

WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 22, 2016

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 downstairs at the Community Center at 127 Middle Street in said Town on Tuesday, the TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 1 through 6, all of said Articles being set out below, to wit:

FIRST - To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

SECOND - Shall an Ordinance entitled Town of Farmington Moratorium Ordinance on Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs be enacted?

NOTES: The initial moratorium duration will be 180 days, which may be extended for additional 180-day periods if the Town finds that the need for the moratorium still exists and reasonable progress is being made. The implementation process may include both new ordinance adoption and existing ordinance amendment as necessary. This Warrant Article would not impose a moratorium on existing medical marijuana provision by licensed caregivers in compliance with State law.

STATEMENT OF FACT: Passage of Referendum Question #1 on the November 8, 2016 ballot has triggered this consideration by Town voters in order to allow sufficient time to prepare for local licensing per 7 M.R.S. §2449

THIRD - Shall performance standards, definitions, and table of uses modifications for "Solar Energy Systems" be added to Sections 11-8.8, 11-8.9, and 11-8.11 of the Town of Farmington Zoning Ordinance.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The new Solar Energy System performance standards, definitions, and table of uses modifications will enable the Town to: be informed of the intended placement of residential, commercial, and industrial solar energy systems; regulate the permitting of residential commercial, and industrial solar energy systems; preserve and protect public health and safety; allow for the orderly development of land; and protect property values in the Town of Farmington.

(Copies of the Solar Energy System performance standards, definitions, and table of uses modifications are available in advance at the Municipal Building and at the Community Center during Town Meeting.)

FOURTH - Shall the Town of Farmington Site Review Ordinance be amended to include “Highway and Background Connectivity” to the list of Performance Standards.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The addition of “Highway Connectivity” will give the Planning Board the opportunity during its reviews to determine whether or not a proposed commercial retail and/or service business project may be best served by the utilization of an existing abutting retail and/or service business access, thereby reducing the number of curb-cuts and increasing highway safety, and enabling in-fill development of properties that otherwise might not be viable.

The addition of “Background Connectivity” will also give the Planning Board the opportunity during its reviews to determine whether or not a proposed commercial retail and/or service business project is best served by utilization of a background access connector to an existing abutting retail and/or service businesses in addition to a new curb-cut for the construction of a highway opening to service the applicant’s site, allowing increase access to more businesses via background connectors, thereby reducing the number of vehicles having to re-enter the highway to access abutting and neighboring businesses.

(Copies of the amended Site Review Ordinance are available in advance at the Municipal Building and at the Community Center during Town Meeting.)

FIFTH - To see if the Town will vote to ratify the action of the Board of Selectmen in granting a Release Deed to William H. Marceau on July 12, 2016 for property on Church Street located along the easterly line of the property the Town acquired from the estate of James S. Murphy, said Release Deed recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds at Book 3837 Page 54 and accepting a Release Deed from William H. Marceau for property in the aforementioned location, said Release Deed recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds at Book 3837 Page 58, said deed exchange being for the purpose of confirming the common boundary between the Town and said Marceau and allowing the Town to conduct ancillary parking lot-related activities on said Marceau’s adjoining property.

SIXTH – Shall an Ordinance entitled Disbursement Warrants Chapter 2 - Article 1. (Board of Selectmen) Section 2-1.6 of the Town of Farmington Code of Ordinances be enacted as follows:

Disbursement Warrants

2-1.6 Purpose:

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide an alternative to the statutory procedure for

approval of warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse money.

2-1.7 Authority:

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. §§ 3001 (municipal home rule) and 5603(2) (A).

2-1.8 Procedure for Approval:

The treasurer may disburse money only on the authority of a warrant drawn for the purpose, either (a) affirmatively voted and signed by a majority of the municipal officers at a duly called public meeting, (b) seen and signed by a majority of them acting individually and separately, or (c) signed by any one of them acting alone as provided by law for the disbursement of employees' wages and benefits and payment of municipal education costs and state fees.

STATEMENT OF FACT: A warrant signed by a majority of the municipal officers (Selectmen) is required in order to authorize the Treasurer to pay, or disburse, any municipal funds. The default method of approving such warrants is an affirmative vote of the municipal officers at a duly called public meeting. The historical practice in many municipalities (including Farmington) however, has been for the municipal officials to stop in at the town office individually to review and sign the warrant. The statute sanctions this practice so long as it is provided for by charter or ordinance. The purpose of the proposed Disbursement Warrants Ordinance is to codify the historical practice.

The Registrar of voters will be present while the polls are opened and while Town Meeting is in session to correct any errors in or change a name or address on the voting list and to accept new registrations from any eligible voter. (PLEASE BRING PROOF OF ADDRESS WHEN REGISTERING AT THE POLLS. SUCH AS LIGHT BILL, PHONE BILL AND DRIVERS LICENSE OR ANY PHOTO ID).

Given under our hands at Farmington, Maine this 8th day of November, A.D. 2016.

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Joshua H. Bell, Chairman

Michael J. Fogg

Stephan M. Bunker

Matthew W. Smith

Andrew R. Buckland

ORIGINAL:

OFFICER'S RETURN

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

Dated at Farmington, Maine this _____ day of November 2016.

S. Clyde Ross
Resident of Farmington

True copy:

Leanne E. Dickey
Town Clerk