

2003 TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Farmington in the County of Strafford qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Farmington on Tuesday the eleventh day of March next (2003) at eight o'clock in the forenoon to cast your ballot for Town Officers and for questions required by law to be on the ballot. Polls will close no earlier than seven o'clock in the evening. The remainder of the Warrant will be acted on beginning at seven o'clock in the evening, Wednesday the twelfth day of March 2003.

Article 1.

To choose one Selectman for one year, two Selectmen for three years, two Budget Committee members for one year, three Budget Committee members for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for one year, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years and one Treasurer for one year. (Official Ballot)

Article 2.

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Farmington on the second Tuesday of March? (Official Ballot)

Article 3.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance which was adopted March 13, 2001 (and subsequently amended on March 12, 2002) as follows:

- Amend Section 3.14 *Housing and Other Standards*, to require compliance with various construction codes and to require fencing and protective devices for swimming pools. This change will potentially affect anyone wishing to develop land or operate a swimming pool in Farmington.
- Amend Section 1.07 *Interpretation, Administration and Enforcement*, to outline the roles and duties of the Code Enforcement Officer. This change will potentially affect anyone wishing to develop land in Farmington.
- Amend Section 2.00 *Base Zoning Districts*, by reformatting the section, changing the notification for special exception from 15 days to 10 days, and adding Section 3.17 Special Exception General Standards. This amendment would also add a reference table for land use codes. This change will potentially affect anyone wishing to develop land in Farmington.
- Amend Section 4.04 *Waterfront Protection Overlay District*, to reformat this section. This Section has been revised with words and a diagram in order to clarify the point at which the prohibition begins for the waterways mentioned.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT A FOR ENTIRE TEXT
OF ZONING AMENDMENTS.

Approval of this Article is recommended by the Farmington Planning Board (Official Ballot).

Article 4.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to be added to the Public Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2000 by Town Meeting vote). The purpose of this fund is to offset the cost of expensive building maintenance activities such as roof replacement and other large-scale maintenance or repair projects. The Selectmen are the agents of this Capital Reserve Fund. **The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).**

Article 5.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 (Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to be added to the Future Technology Improvements Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2000 by Town Meeting vote). The purpose of this fund is to offset the cost of future computer and communications technology needs for municipal operations. The Selectmen are the agents of this Capital Reserve Fund. **The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).**

Article 6.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,125 (Ninety-nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with the 2003-2008 Farmington Capital Improvement Program. **The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required).**

Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,854 (Twenty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-four Dollars) to be added to the previously established Emergency Medical Motorized Equipment Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with the Farmington 2003-2008 Capital Improvement Program. **The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required).**

Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,606 (Sixty-one Thousand Six Hundred Six Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Motorized Equipment Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with the 2003-2008 Farmington Capital Improvement Program. **The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required).**

Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Bridge & Road Design and Construction Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of setting aside annually the design, engineering and construction costs anticipated for road and bridge repair to be done in accordance with the 2003-2008 Farmington Capital Improvement Program and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$73,500 (Seventy-three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to be added to said fund. **The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).**

Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Recreation Equipment Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of setting aside annually for anticipated recreation equipment in accordance with the Capital Improvement Program and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 (Eight Thousand Dollars) to be added to said fund. **The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).**

Article 11.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$225,000 (Two Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of final engineering and design and development of specifications and bid documents for final landfill closure and to authorize the withdrawal of \$125,000 (One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars) from the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund (established 1995) established for the purpose of engineering and closure of the landfill and \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) from the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund (established 1986) for the purpose of defraying costs associated with the closure of the Landfill. **The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required).**

Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$76,000 (Seventy-six Thousand Dollars) for the purchase of a new plow truck and authorize the withdrawal of up to \$57,725 (Fifty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-five Dollars) from the previously established Highway Motorized Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for said purchase, with the balance of \$18,275 (Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-five Dollars) to come from general taxation. **The Budget**

Committee recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required).

Article 13.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$23,000 (Twenty-three Thousand Dollars) for the purchase of a police cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$4,000 (Four-thousand Dollars) of surplus funds from the Police Outside Details Special Revenue Fund to apply toward purchase, with the balance of \$19,000 (Nineteen Thousand Dollars) to come from general taxation. **The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required).**

Article 14.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,500 (Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for the purchase of two (2) stainless steel sanders and one (1) York Rake, as outlined in the 2003-2008 Capital Improvement Program and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$32,500 (Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) from the previously established Highway Motorized Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for said purchase. **The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required).**

Article 15.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$45,000 (Forty-five Thousand Dollars) for the purchase of a new alarm system for the Fire Department to be funded by withdrawal of up to \$30,000 (Thirty-thousand Dollars) from the previously established Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for said purchase, with the balance of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to come from general taxation. **The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required).**

Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) as a donation to the 500 Boys & Girls Club for the express purpose of the purchase of property along the Paulson Road to establish ball fields to remain under the ownership and management of the 500 Boys & Girls Club. **The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required)**

Article 17.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict one hundred percent (100%) of revenues from the private rental of the hall in the Farmington Fire Station to expenditures for the purpose of maintaining the Farmington Fire Station facility. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund known as the "Fire Station Maintenance Special Revenue Fund," separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said

fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund. **The Budget Committee recommends this article. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority ballot vote required).**

Article 18.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$96,850 (Ninety-six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars) for the purchase of a new ambulance. The older of the two ambulances that the Town now owns would be sold and the newer ambulance would continue to be used as the back-up ambulance. **(by petition) The Budget Committee does not recommend this article. The Selectmen do not recommend this article. (Majority vote required)**

Article 19.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the fire and ambulance equipment capital reserve specifically toward the purchase of a new ambulance. **(by petition) The Budget Committee does not recommend this article. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.**

Article 20.

To see if the Town will vote to deposit revenues collected from ambulance services into a special fund, separate and apart from the general fund, to be used to pay the salaries and benefit costs for the hiring of two emergency medical technicians to staff the ambulance during the normal working day, Monday – Friday, when volunteer emergency medical technicians are not available. The emergency medical technicians shall be regular employees of the Town, but shall be paid from funds generated by ambulance fees. **(by petition) The Budget Committee does not recommend this article. The Selectmen do not recommend this article. (Majority ballot vote required)**

Article 21.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$35,000 (Thirty-five Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of paying salary and benefits of an additional police officer. **(by petition) The Budget Committee does not recommend this article. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.**

Article 22.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,397,288 (Four Million Three Hundred Ninety-seven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars)** for the operation, expenses, and commitments of Town Government which represents the bottom line of column No. 8 (The Budget Committee's Budget) in the posted budget (MS-7). **The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).**

Article 23.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Safety Inspection Program to be administered in accordance with RSA 153:14, the NH State Fire Code, as published by the NH State Fire Marshal's Office and other pertinent laws and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish fees to offset the administration costs of said program and to periodically review and adjust such fees accordingly. **The Budget Committee recommends this article. The Selectmen recommend this article.**

Article 24.

To see if the Town will vote to accept ownership of land and buildings located at Perkins Avenue, and more particularly shown on Tax Map U2, Lot 69 where such land and buildings are conveyed in consideration for the Town's relinquishment of any claim for outstanding property taxes on the property and to see whether the voters will authorize the Selectmen to execute all necessary documents to obtain ownership of the property. **The Budget Committee recommends this article. The Selectmen recommend this article.**

Article 25.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, after review and comment by the Farmington Conservation Commission, to execute a drainage easement for the purpose of improving the drainage off of Route 153 and allowing water from Route 153 to flow onto property owned by the Town of Farmington. **(Majority Vote Required)**

Article 26.

To see if the Town will vote to accept a private road, Lawrence Lane, as a town road and maintained as such. Lawrence Lane is a small road located off of Glen Street. It is one tenth of a mile long ending in a cul-de-sac with six houses. In all other aspects, it meets the Town of Farmington's specifications and requirements of a town road. We, the undersigned, request examination of this petition and its attachments and acceptance of Lawrence Road as a Town road. **(by petition) The Budget Committee does not recommend this article. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.**

Article 27.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a rule for the Town that will prohibit the Selectmen or any other employee or agent of the Town from destroying the personnel files or any related records of any current or former Town employee who is still living. **(by petition)**

Article 28.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder municipal vehicles and other equipment as determined by the Selectmen, with proceeds to go into the general fund. **(Majority Vote Required) The Budget Committee recommends this article. The Selectmen recommend this article.**

Article 29.

The Health Care for New Hampshire Resolution:

Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost of insurance in the country; and

Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and

Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and

Whereas, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small business cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved that we, the citizens of FARMINGTON, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un- and underinsured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and
- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.
(by petition)

Article 30.

To transact such other business as may legally come before this meeting. **(Majority Vote Required)**

John Fitch, Chairman

David Hall

Gerald McCarthy

We hereby certify that on the _____ day of February 2003, we posted an attested copy of the warrant at the place of Meeting within named and a like copy at the Farmington Post Office, a public place in said Town.

John Fitch, Chairman

David Hall

Gerald McCarthy

Then personally appeared the above named Gerald McCarthy, John Fitch, and David Hall, and made oath that the above certificate by them is true.

Kathy L. Seaver, Town Clerk

