

**TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
TUESDAY- JUNE 8, 2021  
THURSDAY- JUNE 10, 2021**

To Isaiah Peppard, 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 **HALL-DALE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM** in said town on **TUESDAY, the 8th day of June. A.D. 2021, 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 GYM** in said town on **THURSDAY, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2021, A.D., at 6:00 p.m.,** then and there to act on **Articles 3 through 62** as set out below,  
To wit:

**Article 1.** To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.  
*Mary Denison elected to be moderator.*

**Article 2.** To elect one (1) Selectperson, for a three (3) year term, by secret ballot.  
*Wayne Kilgore elected to be Select Board member.*

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Article 3.** To see what action the Town will take in authorizing the Select Board to transfer monies between expenditure accounts.

Select Board Recommend    25%

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will set the dates of October 07, 2021 and April 07, 2022 when taxes are due and payable and to see if the Town will fix the interest rate on unpaid taxes at 6% (six percent) per annum (36 MRSA §505.4) and to set the dates that interest starts on unpaid taxes commencing on the first half October 08, 2021 and on the second half on April 08, 2022.

Select Board Recommend

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, to set an interest rate of 3% to be paid on overpaid abated taxes.

Select Board Recommend

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 6.** 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 and to pay interest thereon at a rate of 1%.

Select Board Recommend

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell or otherwise dispose of real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes and sewer fees thereon, for such terms as they deem advisable and execute a Quitclaim Deed for such property. Except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Select Board Recommend

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 8.** 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

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 9.** 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

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 10.** Shall an ordinance entitled Fire Department Service Restitution Ordinance be adopted?

**Statement of Purpose:** The Town of Farmingdale Fire Department is engaged on providing fire suppression, fire rescue and emergency responses services;

**Definition of Services:** to recover cost of services provided by the Fire Department when responding to incidents in the Town of Farmingdale or upon request for mutual aid from other municipalities. This ordinance shall not apply to emergency medical services **and shall not apply to Town of Farmingdale residents.**

(An attested copy of the proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Farmingdale Town Clerk's Office: attached as **Exhibit A** on the Town Meeting warrant and will also be on the Town's Website at: [www.farmingdalemaine.org](http://www.farmingdalemaine.org).

Select Board Recommend

*Motion/Seconded\_There was a lot of discussion on this matter. After a couple of clerical errors were addressed. Article Passed*

**Article 11.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from Surplus to pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon.

2020/21 - \$5,000.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 7,500.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 12.** To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend from Surplus to pay for unanticipated expenses and emergencies.

2020/21 - \$10,000.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 10,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 13.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for deposit to the Capital Improvement Account. (Account Balance as of May 12, 2021 (\$424,679.39)

2020/21 - \$25,000.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend (Surplus)                      \$ 25,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 14.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Administration

2020/21 - \$107,250.00            2021/22 – Select Board Recommend            \$ 127,050.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 15.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Contingent.

2020/21 - \$400.00            2021/22 – Select Board Recommend            \$ 400.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 16.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Office Wages, Select Board Salaries and F.I.C.A.

2020/21 - \$101,000.00            2021/22 - Select Board Recommend            \$ 109,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 17.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Codes Enforcement Officer.

2020/21 - \$25,500.00            2021/22 – Select Board Recommend            \$ 25,500.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 18.** 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.

2020/21 - \$57,250.00            2021/22 – Select Board Recommend            \$ ~~67,500.00~~  
\$ 77,000.00

*Motion made to increase amount to \$77,500.00/Seconded/Article Passed as motion made*

**Article 19.** 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.

2020/21 – \$ 26,478.00            2021/22 – Select Board Recommend (Surplus)    \$ 25,478.00

Remaining balance including interest after the above payment will be \$227,426.38 Final payment is scheduled to be made in year 2031.)

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 20.** 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 and Town Office Renovations (Account balance as of 5/01/2021 \$1,549,837.80).

2020/21 – \$ 129,889.00      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend (Surplus) \$ 129,889.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 21.** 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

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 22.** 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

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept any federal or state Covid relief funds of behalf of the Town and use the funds for such expenditures as the Select Board deem appropriate to be in the best interest of the Town.

Select Board Recommend

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 24.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the E911 Account.

2020/21 - \$500.00      2021/22 - Select Board Recommend      \$ 500.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 25.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Dispatch Services.

2020/21 - \$39,532.00      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend      \$ 44,740.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 26.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the EMA Director.

2020/21 - \$ 100.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 100.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 27.** 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.

2020/21 - \$34,100.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 33,100.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 28.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control Contract with the Kennebec Valley Humane Society.

2020/21 - \$4,700.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 5,200.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 29.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hydrant Rental.

2020/21 – \$122,000.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 125,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 30.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights

2020/21 –\$10,0000                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend (Surplus)                      \$ 10,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 31.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Ambulance Service with the City of Gardiner.

2020/21 - \$47,000.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 42,500.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

### **LIBRARY**

**Article 32.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to join the Gardiner Public Library

2020/21 - \$13,271.25                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 16,240.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

**Article 33.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste Contract with the City of Augusta.

2020/21 - \$ 30,000.00	2021/22 – Select Board Recommend (Surplus)	\$ 30,000.00
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*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 34.** 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.)

2020/21 - \$ 200.00	2021/22 – Select Board Recommend	\$ 1,500.00
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*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

## HIGHWAY

**Article 35.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Highway Maintenance.

2020/21 – Approp. \$325,000.00	2021/22 – Total Approp.	\$ 350,000.00
Maine Local Roads \$ 24,764.00	Maine Local Road Funds	\$ 25,000.00
Excise Tax \$325,000.00	2021/22 – Select Board Recommend (Excise)	\$ 325,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 36.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Sanding, Snowplowing, Snow Removal and Salt Contract.

2020/21 – Total \$291,000.00	2021/22 – Total	\$ 291,000.00
	2021/22- Select Board Recommend (Excise)	\$200,000.00
	2021/22- Select Board Recommend (Raise)	\$ 91,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 37.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Street Sweeping Contract.

2021/22- Select Board Recommend	\$ 39,305.00
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*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 38.** 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 \$25,000.00 yearly for routine road maintenance, all funding shall be taken from the highway budget)

2020/21 - \$29,000.00                      2021/22- Select Board Recommend                      \$ 30,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 39.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Highway Reserve Account – Underground Drains.

2020/21 - \$10,000.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend (Surplus)                      \$ 10,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 40.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Engineering Services.

2020/21 - \$10,000.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 10,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 41.** This year’s obligation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for money borrowed for the Northern Ave. Project.

2020/21 - \$34,915.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend (Surplus)                      \$ 33,924.00

(Remaining balance including interest after the above payment will be \$325,671.87 Final payment is scheduled to be made in year 2032.

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

### **GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

**Article 42.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

2020/21 - \$ 5,000.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 5,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

### **ASSESSING, PLANNING BOARD & APPEALS**

**Article 43.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for assessing and data entry.

2020/21 - \$ 26,000.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 26,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*



**Article 44.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Tax Map Updates.

2020/21 - \$ 1,500.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 1,500.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 45.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board and the Appeals Board.

2020/21 - \$ 1,500.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 1,500.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

### RECREATION

**Article 46.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Hall-Dale Summer Recreation Program.

2020/21 - \$ 6,000.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 6,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 47.** 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 trials provided and maintained by the Barnstormers Snowmobile Club.

2020/21 - \$ 500.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 500.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 48.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Farmingdale Senior Citizens.

2020/21 - \$ 4,500.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 2,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

### CHARITIES

**Article 49.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Family Violence Project. (12 residents serviced)

2020/21 - \$1,000.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 1,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 50.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hospice of Kennebec Valley. (9 Caring Contacts to patients)

2020/21 - \$1,500.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 1,500.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 51.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Senior Spectrum. (127 residents serviced)  
2020/21 - \$1,800.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 1,800.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 52.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Chrysalis Place (Food Bank). (122 families serviced)  
2020/21 - \$3,000.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 3,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 53.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Kennebec Valley Behavioral Health Center. (128 families serviced)  
  
2020/21 - \$ 1,000.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 1,000.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 54.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for K.V.C.A.P. Busing. (55 residents serviced)  
2020/21 – \$ 750.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 750.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 55.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Hall Dale Little League.  
2020/21 – \$ 0.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 250.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 56.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Wreaths Across America for the Town of Farmingdale

2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 420.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**UNCLASSIFIED**

**Article 57.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cemetery Maintenance, repairs, upgrades and administration services.

2020/21 - \$ 26,750.00                      2021/22 – Recommendation                      \$ 30,250.00

*Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written*

**Article 58.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for removal of large dangerous trees in the Maine Avenue Cemetery.

***Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written***

**Article 59.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of the Veteran’s Memorial.

2020/21 - \$ 500.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 500.00

***Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written***

**Article 60.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for their share of Maintenance of the Rail Trail

2020/21 - \$ 4,500.00                      2021/22 – Select Board Recommend                      \$ 4,500.00

***Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written***

**Article 61.** 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

***Motion/Seconded/Article Passed as written***

**Article 62.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$479,179 established for the Town of Farmingdale according to State in the event the municipal budget approved under the preceding Articles result in a tax commitment that is greater than this limit.

***Motion to pass this article over/Seconded/Motion to pass over approved***

Given under our hands this   19   day of May, 2021

Attested:

  Rosemarie Webster    
Town Clerk

  Doug Ebert (S)    
Doug Ebert

  Wayne Kilgore (S)    
Wayne Kilgore

  Tyler Tripp (S)    
Tyler Tripp  
Select Board of Farmingdale

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 8, 2021.

**RETURN ON THE WARRANT**

Farmingdale, Maine

May 25, 2021

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 25, 2021, being at least seven days prior to the meeting.

And on this day posted one attested copy of the proposed Ordinance in Chapter 5 entitled the Town of Farmingdale Fire Department Service Restitution Ordinance attested by the municipal clerk, with the warrant.

Isaiah Peppard (S)  
Isaiah Peppard  
Constable Town of Farmingdale