TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TUESDAY- JUNE 11, 2024
THURSDAY- JUNE 13, 2024

To Greg Lumbert, a Constable of the Town of Farmingdale, in the County of Kennebec State of Maine,

GREETINGS,
In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Farmingdale, in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **Farmingdale Town Office** in said town on **TUESDAY, the 11th day of June. A.D. 2024, at 8:00 a.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2, as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

And, to notify and warn said Inhabitants to meet at the **HALL-DALE HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE** in said town on **THURSDAY, the 13th day of JUNE, 2024, A.D.**, at **6:00 p.m.**, then and there to act on **Articles 3** through **68** as set out below,
To wit:

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

Article 2. To elect by secret ballot one (1) Selectperson, for a three (3) year term.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4, Article 1 (Permit Required) Section 4-101.

(A copy of the full text of this ordinance amendment is available for review and inspection at the Farmingdale Town Office; attached as Exhibit A on the Town Meeting Warrant, and also posted on the Town's Website:www.farmingdalemaine.org)

Article 4. Shall an Ordinance entitled "Solar Array Ordinance" be enacted?

(A copy of this proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Farmingdale Town Clerk's Office; attached as Exhibit B on the Town Meeting Warrant, and also posted on the Town's Website:www.farmingdalemaine.org)

Article 5. Shall an Ordinance entitled "Use of recreational vehicles and camping ordinance" be enacted?

(A copy of this proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Farmingdale Town Clerk's Office; attached as Exhibit C on the Town Meeting Warrant, and also posted on the Town's Website:www.farmingdalemaine.org)

Article 6. To see if the Town, pursuant to 23 M.R.S. Section 3025, will vote to accept the dedication made by MMT Acquisitions LLC of an easement interest in a strip of land known as Violet Drive and described on survey prepared by E.S. Coffin Engineering, and to accept and establish a town way and public easement on said strip of land.

Article 7. To see what action the Town will take in authorizing the Select Board to transfer monies between expenditure accounts.

Select Board Recommend 25%

Article 8. To see if the Town will set the dates of October 10, 2024 and April 08, 2025 when taxes are due and payable and to see if the Town will fix the interest rate on unpaid taxes at 8.5% (eight.five percent) per annum (36 MRSA §505 (4) and to set the dates that interest starts on unpaid taxes commencing on the first half October 11, 2024 and on the second half on April 9, 2025.

Select Board Recommend

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, to set an interest rate of 4.5% to be paid on overpaid abated taxes.

Select Board Recommend

Article10. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506, to authorize the tax collector and treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed.

Select Board Recommend

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of real estate tax acquired property for nonpayment of taxes and sewer fees thereon, as they deem in the best interests of the Town, except that the Select Board shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if they choose to sell property to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

Select Board Recommend

Article 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to waive foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 MRSA§ 944 upon finding by the Select Board that ownership of the property subject to lien would be contrary to the Town's best interest.

Select Board Recommend

Article 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into multi-year contracts, not to exceed 3 years, for the purpose of procuring winter road maintenance, road maintenance contracts, sewer maintenance contracts and other professional services for the Town on such terms and conditions that the Select Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

Select Board Recommend

Article 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from Surplus to pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon.

2023/24 - $5,000.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $3,000.00

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend from Surplus to pay for unanticipated expenses and emergencies.

2023/24 - $10,000.00 2024/25– Select Board Recommend $10,000.00

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for deposit to the Capital Improvement Account. (Account Balance as of April 30, 2024, $238,364.45)

2023/24 - $25,000.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend (Surplus) $50,000.00

Article 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Administration

2023/24 - $165,950.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $173,355.00

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to contract with KVCOG to update the Towns outdated (2006) Comprehensive Plan.

2023/24 – $0 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $28,000.00

Article 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Contingent.

2023/24 - $6,400.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $6,100.00

Article 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Office Wages, Select Board Salaries and F.I.C.A.

2023/24 - $229,460.00 2024/25 - Select Board Recommend $268,140.00

Article 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Codes Enforcement Officer.

2023/24 - $45,900.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $48,100.00

Article 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Protection with unspent monies going into a Fire Department Reserve Account.

2023/24 - $85,600.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $85,600.00

Article 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay this year's obligation to the Kennebec Savings Bank Bond payment for money borrowed to purchase the 2017 HME Pumper Fire Truck.

2023/24 – $24,482.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend (Surplus) $23,945.00

Remaining balance including interest after the above payment will be $153,949.46 Final payment is scheduled to be made in year 2031.)

Article 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay this year's obligation to the Kennebec Savings Bank bond payment for money borrowed to build the Fire Station at 571 Maine Avenue. (Account balance as of April 30, 2024 $1,326,501.76).

2023/24 – $129,889.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend (Surplus) $129,889.00

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to take funds from the Capital Improvement Account should the Town of Farmingdale be offered any grants requiring matching funds not to exceed $25,000.00.

Select Board Recommend

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept gifts of money or personal property to the Town and to appropriate and expend such gifts for such public purposes as the Select Board deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

Select Board Recommend

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to (1) approve the purchase of a new fire truck for the Town of Farmingdale including transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related hereto; (2) **appropriate** a sum up to $300,000 to fund the project; (3) **authorize** the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Selectboard to issue general obligation securities of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $300,000.00 to fund the appropriation; (4) **delegate** to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Selectboard the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denomination, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form and other details of securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town. Payments will be approximately $30,000.00 per year.

Financial Statement

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Outstanding balance of Fire Truck bond previously issued	$153,949.46
B. Outstanding balance of Fire Station bond previously issued	$1,326,501.76
C. Bonds authorized and unissued:	$0
D. Anticipated amount of bonds to be issued:	$300,000.00

Costs: At an estimated net rate of 5.79% for a fifteen (15) year maturity, the estimated cost of the bond issue will be:

Total Principal	$300,000.00
Interest	$139,036.00
Total	$439,036.00

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance.

Select Board Recommend

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to take funds from the Capital Improvement Account for the purchase of a new Fire Truck if **Article 27** is approved, amount not to exceed $200,000.00.

Select Board Recommend

Article 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the E911 Account.

2023/24 - $500.00 2024/25 - Select Board Recommend $500.00

Article 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Dispatch Services.

2023/24 - $51,135.00 2024/25– Select Board Recommend $52,423.00

Article 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the EMA Director.

2023/24 - $100.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $100.00

Article 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Constable Services with unspent monies, not to exceed $2,500.00 a year going into a Constable /ACO Reserve Account.

2023/24 - $39,100.00 2024/25– Select Board Recommend $43,400.00

Article 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control Contract with the Kennebec Valley Humane Society.

2023/24 - $5,300.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $5,300.00

Article 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hydrant Rental.

2023/24 – $125,000.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $136,024.00

Article 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights
2023/24 –$6,700.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend (Surplus) $6,700.00

Article 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Ambulance Service with the City of Gardiner.

2023/24 - $79,754.52 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $84,227.00

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a 3-year payment plan with the City of Gardiner for Uncollectable Ambulance Bills. Current debt is $87,073.00.

2024/25-Select Board Recommend $29,024.00 per year

LIBRARY

Article 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to join the Gardiner Public Library

2023/24 - $22,170.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $25,458.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Article 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste Contract with the City of Augusta.

2023/24 - $ 31,000.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend (Surplus) $31,000.00

Article 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Local Plumbing Inspector. (Other funds are also paid by the Sewer Department and from permit fees paid to the Town for Plumbing/Sewer.)

2023/24 - $4,900.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $5,300.00

HIGHWAY

Article 41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Highway Maintenance.

2023/24 – Approp. $828,750.00 2024/25–Select Board Recommend $948,890.00
Maine Local Roads $29,640.00
2024/25- Select Board Recommend (Excise) $519,250.00
2024/25- Select Board Recommend (Raise) $400,000.00

Article 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Sanding, Snowplowing, Snow Removal and Salt Contract.

2023/24-Total $499,550.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $550,000.00
2024/25- Select Board Recommend (Excise) $134,600.00
2024/25- Select Board Recommend (Raise) $415,400.00

Article 43. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Road Commissioner for the ensuing year. (Select Board recommend a Stipend of $5,000.00 and $40,000.00 yearly for routine road maintenance, all funding shall be taken from the highway budget)

2023/24 - $40,000.00 2024/25 - Select Board Recommend $45,000.00

Article 44. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Highway Reserve Account – Underground Drains.

2023/24 - $25,000.00 2024/25– Select Board Recommend (Surplus) $25,000.00

Article 45. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Engineering Services.

2023/24 - $10,000.00 2024/25– Select Board Recommend $10,000.00

Article 46. This year's obligation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for money borrowed for the Northern Ave. Project.

2023/24 - $33,924.00 2024/25– Select Board Recommend (surplus) $28,696.00
(Remaining balance including interest after the above payment will be $227,585.24 Final payment is scheduled to be made in year 2032.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Article 47. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

2023/24 - $10,000.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $10,000.00

ASSESSING, PLANNING BOARD & APPEALS

Article 48. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for assessing and data entry.

2023/24 - $26,810.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $27,200.00

Article 49. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board and the Appeals Board.

2023/24- $1,500.00 2024/25– Select Board Recommend $1,500.00

RECREATION

Article 50. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Hall-Dale Summer Recreation Program.

2023/24 - $8,000.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $8,000.00

Article 51. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Barnstormers Snowmobile Club of Farmingdale to allow access by residents of the Town of Farmingdale to snowmobile trails provided and maintained by the Barnstormers Snowmobile Club.

2023/24 - $500.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $500.00

Article 52. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Farmingdale Senior Citizens.

2023/24 - $2,000.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $2,000.00

CHARITIES

Article 53. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Family Violence Project. (191 residents serviced)

2023/24 - $2,000.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $2,125.00

Article 54. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hospice of Kennebec Valley. (5 Caring Contacts to patients)

2023/24 - $1,500.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $1,500.00

Article 55. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Senior Spectrum. (106 residents serviced)

2023/24 - $2,000.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $2,310.00

Article 56. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Chrysalis Place (Food Bank). (113 household per month)

2023/24 - $3,000.00 2024/25– Select Board Recommend $3,500.00

Article 57. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Kennebec Valley Behavioral Health Center. (125 individuals serviced)

2023/24- $1,000.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $1,000.00

Article 58. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for K.V.C.A.P. Busing. (57 individuals serviced)

2023/24 – $750.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $1,000.00

Article 59. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Hall Dale Little League.

2023/24 – $250.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $300.00

Article 60. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Wreaths Across America for the Town of Farmingdale.

2023/24 – $600.00 2024/25- Select Board Recommend $600.00

Article 61. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Historical Society.

2023/24-$300.00 2024/25 Select Board Recommend $300.00

Article 62. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Life Flight Foundation.

2023/24-$749.00 2024/25 Select Board Recommend $750.00

Article 63. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Farmingdale's Garden club.

2023/24-$0 2024/25 Select Board Recommend $1,000.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Article 64. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cemetery Maintenance, repairs, upgrades and administration services.

2023/24 - $37,300.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $45,800.00

Article 65. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of the Veteran's Memorial.

2023/24 - $500.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $500.00

Article 66. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for their share of Maintenance of the Rail Trail

2023/24 - $4,500.00 2024/25 – Select Board Recommend $5,000.00

Article 67. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to transfer funds not to exceed $20,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Account to dispose of and/or demolish structures if determined to be of health/safety concerns.

Select Board Recommend

Article 68. To see if the Town of Farmingdale will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of $618,141 established for the Town of Farmingdale according to State in the event the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this limit.

Given under our hands this 22 day of May, 2024

Attested:

Natalie Jackson, Town Clerk

Select Board of Farmingdale

Douglas Ebert, Select Board Chair

Joseph Connors

Isaiah Peppard

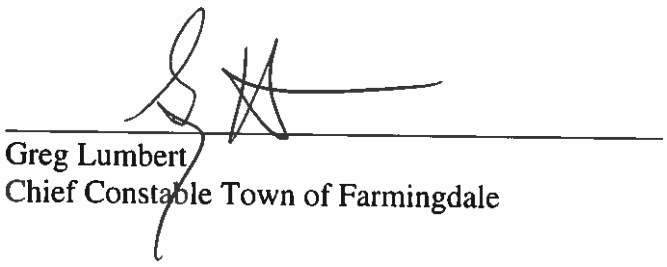
The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any errors in, or changes in name or address on the voting list, to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote, and to accept new enrollments. A person who is not a registered voter may not vote in any election.

The Town Clerk will begin opening absentee ballots at 10 a.m. on the day of the Municipal Election June 11, 2024.

RETURN ON THE WARRANT

Farmingdale, Maine May 30, 2024

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Farmingdale Town Office, in said town, being public and conspicuous place in said Town, on May 30, 2024, being at least seven days prior to the meeting.



Greg Lumbert
Chief Constable Town of Farmingdale