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**Farmington**

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 that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

- Date: 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019 (3/12/2019)
- Time: 8:00AM – 7:00PM
- Location: Farmington Town Hall Gymnasium - 531 Main Street
- Details: The remainder of the warrant will be acted upon beginning at Seven O'clock (7:00PM), Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019 (3/13/2019).

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

We certify and attest that on or before February 25, 2019, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Municipal Office Building and that an original was delivered to Kathy L. Seaver, Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
NEIL Johnson	Vice Chair - Selectman	
David Connolly	Selectman	
Paula Proulx	Chair - Selectman	
ANN Titus	Selectman	Ann Titus
TJ PIRCE	Selectman	TJ Pirce



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**Article 01 Election of Officers**

To choose two Selectmen for three years, one Town Clerk-Tax Collector for three years, three Budget Committee Members for three years, one Budget Committee for one year, one Treasurer for one year, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for one year. (Official Ballot)

Yes	No
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**Article 02 Zoning Amendments**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Farmington Zoning Ordinance as follows: (Official Ballot)

**Amendment 1**

To amend Zoning Ordinance Section 1.14 Definitions. Amendment to definition of "Accessory" includes modification of the language to change the word "primary" to the word "principal". Definition to read: "Accessory. A structure or use subordinate and customarily incidental to a principal structure or use on the same lot."

Yes	No
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**Article 03    Zoning Amendments**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Farmington Zoning Ordinance as follows: (Official Ballot)

**Amendment 2**

To amend Zoning Ordinance Section 1.14 Definitions. Amendment to modify the definition of Street Frontage to match the Zoning Ordinance definition of street frontage with the definition of street frontage in the Subdivision Regulations. Definition to read: "Street Frontage": The horizontal distance between side lot lines measured along the street line. When a lot is bounded by more than one street, only one shall be deemed the frontage street and that street frontage must provide sufficient frontage as required by the Zoning Ordinance."

	Yes		No
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**Article 04    Zoning Amendments**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Farmington Zoning Ordinance as follows: (Official Ballot)

**Amendment 3**

To amend Zoning Ordinance Section 2.00 Base Zoning Districts to add new Section F "Principal Uses". Section F to read: "Principal Uses. All lots are allowed only one principal use except as expressly provided otherwise in this Ordinance. Each lot requires a principal use in order to have an accessory use."

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**Article 05    New Pumper/Tanker Fire Truck (By Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease-purchase agreement for 5 years, for an amount not to exceed the sum of \$620,000 (Six Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of lease-purchasing a Pumper/Tanker Fire Truck and necessary fire equipment. Funding is to come from general taxation. (By Petition) (2/3 Ballot Vote Required)

Selectmen Recommend: No (0-5)

Budget Committee Recommend: No (2-7-1)

Estimated Tax Impact: Unknown

Yes	No
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**Article 06    SCBA lease**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease purchase agreement in the amount of \$239,466.00 for the purpose of leasing thirty-four Scott Air-Packs, which are self-contained breathing apparatus with accessories, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,736.33 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. An escape clause allows the Town to return the equipment if the funding is not available. (Majority vote required).

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00 for 2019  
 .14 for 2020  
 .14 for 2021  
 .14 for 2022  
 .14 for 2023

Yes	No
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**Article 07    Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$6,943,076 for General Municipal Operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact .30

Yes	No
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**Article 08    KENO (By Petition)**

Shall the Town allow the operation of Keno games within the Town? (By Petition)

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)

Yes	No
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**Article 09    Solar Exemptions (By Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the exemptions adopted pursuant to RSA 72:62 via Article 4 at the March 9, 1983 Town Meeting to read "The Town votes to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 72:62 which provides for an exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with solar energy system as defined in RSA 72:61. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment under the statute." (By Petition)

Yes	No
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**Article 10 Optional Fiscal Year in Farmington (By Petition)**

Shall the Town of Farmington adopt a fiscal year that begins July 1st and ends June 30th and furthermore authorizes the Selectmen and the Budget Committee to produce an 18-month budget for that purpose under the provisions of NH RSA 31:94-a.

During the time differences, the Town of Farmington operates without an approved operating budget during the months of January, February, and part of March. If the voters of Farmington adopt the provisions of RSA 31:94-a this March, the 2019 fiscal year will remain unchanged. For the years 2020-2021 the Town may budget receipts and expenditures, raise and appropriate revenues, and assess taxes on the basis of a single 18-month accounting period starting January 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. Thereafter, the Town shall operate all fiscal affairs on the basis of a 12-month accounting period starting July 1, 2021. (By Petition)

Selectmen Recommend: No (0-5)

Yes	No
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**Article 11 Acceptance of private road (By Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Richards Way as a class V Town road (By Petition).

Selectmen Recommend: No (0-5)

Yes	No
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**Article 12 Sidewalk Plow**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new sidewalk plow. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Yes	No
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**Article 13 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 Bridges and Road Design Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This is to pay the 20% of the required funding from NH State Bridge Aid. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$102,300

Yes	No
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**Article 14 Building Inspector Position SRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 for the purpose of paying for the Building Inspector and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Building Inspector Position Special Revenue Fund previously established for this purpose. No amount to be raised by taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of February 2019: \$12,316

Yes	No
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**Article 15 Recreation Equipment CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Recreation Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for the replacement of equipment. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in fund as of December 2018: \$18,216

Yes	No
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**Article 16 Town Employee Financial Obligation CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Town Employee Financial Obligation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectman Recommends: Yes (5-0)      Budget Committee Recommends: Yes (8-1)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$18,500

Yes	No
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**Article 17 Add to Highway Dept Motorized Equipment CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Highway Dept Motorized Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This is to assist the Town with the replacement of Highway Equipment. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)      Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$115,646

Yes	No
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**Article 18    Reevaluation CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Town Reevaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)                  Budget Committee Recommends: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$50,430

Yes	No
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**Article 19    Master Plan CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be deposited in the Town Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)                  Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$16,005

Yes	No
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**Article 20 Landfill Closure Fund CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,429 for the purpose of testing groundwater at the closed landfill and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Landfill Closure Fund Capital Reserve Fund previously established. No amount to be raised by taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)      Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (10-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$142,763

Yes	No
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**Article 21 Fire Vehicles and Equipment CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be deposited into the Fire Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to fund this appropriation with said sum to be raised through ambulance billing and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (5-0)      Budget Committee recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$926

Yes	No
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**Article 22 Discontinue Police Outside Detail SRF**

To see if the Town will rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of revenues from Police Department Special Details to expenditures for the purpose of paying all expenses associated with payroll and equipment of police officers performing outside details. These funds will be placed in the town's general fund in accordance with RSA 31:95-d and then deposited into a newly created Police Outside Details revolving fund under Article 24. If this Article fails, Article 24 is null and void. If this Article passes and Article 24 fails, this Article will be null and void and the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund will continue to operate as originally established (Majority Vote required). (Ballot Vote Required).

Selectman Recommend: Yes (5-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Yes	No
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**Article 23 Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for Police Outside Detail payroll, related expenses and cruiser purchase, and to authorize withdrawal of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose, such amount to be raised from police outside detail revenue, with no amount to be raised by taxation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the special detail work expenses are paid and/or cruiser purchase is completed or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. This Article is null and void if Articles 22 and 24 passes.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Yes	No
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**Article 24 Establish Revolving Fund per RSA 31:95-h**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Police Special Details and to raise and appropriate from the Town's fund balance the amount of \$1,944 for deposit into said revolving fund. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all money in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. If Article 22 passes and this Article fails, Article 22 will be null and void and the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund will continue to operate as originally established. (Majority Vote required).

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Yes	No
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**Article 25 Fund Future Technology Improvements CRF by TDS Fee**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to be added to the Future Technology Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Said funds to come from TDS Franchise Fees and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectman Recommend: Yes (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$24,067

Yes	No
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**Article 26 Farmington Cable TV SRF**

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

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)      Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$142,495

Yes	No
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**Article 27 Purchase of Thermal Imaging Camera**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of purchasing Fire Department a Thermal Imaging Camera. Said sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)      Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Yes	No
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**Article 28 Depreciation of Waste Water Treatment Plant**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Waste Water Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Fund previously established to help offset the depreciation of the plant, with \$25,000 to come from the Waste Water Enterprise Fund surplus and the remainder to come from the unassigned fund balance. The town will match what is deposited from the Waste Water Enterprise Fund surplus. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (8-1)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$256,360

Yes	No
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**Article 29 All other business**

To allow the Town to conduct any other business that may come before this body.

Yes	No
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