

Town of Farmington
New Hampshire
Warrant and Budget
2017

To the inhabitants of the town of Farmington in the County of Strafford in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: 14th day of March 2017 (3/14/2017)

Time: 8:00AM-7:00PM

Location: 531 Main Street – Town Hall Gymnasium

Details: The remainder of the warrant will be acted upon beginning at seven o'clock (7:00PM), Wednesday, the 15th day of March 2017 (3/15/2017)

Article 01: Election of Officers

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

Article 02: Zoning Amendments

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Farmington Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Board as follows:

Amendment 1

To amend Zoning Ordinance Section 3.09 Signs. Amendments include addition of a purpose section; expansion of the general provisions; modification of the size regulations; modification of sign properties; omission of directional signage section; and the addition of severability section.

Related amendments to Zoning Ordinance Section 1.14 Definitions are also proposed as required due to the above-referenced changes to section 3.09 Signs.

Amendment 2

To amend Zoning Ordinance to include Section 6.00 Accessory Dwelling Units. Section 6.00 includes authority; administration, approval process; provisions of accessory dwelling units; minimum lot requirements; owner residency requirements; discontinuance of the unit; enforcement; and a severability section.

Related amendments to Zoning Ordinance Section 1.14 Definitions are also proposed as required due to the above-referenced changes to section 6.00 Accessory Dwelling Units. Amendments to space and bulk standards in Section 2.01(B), 2.02(B), 2.03(B), 2.04(B), and 2.05(B) are also proposed to allow one (1) dwelling unit plus one (1) accessory dwelling unit per minimum lot size of the district.

Amendment 3

To amend Zoning Ordinance Section 4.03 Waterfront Protection Overlay District. Amendments include technical edits to correct section numbers that are referenced in Section 4.03(B)(2) and Section 4.03(C)(2). In the text of Section 4.03(B)(2), 4.04(B)(2) is to be replaced with 4.03(C)(2). In the text of Section 4.03(C)(2), 4.04(C)(3) is to be replaced with 4.03(C)(3). In Section 4.03(C)(2)(e), 4.04(B)(4) is to be replaced with 4.03(C)(4).

Article 03: Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of \$6,628,213 for General Municipal Operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed separately.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Budget Committee Recommendation: Yes

Tax Impact (-.25)

Article 04: Long Term Lease

Land Lease Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to ratify, pursuant to RSA 41:11-a, a 20-year Land Lease Agreement ("Lease"), with two 5-year renewal provisions, between the Town and NhSolarGarden.com, LLC for the purpose of leasing a portion of town-owned land located at the Farmington Town Landfill, located at tax map R19-013, for annual rent paid at the rate set forth in Section 4 of said Lease, to allow for the installation and operation of a solar panel array for the generation of electricity for the benefit of the Town pursuant to a Group Net Metering Agreement ("Agreement") between the Town and NhSolarGarden.com, LLC. A copy of the Agreement and the Lease is available for review at the Town Hall.

Board of Selectman Recommendation: Yes

Budget Committee Recommendation: Yes

Tax Impact: .00

Article 05: Change Purpose and Name of Main Street School SRF

Shall we change the provisions of RSA 31:95-c from the existing Main Street School Operations and Maintenance SRF to restrict 100% of revenues from the lease of any space in the Municipal Office to expenditures for the purpose of repairs and maintenance of the Municipal Office. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in this special revenue fund to be known as the Main Street Municipal Office Maintenance 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 or source of the revenue (2/3 vote required).

Tax Impact: .00

Article 06: Add to Highway Equipment CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This is to assist the town with the replacement of Highway Equipment.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Budget Committee Recommendation: Yes

Tax Impact: .06

Article 07: Recreation Equipment Fund CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be added to the Recreation Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Tax Impact: .01

Article 08: Appropriating Interest Earned on Bond

To see if the Town of Farmington will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500 for the purpose of paying debt service on Public Safety Bond and authorize the use in that amount of December 31 fund balance for this purpose. (This amount will represent the interest earned on bond proceeds that was transferred to the general fund on or before or December 31

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Tax Impact: .00

Article 09: Add to Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Fund CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This is to help offset the replacement cost of Self Contained Breathing.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Tax Impact: .02

Article 10: Revaluation of Town CRF

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve fund called the Town Revaluation CRF and to raise and appropriate the sum \$25,000 to be deposited in said fund from the 2016 undesignated fund balance having no impact on the tax rate and further to name Selectman as agents to expend from said fund

Selectmen recommendation: Yes

Budget Committee recommendation: Yes

Tax Impact: .00

Article 11: Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$90,000 for the purpose of paying all expenses associated with payroll and equipment of police officers with said funds to come from the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue fund created for this purpose. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Budget Committee Recommendation: Yes

Tax Impact: .00

Article 12: Add to Emergency Motorized Equipment CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be deposited into the Emergency Motorized Equipment Capital Reserve and to further fund this appropriation with \$40,000 of revenue from funds raised through ambulance billing and \$0.00 through general taxation.

Selectmen recommendations: Yes

Budget Committee recommendations: Yes

Tax Impact: .00

Article 13: Farmington Cable TV SRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000 for the purpose of staff payroll, cable TV programming, equipment, and/or repairs associated with FCT, with said funds to come from the Community Television Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen recommendation: Yes

Budget Committee recommendation: Yes

Tax Impact: .00

Article 14: Landfill Closure Fund CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,407 to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund. This sum comes from the Department of Environmental Services Solid Waste Unlined Municipal Landfill Closure Grant Program. No amount to be raised by taxation.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Budget Committee Recommendation: Yes

Tax Impact: .00

Article 15: Landfill Closure Fund CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 for the purpose of testing for the closure of the landfill with said funds to come from the Landfill Closure Fund Capital Reserve Fund previously established. No amount to be raised by taxation.

Selectmen recommendation: Yes Budget Committee recommendation: Yes

Tax Impact: .00

Article 16: Bridges and Road Design CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Bridge and Road Design CRF, previously established. This is to pay the 20% of the required funding from NH State Bridge Aid.

Selectmen recommendation: Yes Budget Committee recommendation: Yes

Tax Impact: .01

Article 17: Discontinue the Public Safety Building and Eq. CRF

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Public Safety Building and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. (Majority vote required)

Board of Selectman Recommends: Yes Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Tax Impact: .00

Article 18: Building Inspector Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$65,000 for the purpose of paying for the Building Inspector and authorize the withdrawal of \$65,000 from the Building Inspector Position Special Revenue Fund previously established for this purpose. No amount to be raised by taxation.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Yes Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Tax Impact: .00

Article 19: Police Contract

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the NEPBA Local #212 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level.

The fiscal year 2017 \$19,150

The fiscal year 2018 \$35,656

The fiscal year 2019 \$21,871

The fiscal year 2020 \$6,358

Grand total for four years: \$83,038.00

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,150 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Tax Impact Year 1: .04

Tax Impact Year 2: .08
Tax Impact Year 3: .05
Tax Impact Year 4: .01

Article 20: Depreciation of Waste Water Treatment Plant

To see if the Town of Farmington will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to be added to the Waste Water Treatment Plant CRF previously established to help offset the depreciation of the plant. This appropriation is contingent upon an equivalent match from the Waste Water Enterprise Fund of \$25,000

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Yes

Budget Committee Recommendations: Yes

Tax Impact: .06

Article 21: Development of Water Asset Management Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$60,000 for the purpose of developing an Asset Management Program (a systematic process of financing, inventorying, assessing, operating, maintaining, upgrading, and replacing infrastructure cost-effectively while maintaining a sustainable level of service) for the wastewater collections system, and for developing an Asset Management Program for stormwater infrastructure, that will qualify the Town for State funds; such sum to be raised by the issuance of municipal bonds and/or notes, not to exceed \$60,000, under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et. seq., as amended); and To authorize the Board Of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and/or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds and/or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Farmington; and To authorize the Board Of Selectmen to apply for, contract for, accept and expend any federal, state or other available funds in order to reduce the amount to be repaid; and To authorize participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose, and to authorize the Board Of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend such monies as they become available from the federal and state governments under the SRF program; and To authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the above purpose and financing in the best interests of the Town of Farmington and to pass any vote relating thereto. (2/3 ballot vote required)

Recommended/Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen Yes

Recommended/Not recommended by the Budget Committee Yes

Article 22: Fund Future Tech. CRF with TDS franchise fees

To see if the Town of Farmington will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to be added to the Future Technology Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Said funds to come from TDS franchise funds and no money to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommendations Yes

Budget Recommendations Yes

Tax Impact: .00

Article 23: DPW Contract

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Teamsters Local #633 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level.

The fiscal year 2018 \$10,088

The fiscal year 2019 \$5,327

The fiscal year 2020 \$7,646

