective and is now our full-time investigator. Jonathan Parker was promoted to Sergeant and joins Sergeant Ethan Boyd in day-to-day supervision of our patrol staff. We are glad to recognize them for their professionalism and technical skills.

Officer Ethan Whitney earned his certification as a Field Training Officer. Officer Ariana Bacon completed a challenging certification program as a Forensic Phlebotomist and attended a “Women in Public Safety Leadership” seminar. Corporal Rosie is now certified as an Active Shooter/Active Threat Instructor and has provided county-wide training throughout the year.

School Resource Officer Matthew Brann completed the Advanced SRO course through the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and now serves as a mentor for SRO's from across our region. Deputy Chief Shane Cote is now in his 29<sup>th</sup> year of service at Farmington PD!

Drew Holston, our Parking Enforcement Officer, was appointed Animal Control Officer and has responded to a wide variety of domestic animal related calls. Robert Hallman continues his 27 years of service as the Crossing Guard for the W.G. Mallett School. Thank you to Office Manager Lynne Cary and Office Assistant Jocelyn Kelly for their continued efforts to improve our facility and keep our department operating efficiently.

Law enforcement has evolved quickly in the past couple of decades. Officers are always expected to be proficient in their traditional policing duties and increasingly expected to be our community's first response to a myriad of societal challenges. Examples include homelessness, substance use, mental and behavioral health response, dysfunctional family environments, and many more.

As such, we partner with agencies that unfortunately are experiencing challenges in recruitment and retention of qualified staff. For example, we no longer have access to mobile mental health crisis response services. As a result, the burden again falls onto families and the shoulders of our first responders. We hope to collaborate with partners in bringing this critical resource back to our area.

I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to our fellow responders, Farmington Fire Rescue, Farmington Public Works, NorthStar Ambulance, area law enforcement agencies, and other unnamed organizations for their hard work and assistance.

I welcome your questions and concerns, compliments, and complaints. Feel free to stop in to say hello or meet the officer on duty. We are proud of the facilities provided to us by you, our citizens, located at 116 Franklin Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth A. Charles  
Chief of Police

## OFFICER OF THE YEAR



**Corporal Ryan Rosie**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## Farmington Police Department 2024



**Front row:** K9 Hook, Sergeant Ethan Boyd, Chief Kenneth Charles, Sergeant Jonathan Parker, Officer Ethan Bronson, Animal Control Officer/Parking Enforcement Drew Holston, Office Assistant Jocelyn Kelly.

**Back row:** Officer Ethan Whitney, Officer Jesse Dixon, Officer Ariana Bacon, School Resource Officer Matthew Brann, Deputy Chief Shane Cote, Corporal Ryan Rosie, Office Manager Lynne Cary.

**Summary of the Most Common Crimes or Police  
Calls/Complaints**

<b>Crime</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Rape	2	7	9
Assault	34	45	63
Burglary	7	6	3
Thefts (combined)	46	88	127
Criminal Mischief	33	22	23
Criminal Trespass	47	44	54
Drug Cases	25	26	26
Domestic Disturb.	37	59	59
Traffic Crashes	418	464	475
Arrests	502	555	382
OUI Arrests	39	28	12
Speeding Tickets	107	77	43
Traffic Warnings	4,591	4,026	2,716
Parking Tickets	768	999	954
Missing Persons	6	4	15
Harassment Calls	50	70	35
Security Checks	1,820	2,372	1,925
Total Traffic Stops	4,928	5,887	2,835

**Police Revenues**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Parking Tickets	\$6,930	\$11,010	\$15,157
Police Reports	\$1,154	\$1,571	\$1,120
Gun Permits	\$760	\$476	\$20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,844</b>	<b>\$13,057</b>	<b>\$16,779</b>

Parking Tickets Issued	954
Parking Tickets Paid	563

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



This is my annual report for the Farmington Fire Rescue Department for 2024. The Department had another busy year, responding to 644 calls for service. We responded to provide mutual aid assistance 47 times and received mutual aid assistance 10 times. The Department had a total of 26 training classes this past year.

<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Calls for Assistance</b>
108	107	Alarm malfunction/false alarms
43	64	Fire related calls
98	60	Smoke/odor investigations/good intent calls
220	281	Hazardous conditions with no fire
96	109	Rescue, extrication, and emergency medical calls
77	84	Service calls
<u>02</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>Severe weather</u>
<b>644</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>Total Calls</b>

The Department has been busy this year responding to calls and training. This is our second full year of providing fire coverage for the Town of Industry.

This past year we hired Kai Raiskio, Amanda Comeau, Jonny Wakefield, and Jackson Hardy as new on-call firefighters. One member is currently enrolled in the regional Firefighter I and II class. Junior Turner retired this year after providing 52 years of service to our department.

The Department has been active in presenting fire prevention programs to the area schools and groups. We have been continuing to conduct fire inspections, working with property owners and businesses to meet Fire Codes. The Department has been continuously training to meet the demands of the fire service and improve the service we provide for the citizens we serve.

I would like to send a special Thank You to all the members of the Farmington Fire Rescue Department for their hard work and dedication to serving the citizens of this community.

<b>Fire Rescue Department Roster and years of service to the town:</b>		
Jon Alexander 26 yrs.	Patty Cormier 15 yrs.	Jim Kiernan 20 yrs.
David Ballard 6 yrs.	Kyle Couture 2 yrs.	Corey Mills 7 yrs.
Scott Baxter 20 yrs.	Evan Dorr 7 yrs.	Connor Perkins 5 yrs.
Teddy Baxter 19 yrs.	Matthew Fleury 4 yrs.	S. Clyde Ross 53 yrs.
Terry Bell 47 yrs.	Tim A. Hardy 46 yrs.	Tiger Sikes 5 yrs.
James Brown 38 yrs.	Tim D. Hardy 27 yrs.	Alan Stewart 6 yrs.
Stephan Bunker 46 yrs.	Joseph Hastings 11 yrs.	Stanley Wilcox 7 yrs.
Lance Comeau 4 yrs.	Cody Jarels 4 yrs.	

I would like to thank all our local agencies who assisted us throughout the year, especially the area fire departments, Farmington Police, Farmington Public Works, Town departments, Franklin County Regional Communications Center, Franklin County EMA, NorthStar EMS, and other agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy D. Hardy  
Fire Chief

**Fire Rescue  
Heavy Vehicle Lifting and Stabilization Training**



## FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

To the Citizens, the Select Board, 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 training courses, some are learning new skills and others are just refreshing those from previous sessions. New mandates, new products and improved methods require us to always keep up to date.

Training topics that are frequently used are similar to those from past years. Some of the common trainings are Ventilation, Ladders, Drafting and Relay Pumping, Rural Water Supply, Forcible Entry, the annual Mandatory Topics Day, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, Rope Rescue Equipment review, Truck Hose Lays and Deployment practices, review of building Pre-Plans, Cold Water Rescue Techniques, inspection of Personal Protective Equipment, operation of the Water Rescue Boat, Hazardous Materials Operations refresher class, Chimney Fire control methods, Heavy Vehicle Lifting and Stabilization training. Vehicle operators did their required driving sessions and were cleared for proper vehicle operations. This summer several members took part in an Active Shooter Incident Management Class at UMF. Day crews have done routine training as part of their daily operations. The Fire Fighter 1 and II class for 2024 – 2025 is currently holding classes (on-line and hands-on) at different locations.

The Western Maine Training Facility at the Mt. Blue Campus is being used by the State and local departments for a variety of training sessions. Mutual Aid departments are being invited to our training sessions. This fosters good working relationships and helps all neighboring communities.

In closing, we thank all who have been involved with these situations and appreciate the citizens that support and understand the need for continuing education.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Clyde Ross  
Deputy Fire Chief

Joseph Hastings  
Lieutenant

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

To the Citizens, the Select Board, 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 monitor working conditions for compliance and risks.

Employees from each department will continue to attend numerous safety training courses throughout the year and will continue to strive for excellence in keeping our coworkers and friends safe. We are looking forward to what the new year brings!

The Safety Committee applied for the Ed MacDonald Safety Grant and received funds totaling \$2,939.75. These funds were used to purchase safety vests and Guardian Angel lights for Town employees.

The Town continues to participate in the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Leader Program which rewards municipalities that implement plans and activities to create a safer workplace for employees by crediting the Workers Compensation contributions. We continue to participate in the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards Safety and Health Award for Public Employers (SHAPE) program.

Thank you to those who serve on the Safety Committee for the time and effort they put into creating a safer workplace. This Committee not only helps with monetary savings to the taxpayers, but more importantly, it helps to protect employees from harm while they provide the kind of high-quality service our taxpayers deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy D. Hardy  
Chairman



## CODE/PLANNING DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



With administration and coordination provided by the Code/Planning Office, during 2024 there were 10 Planning Board meetings held, during which the Board reviewed and approved 24 applications under the following ordinances: Site Review (8), Soil Erosion Control & Storm Water Management (9), Subdivision (2), Shoreland Zoning (1), Floodplain Management (3), and Adult Use & Medical Marijuana (1). The Board also approved one Subdivision Modification. Eleven applications were approved under in-house CEO review: Site Review (2), Residential Solar Energy Systems (7), and Wireless Telecommunication (2). The Board meets on the second Monday of every month, except for October when it meets on the third Monday.

On July 8th, the Planning Board's annual election was held during which Judith Murphy was re-elected as Chairman and Mike Otley re-elected as Vice-Chairman. Alternate Michael MacNeil did not renew as an alternate. Currently, there is one opening for an alternate member.

The Board of Appeals elected officers in July, during which Galen Dalrymple was re-elected as Chairman and Bob Yorks as Vice-Chairman/Secretary. Richard Morton resigned as a Board member. Currently, there are openings for two regular members and two alternate members.

The Zoning Board met one time during 2024, and reviewed one application, and held one Public Hearing in July. The members elected officers in July, at which time Paul Mills was re-elected as Chairman and Terry Bell as Vice-Chairman. Currently, there are two openings for alternate members.

There were 52 registrations filed for residential projects during 2024: 11 stick-built houses; 8 mobile homes/modulars; 11 garages; 3 barns; 2 additions; and 1 porch, 3 decks, and 13 sheds. Also, 22 Certificates of Occupancy (CO) were issued: 15 residential; 3 institutional; 4 commercial.

In 2024, registration forms were filed for 7 business projects and 4 home-occupations, and 22 sign permits were issued.

The Revolving Loan Fund Board met twice and approved a total of \$50,000 in business loans.

In the Fall of 2024, ground was broken for the 25-unit Avesta/Edgewater Housing development for which the Code/Planning Office secured a \$500,000 CDBG Housing Assistance grant. This project is slated to open in early 2026.

In February, the Code/Planning Office completed the annual activities for the Town's re-certification for Class 8 rating under FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). This program provides federally backed flood insurance within communities that participate in the NFIP-CRS and enact and enforce floodplain regulations to mitigate flood damage and losses.

A reminder to all those building new structures, and those installing slabs and/or foundations for new manufactured ("modular") housing, that such work must be certified by a Third-Party Inspector (TPI) under the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC).

Please check the Town's website [www.farmington-maine.org](http://www.farmington-maine.org) for Board meeting dates, agendas, and minutes. Also available on the website are zoning maps, ordinances, and application forms. These are listed under Code/Planning on the homepage. All meetings are open to the public.

Many thanks to my co-workers, Planning Assistant Cindy Gelinis and Code Enforcement Assistant Kate Foster, for their hard work and dedication.

I also want to express my gratitude to: all members of the above-mentioned Boards for their participation and time generously given to the Town and its citizens; the Select Board; Town Manager Erica LaCroix; and Town employees for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Stevens Kaiser  
Code Enforcement Officer

# PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



The start of last year had many community members still reeling from the flood of December 2023. It was the same for the Recreation Department. Our ice rink liner floated away with other things, and Hippach Field was left with a lot of debris from being under 10 feet of water. Equipment was ruined, scoreboards permanently damaged, and the Howard Hippach field house needed major repairs. JCS Carpentry worked to restore this historic building to its former self. The entire deck, floors, most interior walls, insulation, lattice work was damaged or missing, and the list went on. We are thankful for our staff who worked diligently, assessing the damage and cleaning things up. We are grateful to the many volunteers who assisted and other Town departments that jumped in and helped.

Due to this catastrophic event, we worked hand in hand with FEMA, contractors, and others, replacing or repairing for the majority of the year. The grounds at Hippach Field were reseeded, fertilized, new field silt was brought in, and a Nevco scoreboard installed. There was extensive electrical damage to be dealt with at every building and court. The pool deck, filters, pump lines, and system were replaced. We were thankful to still hold swimming lessons there this summer, along with several mini sports camps, and be the home field for over eleven baseball teams.

Although the flood affected some programs and kept them from being held, we implemented several new ones, and successfully carried out 49 programs reaching community members ranging in age from infants through seniors. This provided over 52,100 hours of community participation in our programming and events. These numbers do not include drop-in use for recreation, outside organizations utilizing our facilities to provide additional opportunities for our community, or the many reservations at Walton's Mill Park. Involvement in recreational activities and events has a proven positive impact on our mental, physical, emotional, and social health and wellness.

We are grateful for the Bjorn donation we received in 2021 that we have been using for park masterplans and matching grant funds. This year we used \$10,000 to help convert Philbrick Park Field and the Little League Field at Hippach to 50' x 70' softball and baseball fields. In addition, six portable mounds were purchased to allow diversity of play.

The Parks and Recreation Department continues to partner with the RSU #9 Food Pantry and Anita's Hope Backpack program. The Food Pantry serves an average of 90 families each month, while the backpack program provides for an average of 150 children twice a month. They are a blessing in this community and both wonderful partners.

Former director, Matthew Foster, resigned in October to take a supervisor position with the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands ATV Program. We wish him the best and are thankful to have had his leadership for almost 14 years. His goal was to make "Farmington the healthiest and happiest community in Maine" and it continues to be this department's goal. Our staff assist in this daily and our success is due to our employees who are dedicated to serving the community.

A special thank you to Cameron McAllister, who directs several of our youth sports leagues, working with hundreds of children; to Emily O'Donnell, who continues to keep Farmington's flowers blooming; and to Charity Sargood, for her endless knowledge of all the grounds and buildings. These three and our seasonal employees are truly the backbone behind our work. It is our privilege to serve the people of Farmington.

For more information, please give us a call, email us, stop in, check out our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/farmingtonrec](https://www.facebook.com/farmingtonrec) or sign up for a program at <https://farmingtonme.myrec.com>

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Savage  
Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



I am pleased to submit my ninth annual report as the Director of Public Works.

At the Public Works Department, we aim to plan, build, and maintain all infrastructure, and help sustain public safety for all residents and visitors. The Department receives hundreds of calls each year from citizens. These calls help the Department respond to issues. Our full-time road maintenance crew consists of ten individuals managing 130 miles of travel way and more than 20 miles of pedestrian walkways.

Major infrastructure accomplishments during the 2024 construction season were the reconstruction of Bailey Hill Road, Weeks Mills Road and Davis Road, totaling over 27,923 ft of improved travel way and drainage.

For the 2025 season we plan to rebuild Holley Road and start the reconstruction of Main Street.

The winter of 2024 brought unusual patterns of snow, rain, and freeze and thaw cycles. Fortunately, we are prepared for what the 2025 season will bring. The crew's long hours, responsiveness and dedication make our roadway conditions clean and safe to travel.

During the summer of 2024, rainfall was above average. Due to several flash flood events, we experienced major damages and have successfully worked with FEMA to re-gain and re-build these unforeseen losses.

Lastly, I would like to thank the citizens and Select Board for all their support, and the other departments for their operational support when emergency events arise.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Hutchins  
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. 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. Should we get any rain, however, those catch basins are needed for drainage and to prevent the streets from icing. If you have a catch basin near your property, 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., 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.

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### Farmington Falls Bridge



Photo courtesy of the Farmington Historical Society



# WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



The Wastewater Department saw some changes in 2024. Steve Millett retired in September. We thank him for his 10 years of service to the Town of Farmington. Now every day is Saturday - enjoy your retirement. I was hired as the new Superintendent and two months later we hired Dave Durrell.

This year was busy with manhole repairs and rebuilds, scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, as well as some emergency equipment repairs. We had more electronic breakdowns than in previous years. Most of our systems have back-ups and the contractors that we use are very quick to respond. Kudos to them. The plant was last rebuilt 33 years ago and the concrete and steel are still in good shape. As long as the moving parts of the plant can be repaired, rebuilt or replaced, we can operate well into the future. There is a sizable reserve account in case of a major breakdown. In today's economy that would get chewed up like a Ritz cracker, so we need to remain diligent with funding.

We have a big job coming up this spring to replace the 36-inch sluice gate valve in the chlorine contact tank. We also have a list of manholes that need to be rebuilt, along with additional ones when the Public Works and the Maine Department of Transportation do work on the roads.

The crew here is excellent, and they all have mechanical and construction experience. This is essential to keep this plant operating correctly. I tip my hat to you guys. Thank you.

Just a reminder, the only manmade (made in a factory) thing that should be flushed down the toilet is toilet paper. We regularly pull pumps apart to remove all sorts of foreign material. Sometimes we find money in the bar screen, so you can keep flushing the money... and toilet paper. Thank you in advance. I look forward to serving the people of Farmington in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Hartigan  
Superintendent

## SEWER DEPARTMENT

### Lien Receivables as of December 31, 2024

\* Partial Payments Ending 01-31-2025

\*\* Paid in Full

ACCOUNT	BALANCE	EARLIEST YEAR DUE
136 Box Shop, LLC	2,914.67	2021
Alexis, Suzanne	890.02	2023
Brackett, Penny, Heirs of	2,988.36	2021
Doughty, Amos	668.45	2023
Everett, Nathaniel M.	459.77	2023
Grimanis, Verna	619.92	2023
Lord, Kevin	1,963.54	2022
Mt Blue Housing	479.49	2023
Swan, Matthew	905.56	2023
Thorson, Sue Ann	341.52	2023
Woods, Steve	541.87	2023

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



In May of 2024, the Farmington Conservation Commission (FCC) held its annual Arbor Week celebration at the newly refurbished Walton's Mill Park. We planted a red maple tree, held tree ID and invasive plant walks. The Tree City USA program requires dedication to tree care by the town, that we hold annual Arbor Day events, and that the town adopt a tree ordinance.

We drafted a Tree Ordinance to meet the needs of Tree City USA, which spells out how care will be conducted of trees on Town properties. The Tree Ordinance was approved in August at the Special Town Meeting. It can be found on the Town's website and at the Town Office. The Ordinance emphasizes that the Conservation Commission serves as an advisor to the Town departments and any citizens with questions on trees and tree health.

We continued maintenance of the downtown lilac trees. Tree survival has been steady in the last year, but we opted not to replace trees until we have a plan and funding to protect and help them survive more successfully than in the past. The "Adopt a Tree" program continues for those surviving trees and encourages downtown businesses to water and watch over them. We thank the following businesses for their "TLC": Kyes Insurance, Pine Tree Cellular, WKTJ, Bangor Savings, Mills and Mills, Richards Florist, Franklin County, TD Bank, and Tuck's Ale House. This year we again asked local businesses and organizations to plant flowers in the tree planters. This resulted in some fine flower displays established by Robin's Flower Pot, The Mercantile, The Roost, The Farmington Farmhouse, Rooted Body Botanicals, American Forest Management, and The Rotary Club. We hope to continue that added feature to the planters as we plan for more tree planting.

As of 2024, Farmington has been designated as a Tree City USA town for 48 consecutive years. This designation recognizes Farmington's dedication to provide tree cover on Town properties and roads and to encourage healthy trees throughout. We are proud to assist the Town with this.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Haslam  
Chairman

Sally Rees Speich  
Secretary

## MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

Municipal Building Address:  
153 Farmington Falls Road, Farmington, Maine 04938

### NEW TOWN OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**CLOSED Friday**

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

**Website: [www.farmington-maine.org](http://www.farmington-maine.org)**

Recycling Facility/Transfer Station 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

<b>ALL EMERGENCY CALLS</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
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	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 LIBRARY	778-4312
FRANKLIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	778-6031
FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER	778-2638
FARMINGTON WATER COMPANY	778-4777
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	491-1412

NOTE: If you are physically unable to access any of the Town's programs or services, please contact Leah Giusti at 778-6538 OR TTY 778-5873 so that accommodations can be made.



## **IMPORTANT NOTICES**

### **THE PUBLIC IS 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 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, Appointed Boards and Committees" 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](http://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](http://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 in your registration and license plate number with you.

## BURN PERMITS

Burn Permits may be obtained at no cost online at <https://apps1.web.maine.gov/burnpermit/public/index.html>, 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 people 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.



*Proven Expertise & Integrity*

February 22, 2024

Selectboard  
Town of Farmington  
153 Farmington Falls Road  
Farmington, Maine 04938

We were engaged by the Town of Farmington and are currently in the process of auditing the financial statements of the Town of Farmington as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023. A complete copy of the audited financial statements, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

*RHR Smith & Company*

Certified Public Accountants

3 Old Orchard Road, Buxton, Maine 04093  
Tel: (800) 300-7708      (207) 929-4606      Fax: (207) 929-4609  
[www.rhrsmith.com](http://www.rhrsmith.com)

## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,494,286	\$ -	\$ 8,494,286
Investments	1,599,121	1,582,985	3,182,106
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	541,373	-	541,373
Liens	255,329	-	255,329
Current portion of notes	34,793	-	34,793
Other	2,196	281,871	284,067
Prepaid items	19,167	-	19,167
Internal balances	(2,415,228)	2,415,228	-
Total current assets	<u>8,531,037</u>	<u>4,280,084</u>	<u>12,811,121</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets:			
Land and other assets not being depreciated	746,729	37,500	784,229
Depreciable assets, net of accumulated depreciation	9,498,751	1,657,962	11,156,713
Noncurrent portion of notes receivable	95,935	-	95,935
Net pension asset	72,790	-	72,790
Total noncurrent assets	<u>10,414,205</u>	<u>1,695,462</u>	<u>12,109,667</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>18,945,242</u>	<u>5,975,546</u>	<u>24,920,788</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	64,086	-	64,086
Deferred outflows related to pensions	324,050	16,982	341,032
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>388,136</u>	<u>16,982</u>	<u>405,118</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>\$ 19,333,378</u>	<u>\$ 5,992,528</u>	<u>\$ 25,325,906</u>



STATEMENT A (CONTINUED)  
TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 304,739	\$ -	\$ 304,739
Payroll related liabilities	135,563	15,132	150,695
Current portion of long-term obligations	136,983	36,813	173,796
Total current liabilities	577,285	51,945	629,230
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations:			
Bonds payable	398,000	456,568	854,568
Accrued compensated absences	162,949	28,636	191,585
Net OPEB liability	188,438	-	188,438
Net pension liability	580,932	37,602	618,534
Total noncurrent liabilities	1,330,319	522,806	1,853,125
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,907,604</b>	<b>574,751</b>	<b>2,482,355</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Prepaid taxes	25,463	-	25,463
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	93,143	-	93,143
Deferred inflows related to pensions	279,121	20,654	299,775
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>397,727</b>	<b>20,654</b>	<b>418,381</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	9,764,814	1,211,627	10,976,441
Restricted	2,507,579	-	2,507,579
Unrestricted	4,755,654	4,185,496	8,941,150
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>17,028,047</b>	<b>5,397,123</b>	<b>22,425,170</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 19,333,378</b>	<b>\$ 5,992,528</b>	<b>\$ 25,325,906</b>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,238,066	\$ 256,220	\$ 8,494,286
Investments	579,957	1,019,164	1,599,121
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	541,373	-	541,373
Liens	255,329	-	255,329
Notes	-	130,728	130,728
Other	2,196	-	2,196
Prepaid items	19,167	-	19,167
Due from other funds	255,246	2,160,627	2,415,873
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 9,891,334</b>	<b>\$ 3,566,739</b>	<b>\$ 13,458,073</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 304,739	\$ -	\$ 304,739
Payroll related payables	135,563	-	135,563
Due to other funds	4,575,855	255,246	4,831,101
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>5,016,157</b>	<b>255,246</b>	<b>5,271,403</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Prepaid taxes	25,463	-	25,463
Deferred tax revenues	669,210	-	669,210
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>694,673</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>694,673</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	19,167	-	19,167
Restricted	-	2,507,579	2,507,579
Committed	-	1,022,377	1,022,377
Assigned	-	1,144	1,144
Unassigned (deficit)	4,161,337	(219,607)	3,941,730
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>4,180,504</b>	<b>3,311,493</b>	<b>7,491,997</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 9,891,334</b>	<b>\$ 3,566,739</b>	<b>\$ 13,458,073</b>

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## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
 FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 9,982,235	\$ -	\$ 9,982,235
Excise taxes	1,161,295	-	1,161,295
Interest on taxes	38,070	-	38,070
Intergovernmental	2,615,437	474,567	3,090,004
Charges for services	215,798	-	215,798
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	-	(42,612)	(42,612)
Miscellaneous revenues	76,121	297,207	373,328
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>14,088,956</b>	<b>729,162</b>	<b>14,818,118</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	960,235	-	960,235
Public safety	3,593,994	-	3,593,994
Health and welfare	16,066	-	16,066
Recreation and culture	367,559	-	367,559
Education	4,775,032	-	4,775,032
Public works	1,705,510	-	1,705,510
County tax	661,179	-	661,179
Community services	263,212	-	263,212
Unclassified	120,525	646,298	766,823
Debt service:			
Principal	132,667	-	132,667
Interest	16,770	-	16,770
Capital outlay	-	1,523,703	1,523,703
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>12,612,749</b>	<b>2,170,001</b>	<b>14,782,750</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,476,207</b>	<b>(1,440,839)</b>	<b>35,368</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in	-	1,369,936	1,369,936
Transfers (out)	(1,363,908)	(6,028)	(1,369,936)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(1,363,908)</b>	<b>1,363,908</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>112,299</b>	<b>(76,931)</b>	<b>35,368</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, RESTATED</b>	<b>4,068,205</b>	<b>3,388,424</b>	<b>7,456,629</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$ 4,180,504</b>	<b>\$ 3,311,493</b>	<b>\$ 7,491,997</b>

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## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Enterprise Funds		
	Sewer	Sewer Reserves	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current assets:			
Investments	\$ -	\$ 1,582,985	\$ 1,582,985
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	281,871	-	281,871
Due from other funds	1,834,481	580,747	2,415,228
Total current assets	2,116,352	2,163,732	4,280,084
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets:			
Land and buildings	9,893,516	-	9,893,516
Vehicles and equipment	2,048,019	-	2,048,019
Plant/infrastructure	7,982,345	-	7,982,345
Less: accumulated depreciation	(18,228,418)	-	(18,228,418)
Total noncurrent assets	1,695,462	-	1,695,462
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,811,814</b>	<b>2,163,732</b>	<b>5,975,546</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	16,982	-	16,982
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>16,982</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,982</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 3,828,796</b>	<b>\$ 2,163,732</b>	<b>\$ 5,992,528</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Accrued payroll	\$ 15,132	\$ -	\$ 15,132
Current portion of long-term obligations	36,813	-	36,813
Total current liabilities	51,945	-	51,945
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations:			
Bonds payable	456,568	-	456,568
Accrued compensated absences	28,636	-	28,636
Net pension liability	37,602	-	37,602
Total noncurrent liabilities	522,806	-	522,806
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>574,751</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>574,751</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	20,654	-	20,654
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>20,654</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,654</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	1,211,627	-	1,211,627
Unrestricted	2,021,764	2,163,732	4,185,496
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>3,233,391</b>	<b>2,163,732</b>	<b>5,397,123</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 3,828,796</b>	<b>\$ 2,163,732</b>	<b>\$ 5,992,528</b>

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## TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Enterprise Funds		
	Sewer	Sewer Reserves	Total
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Charges for services	\$ 1,055,183	\$ -	\$ 1,055,183
Other	4,362	-	4,362
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<u>1,059,545</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,059,545</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Personnel	406,301	-	406,301
Services	391,061	-	391,061
Commodities	107,460	-	107,460
Depreciation	175,342	-	175,342
Other	1,236	-	1,236
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<u>1,081,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,081,400</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<u>(21,855)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,855)</u>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>			
Interest income	11,625	-	11,625
Interest (expense)	(15,087)	-	(15,087)
Transfers in (out)	(50,000)	50,000	-
<b>TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>	<u>(53,462)</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>(3,462)</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	<u>(75,317)</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>(25,317)</u>
<b>NET POSITION - JANUARY 1, RESTATED</b>	<u>3,308,708</u>	<u>2,113,732</u>	<u>5,422,440</u>
<b>NET POSITION - DECEMBER 31</b>	<u>\$ 3,233,391</u>	<u>\$ 2,163,732</u>	<u>\$ 5,397,123</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 4,068,205	\$ 4,068,205	\$ 4,068,205	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	9,915,889	9,915,889	9,982,235	66,346
Excise taxes	1,105,000	1,105,000	1,161,295	56,295
Interest on taxes	83,000	83,000	38,070	(44,930)
Intergovernmental	2,150,092	2,150,092	2,615,437	465,345
Charges for services	211,000	211,000	215,798	4,798
Miscellaneous revenues	9,100	9,100	76,121	67,021
Transfers from other funds	15,000	15,000	-	(15,000)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>17,557,286</u>	<u>17,557,286</u>	<u>18,157,161</u>	<u>599,875</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	978,651	978,651	960,235	18,416
Public safety	2,981,258	3,812,663	3,593,994	218,669
Health and welfare	25,000	25,000	16,066	8,934
Recreation and culture	384,767	384,767	367,559	17,208
Education	4,775,904	4,775,904	4,775,032	872
Public works	1,658,949	1,658,949	1,705,510	(46,561)
County tax	661,179	661,179	661,179	-
Community services	263,898	263,898	263,212	686
Unclassified	146,872	146,872	120,525	26,347
Debt service:				
Principal	198,000	198,000	132,667	65,333
Interest	62,400	62,400	16,770	45,630
Transfers to other funds	1,352,203	1,363,575	1,363,908	(333)
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>13,489,081</u>	<u>14,331,858</u>	<u>13,976,657</u>	<u>355,201</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 4,068,205</u>	<u>\$ 3,225,428</u>	<u>\$ 4,180,504</u>	<u>\$ 955,076</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 842,777</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (842,777)</u>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND REVENUES  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 9,915,889	\$ 9,915,889	\$ 9,982,235	\$ 66,346
Excise taxes	1,105,000	1,105,000	1,161,295	56,295
Interest on taxes	83,000	83,000	38,070	(44,930)
Total Taxes	<u>11,103,889</u>	<u>11,103,889</u>	<u>11,181,600</u>	<u>77,711</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State revenue sharing	1,564,825	1,564,825	1,723,917	159,092
Homestead exemption	418,363	418,363	501,220	82,857
GA reimbursement	-	-	5,871	5,871
Local road assistance	-	-	166,272	166,272
BETE reimbursement	154,904	154,904	155,020	116
Veteran reimbursement	-	-	6,568	6,568
Tree growth reimbursement	-	-	33,243	33,243
Other	12,000	12,000	23,326	11,326
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>2,150,092</u>	<u>2,150,092</u>	<u>2,615,437</u>	<u>465,345</u>
Charges for Services:				
Code enforcement fees	40,000	40,000	34,920	(5,080)
Motor vehicle fees	-	-	31,271	31,271
Town clerk fees	45,000	45,000	18,318	(26,682)
Inland fisheries fees	-	-	1,554	1,554
Parks and recreation fees	25,000	25,000	34,029	9,029
Assessor	-	-	278	278
Dog fees	-	-	989	989
Police department	12,000	12,000	16,988	4,988
Recycling fees	75,000	75,000	72,680	(2,320)
Cemetery fees	-	-	3,050	3,050
Misc fees/licenses	14,000	14,000	1,721	(12,279)
Total Charges for Services	<u>211,000</u>	<u>211,000</u>	<u>215,798</u>	<u>4,798</u>
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Tax lien fees	-	-	8,966	8,966
Misc revenues	9,100	9,100	67,155	58,055
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>9,100</u>	<u>9,100</u>	<u>76,121</u>	<u>67,021</u>
Transfers from other funds	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>\$ 13,489,081</u>	<u>\$ 13,489,081</u>	<u>\$ 14,088,956</u>	<u>\$ 599,875</u>

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SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>General government:</b>					
Administration	\$ 266,479	\$ -	\$ 266,479	\$ 297,954	\$ (31,475)
Assessor	115,848	-	115,848	78,210	37,638
Clerk treasurer	331,957	-	331,957	317,982	13,975
Municipal building	82,591	-	82,591	80,951	1,640
CEO	177,076	-	177,076	181,517	(4,441)
Committees	4,700	-	4,700	3,621	1,079
	<u>978,651</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>978,651</u>	<u>960,235</u>	<u>18,416</u>
<b>Public safety:</b>					
Police department	1,666,911	-	1,666,911	1,530,097	136,814
Fire department	836,247	831,405	1,667,652	1,691,154	(23,502)
Hydrants	350,000	-	350,000	259,106	90,894
Street lights	70,000	-	70,000	75,615	(5,615)
Traffic lights	21,500	-	21,500	-	21,500
Ambulance	36,600	-	36,600	38,022	(1,422)
	<u>2,981,258</u>	<u>831,405</u>	<u>3,812,663</u>	<u>3,593,994</u>	<u>218,669</u>
<b>Health and welfare:</b>					
General assistance	25,000	-	25,000	16,066	8,934
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>16,066</u>	<u>8,934</u>
<b>Recreation and culture:</b>					
Parks and recreation	218,628	-	218,628	206,639	11,989
Community center	162,329	-	162,329	158,559	3,770
Cemeteries	3,810	-	3,810	2,361	1,449
	<u>384,767</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>384,767</u>	<u>367,559</u>	<u>17,208</u>



SCHEDULE B (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Education	4,775,904	-	4,775,904	4,775,032	872
Public works:					
Highway department	1,484,899	-	1,484,899	1,555,653	(70,754)
Recycling department	174,050	-	174,050	149,857	24,193
	1,658,949	-	1,658,949	1,705,510	(46,561)
County tax	661,179	-	661,179	661,179	-
Debt service:					
Principal	198,000	-	198,000	132,667	65,333
Interest	62,400	-	62,400	16,770	45,630
	260,400	-	260,400	149,437	110,963
Community services:					
Animal shelter	16,900	-	16,900	16,795	105
Public library	228,000	-	228,000	227,853	147
Social services / economic development	17,998	-	17,998	17,564	434
Gay cemetery	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
	263,898	-	263,898	263,212	686

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified:					
Insurances	106,800	-	106,800	103,086	3,714
Overlay	40,072	-	40,072	17,439	22,633
	<u>146,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,872</u>	<u>120,525</u>	<u>26,347</u>
Transfers to other funds:					
Revaluation	27,900	-	27,900	27,900	-
Legal reserve	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
ADA	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Police facilities	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	-
Police equipment	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Police vehicle	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	-
Police K-9 reserve	750	-	750	750	-
Municipal landfill	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
Public works facilities	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	-
Public works equipment	137,500	-	137,500	137,500	-
Local road assistance	664,900	11,372	676,272	676,272	-
Municipal facilities	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Fire equipment	48,000	-	48,000	48,000	-
CEO equipment reserve	1,240	-	1,240	1,240	-
Conservation committee	800	-	800	800	-
TIF	406,113	-	406,113	406,446	(333)
	<u>1,352,203</u>	<u>11,372</u>	<u>1,363,575</u>	<u>1,363,908</u>	<u>(333)</u>
Total Departmental Operations	\$ 13,489,081	\$ 842,777	\$ 14,331,858	\$ 13,976,657	\$ 355,201

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 233,066	\$ -	\$ 23,154	\$ 256,220
Investments	-	-	1,019,164	1,019,164
Notes receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	130,728	-	-	130,728
Due from other funds	1,549,024	606,863	4,740	2,160,627
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 1,912,818</u>	<u>\$ 606,863</u>	<u>\$ 1,047,058</u>	<u>\$ 3,566,739</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other funds	<u>\$ 5,750</u>	<u>\$ 211,069</u>	<u>\$ 38,427</u>	<u>\$ 255,246</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>5,750</u>	<u>211,069</u>	<u>38,427</u>	<u>255,246</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	1,496,160	-	1,011,419	2,507,579
Committed	415,514	606,863	-	1,022,377
Assigned	1,144	-	-	1,144
Unassigned (deficit)	(5,750)	(211,069)	(2,788)	(219,607)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>1,907,068</u>	<u>395,794</u>	<u>1,008,631</u>	<u>3,311,493</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 1,912,818</u>	<u>\$ 606,863</u>	<u>\$ 1,047,058</u>	<u>\$ 3,566,739</u>

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SCHEDULE D

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (42,612)	\$ (42,612)
Intergovernmental	474,567	-	-	474,567
Other income	55,823	241,384	-	297,207
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>530,390</b>	<b>241,384</b>	<b>(42,612)</b>	<b>729,162</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Capital outlay	-	1,523,703	-	1,523,703
Other	585,386	56	60,856	646,298
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>585,386</b>	<b>1,523,759</b>	<b>60,856</b>	<b>2,170,001</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>				
	<u>(54,996)</u>	<u>(1,282,375)</u>	<u>(103,468)</u>	<u>(1,440,839)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	440,896	929,040	-	1,369,936
Transfers (out)	(139)	(5,889)	-	(6,028)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>440,757</b>	<b>923,151</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,363,908</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>385,761</b>	<b>(359,224)</b>	<b>(103,468)</b>	<b>(76,931)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, RESTATED</b>	<b>1,521,307</b>	<b>755,018</b>	<b>1,112,099</b>	<b>3,388,424</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$ 1,907,068</b>	<b>\$ 395,794</b>	<b>\$ 1,008,631</b>	<b>\$ 3,311,493</b>

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

**2025 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-FOURTH DAY OF MARCH, 2025, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning to act upon Articles 1 and 2. The polls will open at 8:00 o'clock in the morning and close at 5:00 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-FOURTH DAY OF MARCH, 2025, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to hear the results of the secret ballot on Articles 1 and 2 and to act on Articles 3 through 33, 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 Selectmen for a term of three years, one School Director for a term of one year to complete the remaining term, and one School Director for a term of three years.

**THIRD** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION** for the year 2025.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$992,411	\$1,021,477
Selectmen Recommended	992,411	1,021,477
Budget Committee Recommended	992,411	1,030,353
Town Meeting Approved	992,411	

**STATEMENT OF FACT:**

	Appropriated <u>2024</u>	Requested <u>2025</u>	Budget Comm <u>Recommend</u>	Selectmen <u>Recommend</u>
1. Administration	\$319,319	\$323,690	\$332,260	\$323,690
2. Assessor	167,039	163,617	163,617	163,617
3. Treasurer / Clerk	396,965	411,775	410,895	411,775
4. Committees & Events	3,950	3,750	5,750	3,750
5. Municipal Building	80,138	82,720	81,906	82,720
6. Tax Anticipation Note				0
7. General Assistance	25,000	35,925	35,925	35,925
8. Conservation Comm.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,026,226</b>	<b>\$992,411</b>	<b>\$1,030,353</b>	<b>\$1,021,477</b>

The Administration Budget includes personnel costs for the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Executive Assistant, and one-half of the Planning Assistant. This amount includes a contractual increase for the Manager of \$4,500, a COLA pay adjustment of 2.5% for the Executive Assistant, and a market wage adjustment of 3% for the Planning Assistant. The new PFML Mandate of .5% of payroll is included in this amount. Although health insurance premiums went up 9% in 2025 the Town implemented a new lower cost plan for the employee contribution limiting the increase to .35% for Admin. Also included are office supply and equipment costs, professional services such as the Town Report printing, public notice advertising and routine legal services. A savings is a 49% decrease in worker's compensation expense. The difference between the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommendations is that the 2025 Compensation Study was completed after the Budget Committee vote, the Board voted to move AVCOG fees to the Franklin TIF balance, and the Maine Municipal Association dues came in \$500 higher than originally requested, but prior to the Selectmen's vote. The final request comes in \$8,570 less than the Budget Committee's recommendation.

The Assessor's Department includes personnel costs for a full-time Assessor, one half of the Assessing/Counter Clerk wages, office supplies, software licenses, and association dues. This amount includes COLA pay adjustments of 2.5%, and the new PFML Mandate of .5% of payroll. There is an overall decrease from last year due to the new employee waiving health insurance coverage.

The Town Clerk/HR & Treasurer Budget includes salaries for Town Clerk & Treasurer, and wages for AP Counter Clerk and half of the Assessing/Counter Clerk. This amount includes COLA pay adjustments of 2.5% for all but the Town Clerk position which has a market adjustment of 3.1%, and the new PFML Mandate of .5% of payroll. This budget includes funds for election costs, financial software, the annual audit and copy paper for all departments in the Municipal Building. There are savings due to a new lower cost health plan, fewer election worker hours needed in 2025 and a decrease in worker's compensation. The difference between the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommendations is that the 2025 Compensation Study was completed after the Budget Committee vote. The final request comes in \$880 more than the Budget Committee's recommendation.

Committees and Events includes Memorial Day Flags (\$750), Planning Board (\$200), and Special Projects (\$2,800) which is a discretionary account for the Selectmen through which they may authorize expenditures for special projects, promotions, or events deemed appropriate. The difference between the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommendations is that the Select Board voted to take a \$2,000 funding request for the Vietnam Travelling Wall from the Downtown TIF instead of the regular municipal budget. The final request comes in \$2,000 less than the Budget Committee's recommendation.

The Municipal Buildings budget includes funds to maintain and operate the Town Office and various outbuildings and structures not covered by other departments. This includes the wages for the part-time Custodian position with a market adjustment of 7.1% (\$1,360 annually) and the new PFML Mandate of .5% of payroll. There is a \$5,000 increase to address masonry and structural repairs to the exterior of the building in 2025. The difference between the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommendations is that the 2025 Compensation

Study was completed after the Budget Committee vote. The final request comes in \$814 more than the Budget Committee’s recommendation.

The Tax Anticipation Note is no longer budgeted to fund Town operations until taxes are due. The Town borrows funds from the Sewer Department and repays them. A TAN would only be requested under an emergency situation where sewer funds are insufficient.

The General Assistance program provides for the basic needs of persons who apply and meet the qualifying requirements for assistance, as well as administrative costs such as training, GA cell phone (to provide 24-hr response as mandated) and office supplies. The 2024 appropriation was \$25,000. Expenditures totaled \$35,878 in 2023 and \$35,965 in 2024. The portion of this request allocated to services is \$35,000 with the remainder allocated to administrative expense. This budget is offset in the revenue line items by the state reimbursement of seventy percent (70%) of the cost of services provided, *not including administrative expenses*.

**FOURTH** – To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CODE ENFORCEMENT** for the year 2025.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$206,806	\$217,753
Selectmen Recommended	206,806	217,753
Budget Committee Recommended	206,806	212,404
Approved	206,806	

STATEMENT OF FACT: This budget request covers the operational expenses for two and one-half employees who oversee Code Administration, Planning, and Community Development functions. This amount includes market pay adjustments of 4.4% and 3%, respectively for the Planning Code Enforcement Officer and Planning Assistant respectively. New in 2025 the Codes Planning Assistant has been promoted to the Assistant Licensed Plumbing Inspector, which includes a wage increase of 10% for the additional duties and required certifications. This budget also includes the new PFML Mandate of .5% of payroll. This is offset by savings in workers' compensation. The difference between the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommendations is that the 2025 Compensation Study was completed after the Budget Committee vote. The final request comes in \$5,350 more than the Budget Committee’s recommendation, the bulk of which is due to the promotion of a single employee.

**FIFTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **POLICE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2025.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,884,740	\$1,884,440
Selectmen Recommended	1,884,740	1,884,440
Budget Committee Recommended	1,884,740	1,910,190
Town Meeting Approved	1,884,740	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Police Department budget includes negotiated contractual obligations for union members, 2.5% COLA Increases for non-union members and market wage adjustments for the Chief (8.5%), Deputy Chief (8.2%) and Parking Enforcement Officer/Animal Control Officer (9.7%) positions. The additional PFML Mandate of .5% of payroll is only applied to non-union positions in this budget. The Town will not be required to start deducting PFML for union positions until the contract renews in March of 2026. The 2025 budget allows for public safety protection 24 hours per day and 7 days per week. This includes expanded Animal Control services and hours for Parking Enforcement. Also included are expenses related to building, operations, vehicles, supplies, and maintenance, a set-aside for a new IT Services contract and the cost of a new cleaning services contract. Increases are offset by decreases in worker's compensation, health insurance elections, and motor fuel, as well as budgeting vacant positions at 75%. The difference between the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommendations is that the 2025 Compensation Study and the reduction to vacant position salaries were completed after the Budget Committee vote. The final request comes in \$25,750 less than the Budget Committee's recommendation.

**SIXTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** for the year 2025.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$976,815	\$1,035,524
Selectmen Recommended	976,815	1,035,524
Budget Committee Recommended	976,815	999,794
Town Meeting Approved	976,815	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The increase in the Fire Department's request includes a 2.5% COLA pay adjustment for administrative personnel and market wage adjustments for full-time Firefighters. Firefighter pay is significantly low for full-time staff in Farmington, being approximately 20% lower than equivalent municipalities. This budget reflects an initial step in bringing those wages up to market with increases of between 11 and 14% depending on years of service. In 2024 the Town started splitting the duties of the Public Works Admin Assistant with Fire. For 2025 that position has been physically relocated to the Fire Department with the added duties of Emergency Management Coordinator, and 75% of the wages have been moved to this budget equating to \$61,900. This budget also includes increased hours for per diem staff who cover full-time shifts in lieu of a permanent employee earning overtime, and a change in the Safety Incentive program to reward full-time staff with time off instead of pay, shifting the monetary benefit to part-time staff only. The salary increases are almost completely offset by a decrease in worker's compensation of \$64,810. Also included are a set-aside for a new IT services contract and other operational expenses such as vehicle and equipment maintenance, motor fuel, telephones and health assessments for firefighters. The difference between the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommendations is that the 2025 Compensation Study was completed after the Budget Committee vote. The final request comes in \$35,730 more than the Budget Committee's recommendation.



**SEVENTH** - 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 2025.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$453,451	\$483,333
Selectmen Recommended	453,451	483,333
Budget Committee Recommended	453,451	482,326
Approved	453,451	

	Appropriated <u>2024</u>	Requested <u>2025</u>	Budget Comm <u>Recommend</u>	Selectmen <u>Recommend</u>
Parks and Recreation	\$244,110	\$305,175	\$304,272	\$305,175
Community Center	<u>\$209,341</u>	<u>\$178,158</u>	<u>\$178,054</u>	<u>\$178,158</u>
TOTAL	\$453,451	\$483,333	\$482,326	\$483,333

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Parks and Recreation Budget includes operating expenses for all recreational activities, including personnel costs for the full-time Director, half of the full-time maintenance position, part-time seasonal positions, program directors, and coaches. The Director is new, hired January 27, 2025, at a lower salary than her predecessor. The part-time staff have had adjustments based on an increase in the minimum wage for 2025. This budget also includes an increase in overall part time hours due to the oversight of adding the hours for field hockey, lacrosse and yoga in the 2024 budget, as well as adding a Swim Instructor Aide, a Health and Wellness Mornings series, a Mini Sports Camp for the summer, and four Teen Night events. The cost of the additional programming is \$9,600 and is offset by an increase in the fees in the revenue budget. The Community Center budget includes personnel costs for one full-time Assistant Director and half of the full-time Maintenance position, as well as several part-time seasonal positions. The Assistant Director is new, hired January 27, 2025, at a similar salary to her predecessor. Hours were added for both the After School Program and Facility Events. There was a significant decrease in the heating oil budget due to declining fuel costs.

Both budgets include a 3.1% market wage adjustment for the full-time maintenance position, the new PFML Mandate of .5% of payroll and a decrease in worker's compensation costs. Expenses that are not directly related to operation of the Community Center were transferred to the Parks and Recreation budget to more accurately represent the cost of the facility. This results in an increase to Parks and Recreation and a corresponding decrease to the Community Center. The difference between the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommendations is that the 2025 Compensation Study was completed after the Budget Committee vote, and the cost to attend the MRPAC Conference was added after their vote. The final request comes in \$1,007 more than the Budget Committee's recommendation.

**EIGHTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **OTHER PROTECTIONS** for the year 2025.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$590,887	\$716,095
Selectmen Recommended	590,887	716,095
Budget Committee Recommended	590,887	716,095
Town Meeting Approved	590,887	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
1. Streetlights	\$70,000	\$ 77,600
2. Fire Hydrants	350,657	395,200
3. Insurances	120,000	181,255
4. Ambulance	<u>50,230</u>	<u>62,040</u>
TOTAL	\$590,887	\$716,095

The Street Light budget has decreased due the addition of 23 new LED lights downtown. The cost of Fire Hydrants has increased due to a 12% increase from the Water District. The hydrant cost is governed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission and is based on a percentage of the Water Company's total operating expenses. The Insurance category is based on anticipated premium costs in 2025. Included are employee cash handling bonds, blanket property and automobile coverages, public officials' liability, and unemployment insurance. These costs have risen by 17% year-over-year and the actual 2024 expenditure was \$138,019. The Ambulance subsidy is established by a contractual agreement with MaineHealth EMS (formerly NorthStar Ambulance) and increased 17% during the last negotiation, half of which will come due in July.

**NINTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** for the year 2025.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,872,713	\$1,768,951
Selectmen Recommended	1,872,713	1,768,951
Budget Committee Recommended	1,872,713	1,784,891
Town Meeting Approved	1,872,713	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Public Works Department budget covers the operational expenses required to maintain the Town's 120 miles of roads. The budget covers the personnel costs for eleven full-time and one part-time employees. Two positions, the Construction Foreman and the Mechanic, were eliminated in 2024 upon the foreman transferring to Wastewater and the mechanic retiring. It has been determined that the foreman position is not as necessary as previously thought, and mechanic duties are achieved by a \$1 stipend for an employee with an inspections license and contracting out heavy equipment repairs at the rate of \$85/hr to an on-call local mechanic. This budget is down considerably due to the elimination of those positions, transfer of 75% of the wages for the Public Works Administrative Assistant to the Fire Department, and reclassification of a Truck Driver position to a Laborer/Utility

position at a considerably lower hourly rate. This budget includes a 2.5% COLA pay adjustment for the Director and most positions, as well as the new PFML Mandate of .5% of payroll. It also includes market wage adjustments for the Heavy Equipment Operator positions and one of the Truck Drivers with 10 years of experience. The Laborer position is also budgeted at 75% as it is currently vacant. There is a significant increase in Road Maintenance expenditures for regular repair and maintenance, largely due to the amount of storm damage experienced over the last three years, there is a place-holder for a new IT Services Contract, and the Line Striping and Cemetery Mowing contracts have increased almost \$20,000. Savings exist in worker's compensation, motor fuel and heating oil, as well as moving heavy equipment rentals to the capital budget with paving expenses. The difference between the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommendations is that the 2025 Compensation Study was completed after the Budget Committee vote, and the Laborer hours were decreased after their vote. The final request comes in \$15,940 less than the Budget Committee's recommendation.

**TENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **RECYCLING DEPARTMENT** for the year 2025.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$192,315	\$190,908
Selectmen Recommended	192,315	190,908
Budget Committee Recommended	192,315	190,908
Town Meeting Approved	192,315	

STATEMENT OF FACT: This budget covers all operating expenses for the transfer station and two current part-time employees for 2025 with a 2.5% COLA wage adjustment. Labor cost is down slightly due to a decrease in worker's compensation.

**ELEVENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be transferred to the Capital Reserve Funds.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Admin Computer & Office Equip Capital	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200
Assessor Compr & Office Equip Capital	500	700
Treasurer/Clerk Comp & Office Equip Capital	4,000	2,000
Vital Records Books Preservation	0	3,000
Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000
Municipal Buildings Equipment & Grounds	1,500	6,000
CEO Computer & Equip Capital	2,000	2,000
Revaluation Capital Reserve	30,000	35,000
Police Dept Building Capital Reserve	10,000	20,000
Police Dt Equipment Capital Reserve	10,000	14,500
Police Dept Vehicle Capital Reserve	124,000	136,000
Police K-9 Reserve	0	1,250
Police Department Grounds & Lots	0	2,500
Police Academy	0	10,000
Fire Dept Apparatus Capital Reserve	150,000	150,000
Fire Dept Rescue Equipment Capital	0	8,000
Fire Dept Computer & Equip Capital	1,800	2,800

Fire Dept Facility Capital Reserve	8,275	5,000
Public Works Computer Capital Reserve	0	1,500
Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve	115,000	200,000
Public Works Facilities Capital Reserve	50,000	50,000
Public Works Roads Capital Reserve	859,489	800,000
Public Works Sidewalks Capital Reserve	20,000	20,000
Public Works Emergency Rds Cap Reserve	10,000	14,550
Municipal Landfill Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000
Recycling Equipment Capital Reserve	0	5,000
Cemetery Infr/Headstone Capital Reserve	5,000	5,000
Hippach Field and Parks Capital Reserve	5,000	5,000
Parks Vehicle and Equip Capital Reserve	5,000	5,000
Parks Playground Capital Reserve	0	5,000
Parks Land Improvement Capital Reserve	6,000	6,000
Parks Computer & Equip Capital Reserve	1,500	1,000
Community Center Capital Reserve	25,000	25,000
Community Center Recreation Equip Capital	0	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,465,064</b>	<b>\$1,564,800</b>

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,849,145	\$1,564,800
Selectmen Recommended	\$1,849,145	\$1,564,800
Budget Committee Recommended	\$1,849,145	\$1,574,800
Approved	\$1,849,145	

STATEMENT OF FACT: This budget covers annual set-aside for computer, vehicle and equipment replacements, and major maintenance of facilities. The Revaluation reserve covers the annual set-aside needed to prefund the next Revaluation project in approximately 10 years. New requests include \$3,000 for preservation of Vital Records books (2 of 5 books over 3 years), an additional \$5,000 for the Municipal facility for exterior lighting and parking lot savings, \$1,250 to set aside for major medical expenses and retirement of the drug dog, an additional \$20,000 towards roof replacement and parking lot paving at the Police Station, \$5,000 set aside for future replacement of the loader at the Transfer Station, \$5,000 set aside for future playground replacement, and \$1,000 set aside for future replacement of Community Center recreation equipment (balls, mats, game tables, etc.). See the 5-year Capital Plan for specific details. The difference between the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommendations is a \$10,000 request to fund a downtown security camera was moved to the Downtown TIF after vote.

**TWELFTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **DEBT SERVICE** for the year 2025.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$94,367	\$90,567
Selectmen Recommended	94,367	90,567
Budget Committee Recommended	94,367	90,567
Town Meeting Approved	94,367	

STATEMENT OF FACT:	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>
Engine 1	\$57,000	\$54,800	\$54,800
Police Building Debt	37,367	35,767	35,767
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$94,367</b>	<b>\$90,567</b>	<b>\$90,567</b>

The amount indicated in this Article represents the debt service (principal and interest) for bonds for the police station renovations and Engine 1 debt. The police building debt will be paid off in 2026, and Engine 1 in 2029.

**THIRTEENTH** - 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 2025.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$9,000	\$5,000
Selectmen Recommended	9,000	5,000
Budget Committee Recommended	9,000	5,000
Town Meeting Approved	9,000	

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 amount shown is an annual set aside to build the reserve which was fully depleted in 2023.

**FOURTEENTH** - 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 2025.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$1,500	\$1,500
Selectmen Recommended	1,500	1,500
Budget Committee Recommended	1,500	1,500
Town Meeting Approved	1,500	

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 \$16,872.

**FIFTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **FARMINGTON LIBRARY** for the year 2025.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$271,750	\$299,270
Selectmen Recommended	271,750	299,270
Budget Committee Recommended	271,750	299,270
Town Meeting Approved	271,750	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The amount requested represents approximately 75% of the Library's total projected budget for 2025 and is a 10.13% increase over the 2024 Town appropriation.

**SIXTEENTH** - To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **GAY CEMETERY** for the year 2024.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</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 South Strong Road. It is a 100-plot cemetery (including 16 veteran graves) maintained by the Gay Cemetery Association.

**SEVENTEENTH** - 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 2025.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$18,221	\$22,776
Selectmen Recommended	18,221	22,776
Budget Committee Recommended	18,221	22,776
Town Meeting Approved	18,221	

STATEMENT OF FACT: The State of Maine mandates that all municipalities designate a shelter that will accept stray animals. Farmington contracts with the Franklin County Animal Shelter for this service. The shelter currently assesses all participating communities at \$3.00 per capita based on the most recent US Census. This is a 25% increase over 2024.

**EIGHTEENTH** - 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.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$14,240	\$12,700
Selectmen Recommended	14,240	12,700
Budget Committee Recommended	14,240	12,700
Town Meeting Approved	14,240	

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%. NOTE – the 2025 request is an estimate of the snowmobile revenue for the year. Regardless, the amount actually received will be returned to the clubs if this article passes.

**NINETEENTH** - see if the Town will vote to reduce the amounts authorized to be raised in taxes in Articles 2 through 20 by **\$3,555,250**, based on estimates for non-tax municipal revenues.

<u>Estimates</u>	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY24</u>
Excise Taxes	\$ 1,105,000	\$ 1,154,500
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	132,500	143,350
Intergovernmental	1,868,500	1,969,200
Charges for Services	127,000	97,000
Other Revenues	107,000	191,200

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Amount Requested	\$3,340,000	\$3,555,250
Selectmen Recommended	\$3,340,000	\$3,555,250
Budget Committee Recommended	\$3,340,000	\$3,555,250
Approved	\$3,340,000	

**STATEMENT OF FACT:** Revenue estimates are based on state projections and 4-year trends in-house.

**TWENTIETH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to reallocate budgeted amounts from budget lines that have unexpended appropriations to other budget lines, as they deem necessary, to avoid individual budget lines being over-expended. Approval of this warrant article does not increase the overall appropriations approved for the Town.

**TWENTY-FIRST** - 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 2025 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) at the end of the 2024 budget year, is estimated to be \$3,900,000. The auditors recommend carrying a minimum UFB level that is adequate to cover three months' expenditures, which is approximately \$3,800,000. Approval of this Article would allow the Selectmen to utilize whatever amount of UFB, if any, that they deem to be advisable to reduce the property tax commitment while maintaining adequate reserves.

**TWENTY-SECOND** - To see what amount, if any, of the Year 2025 Bee Line Cable (Spectrum) 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>2024</u>	<u>2025</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 2024, that amount was \$46,076. 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 \$7,500 annual payment for Mount Blue TV's equipment and facilities. The full franchise fee for 2025 is expected to be an amount similar to or slightly less than that received in 2024.

**TWENTY-THIRD** - To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes due and payable on Monday, November 4, 2025, or 45 days from the tax commitment, whichever is later and, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 505(4), charge interest on overdue taxes at the rate of 7.50% per annum after November 4, 2025.

**TWENTY-FOURTH** - To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 506-A, to pay interest on refunds of overpaid or abated taxes at the rate of 4.00% per annum after Monday, November 3, 2025, or 45 days from the tax commitment, whichever is later.

**TWENTY-FIFTH** - 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.

**TWENTY-SIXTH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by bid or auction or on such terms and conditions as deemed in the best interest of the Town, such equipment, vehicles, or furniture as are no longer necessary for Town operations.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to replace and/or purchase additional services or equipment for the Town at such times as the Board of Selectmen deems necessary or in the best interest of the Town, but only at such times as sufficient funds are available in reserve accounts to pay for such equipment or services.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by Town Meeting, money from the State, federal or other governmental units or private sources that 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.

**TWENTY-NINTH** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budget amount in each category of the 2025 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2025, until the Town Meeting in March 2025.

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

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

**THIRTY-THIRD** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow up to \$800,000 to be combined with remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the purposes of structural and mechanical improvements to the Community Center.

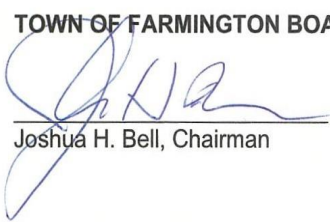
STATEMENT OF FACT: The Community Center Roof is in need of structural renovation as it does not meet building code for weight limits and snow loads. In addition the building needs other major repairs including replacement of the concrete handicap access ramp in front of the building, paint and masonry repairs, boiler replacement and HVAC upgrades. After more than a year of negotiations the Town has executed a contract with Sheridan Construction for a Design-Build Contract for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. ARPA funds of \$700,000 have been earmarked for this project. This borrowing request is to obtain the additional funding to execute this contract.

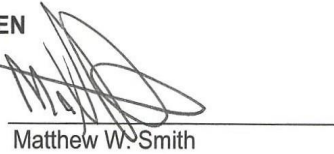
The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Community Center on March 25, 2025 at the time of the meeting to add new names to the voting list or make changes to the voting list.

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-seventh day of February, A.D. 2025.

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joshua H. Bell, Chairman

  
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Matthew W. Smith

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Dennis E. O'Neil

  
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Byron T. Staples

  
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Richard M. Morton

**ORIGINAL:**

  
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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 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 \_\_\_\_, 2025, which is a least 7 days prior to the day of said meeting.

Dated at Farmington, Maine this \_\_\_\_ day of March 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
S. Clyde Ross  
Resident of Farmington  
True copy:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Dunham  
Town Clerk

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Dear Farmington Neighbors:

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. Over the next two years, I will be working hard as your advocate in Augusta to make life better for everyone in our district and in our state.

As I write this, the first session of the 132nd Legislature has begun. We have a lot of work ahead of us, which will include doing more to lower costs for Maine families, build an economy that works for everyone, increase access to housing and health care and more. I'm looking forward to working with all of my colleagues to tackle these challenges head-on.

Our most significant priority will be crafting a two-year state budget, which will shape the direction of our state in the near future. I will be fighting to ensure that the budget includes policies that will provide relief and make it easier for more Maine families to build their lives here and make ends meet. Some of my other top goals for the budget include working to continue support of the state covering 55% of K-12 school funding and 5% revenue sharing, both to lessen pressure on local property taxes.

This session, I have been appointed to serve on two committees: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my help. My phone number is (207) 778-2558 and my email address is [Stephan.Bunker@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Stephan.Bunker@legislature.maine.gov). I also send out monthly e-newsletters that provide updates on our work at the State House and offer helpful information and resources. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

I am so grateful to be entrusted with this great responsibility, and I look forward to connecting with you over the next two years.

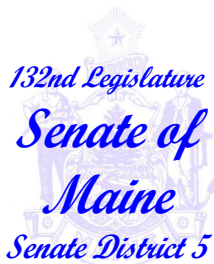
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephan M. Bunker".

Stephan Bunker

State Representative

District 75: Farmington and Chesterville



**Senator Russell Black**  
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am honored and humbled to continue serving as your State Senator for a fourth term. The trust you have placed in me is something I do not take lightly, and I remain committed to being a strong voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta.

I am happy to continue my work on the Agriculture Conservation and Forestry Committee, I will continue to focus on ensuring accountability in key state programs, with a particular emphasis on the Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS).

The First Regular Session of the 132nd Maine State Legislature began on December 4, 2024, with our swearing-in ceremony led by Governor Janet Mills. It was a day filled with tradition, attended by family and friends of incoming members, as we set the stage for the work ahead.

Many of you have reached out to me about the challenges you are facing—rising costs of energy, housing, child care, and concerns about education, mental health, substance abuse, workforce development, and community safety. As your State Senator, I am committed to working with my colleagues to find common-sense solutions to these pressing issues.

In addition, addressing Maine’s anticipated budget gap and setting priorities for the next biennium will be a significant focus this session. I am confident that through collaboration, we can work to balance fiscal responsibility with investments in the well-being of all Mainers.

Once again, I want to thank you for re-electing me to represent you in the State Senate. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, comments, or concerns. I am here to help, whether it’s navigating state programs or working to address issues important to you and our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell Black".

Russell Black  
State Senator



Janet T. Mills  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
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Dear Maine Resident:

I have always been guided by the belief that to strengthen our state, we have to invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. With the support of the Legislature, my Administration has been investing in what people need to succeed, like job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

We are seeing results — small businesses are expanding their operations; people are moving here to work and raise their families; and graduates are staying in Maine to pursue rewarding, life-long careers. These are all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has one of the best rates of economic growth in the nation.

That's good news, but I know that not everyone is feeling the benefits of our strong economy. The cost of living in Maine, as in much of America, is too high. The price of fuel, the cost of supplies, utilities and labor have driven up expenses for families across the country and impacted the budgets of towns, counties and nearly every state, including Maine.

I want everyone to benefit from the availability of good jobs, a good public education, and good health care in our state. That is why I have put forward a balanced budget proposal that proposes some savings and certain targeted revenue increases to maintain things we all support, like the state paying 55 percent of the cost of education and 5 percent municipal revenue sharing, to keep all these costs from being passed along to property taxpayers.

We have made good progress over the past six years to ensure that every person in Maine can find a good-paying job in a rewarding and stable career; go to the doctor when they feel sick because they have health insurance; and have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school.

I look forward to working with communities and citizens across the state to solve problems, manage our finances, and keep our people healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills  
Governor



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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share several key accomplishments for our state from the previous year.

As Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee, I have secured nearly \$580 million for 230 projects across all of Maine's 16 counties to promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; support law enforcement; improve public education and infrastructure; and protect our environment. As the new Congress begins, I am honored to be taking the helm of the Committee, the first Mainer to do so in nearly a century, and I remain committed to ensuring that federal spending produces real results for our state and nation.

Maine has the oldest average age in the country, which is why I have long prioritized health-focused legislative efforts. There were more than 1,860 health care bills introduced during the 118th Congress. Only 15 health care bills were signed into law, and I was a lead sponsor of five of them. These bills will enhance care for individuals with Alzheimer's, autism, and substance abuse issues through improved research funding, strengthened public health programs, and increased support for rural first responders.

Another important bill that I coauthored was the *Social Security Fairness Act*. Since 2003, when I led the first-ever Senate hearing on the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, I have sought to end these provisions of the *Social Security Act* that unfairly reduce the Social Security benefits that public employees or their spouses have earned. I am pleased to say that with the passage of my bill, the *Social Security Fairness Act*, in December, public sector retirees will now receive the full Social Security benefits they have earned.

When the Maine way of life was under threat, I was certain to defend the interests of our state. I worked to protect Maine's potato farmers when the Department of Agriculture tried to reclassify the potato from a vegetable to a grain. I thwarted efforts to consolidate USPS mail operations at the Hampden postal facility, which would have disrupted mail delivery throughout our state. I sounded the alarm with leaders at the FBI and Departments of State and Treasury on the spate of illicit marijuana growing operations that are destroying properties and providing refuge to foreign criminals in our state. Following damage to our working waterfronts after last winter's storms, I secured \$15 million to help fishing communities recover. I championed funding to support the Maine Air National Guard base, Bath Iron Works, and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

As of last December, I have cast more than 9,100 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997. My ranking as the most bipartisan Senator reflects Maine's tradition of working with a spirit of cooperation and respect.

My highest priority as a Senator is to ensure that Maine's needs are met. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at [collins.senate.gov](http://collins.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends,

Each year comes with renewed hope – to celebrate each other’s successes and care for each other in times of need. I am thankful to each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. We always work together to get things done. This past year was no different.

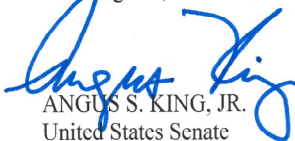
First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services. The *Inflation Reduction Act* has been incredible for older people in Maine – Medicare is finally negotiating lower prices for prescription drugs, on top of the \$35 per month cap for insulin that took effect in 2023. We have an opportunity to build on what we have in common and do what Maine people do best; we will continue to help each other and lead through example.

I have also been consistently working to help our veterans. My team has repeatedly been successful in securing long-overdue recognition of military medals for many of Maine’s combat veterans and working to resolve issues with claims, travel pay, and access to healthcare and benefits our veterans earned through their selfless service to our country. I have also worked with my Veterans Affairs and Defense partners in Washington to successfully pass a national defense bill that strengthens our national security, takes care of our service members, and supports Maine businesses from Aroostook to York County.

I am also thankful to have such an incredible team across Maine available to you for hurdles you may face with the federal government. Whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, IRS and more, please never hesitate to reach out to my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow us the chance to be part of your solutions.

Together, over the next six years, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2025.

Best Regards,



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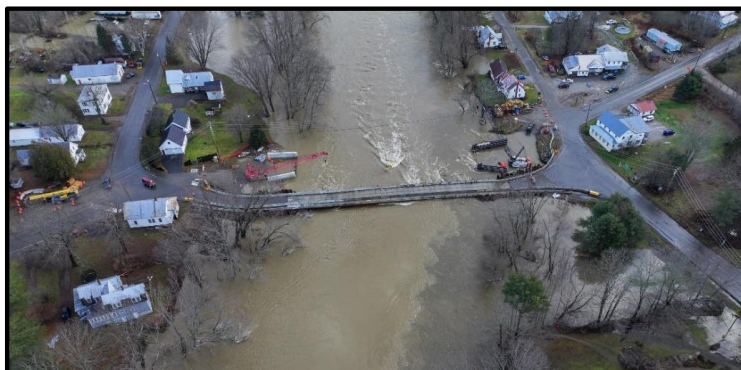


# Farmington Falls Bridge 2021 Reconstruction Project

2022



December 2023 Flood



Completed 2024



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