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April 11, 2016

Charlie King, Chair
Board of Selectmen
Town of Farmington
356 Main Street
Farmington, NH 03835

Subject: Town of Farmington, Strafford County, New Hampshire
Community No.: 330147

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Dennis Roseberry, Building Inspector, Town of Farmington (w/o enclosures)
Charles Doke, Planning Board Chair, Town of Farmington (w/o enclosures)
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David Bickford, Chair
Board of Selectmen
Town of New Durham
4 Main Street
PO Box 207
New Durham, NH 03855

Subject: Town of New Durham, Strafford County, New Hampshire
Community No.: 330227

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James Anderson, Chair
Board of Selectmen
Town of Strafford
12 Mountain View Drive
Strafford, NH 03884

Subject: Town of Strafford, Strafford County, New Hampshire
Community No.: 330196

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