

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 5, 2024
WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of Fairlee, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Fairlee Town Hall in the said Town on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator, for one year

Article 2. To hear and act upon the Town Officers' Reports.

Article 3. To elect all necessary officers of the Town and to fill terms of any office that may be vacant, including:

Moderator, for one year
Selectboard Member, for 3 years
Selectboard member, for 2 years
Town Clerk, for 3 years
Lister, for 3 years
Budget Committee Member, for 3 years
Auditor, for 3 years
Auditor, for 2 years
Cemetery Commissioner, for 5 years
Library Trustee, for 5 years
Planning Commission Member, for 2 years
Planning Commission Member, for 4 years
Planning Commission Member, for 4 years
Planning Commission Member, for 4 years
Recreation Council Member, for 1 year
Recreation Council Member, for 2 years
Recreation Council Member, for 3 years
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Article 4. To see what action the Town will take with regard to the following appropriations. All sums have been included in the Town Budget. A sum not to exceed:

- a) Five Hundred dollars (**\$500**) to the **American Red Cross** for disaster support (CO)
- b) Three Hundred dollars (**\$300**) to **Capstone Community Action** for fuel, food, and housing assistance to families (CO)
- c) Four Hundred dollars (**\$400**) to **Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.** for adult education and literacy instruction for residents of Fairlee (CO)
- d) Six Hundred dollars (**\$600**) to **Central Vermont Council on Aging** for senior services including a helpline, transportation, and meal delivery (CO)
- e) One Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five dollars (**\$1,545**) to **Clara Martin Center** for counseling services (CO)
- f) Two Hundred Fifty dollars (**\$250**) to **Cohase Chamber of Commerce** for membership (CO)
- g) Fifty dollars (**\$50**) to **Green Up Vermont** (CO)
- h) Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars (**\$5,250**) to the **Lake Fairlee Association** for milfoil eradication program (CO)
- i) Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars (**\$2,500**) to **Little Rivers Health Care** for insurance and medical assistance including mobile dental van (CO)

- j) Five Hundred dollars (**\$500**) to the **Mentoring Project** for young persons (CO)
- k) Three Hundred fifty dollars (**\$350**) to the **Orange County Restorative Justice Center** a cost-effective alternative to the criminal court system for eligible offenders (CO)
- l) Three Thousand dollars (**\$3,000**) to the **Orange East Senior Center** for providing meal and social services at the center (CO)
- m) Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (**\$750**) to the **Rivendell Recreation Association** to provide elementary sports and recreational activities (CO)
- n) One Thousand dollars (**\$1,000**) to **Safeline** for a hotline for crisis support and referral services (CO)
- o) Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty One dollars (**\$3,851**) to **Tri-Valley Transit** for transportation of seniors, persons with disabilities and commuters (CO)
- p) Three Hundred dollars (**\$300**) to the **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired** for services including rehabilitation, orientation and mobility, assistive technology, social networking, and statewide transportation (CO)
- q) One Hundred Fifty-Five dollars (**\$155**) to the **Vermont Center for Independent Living** to help Vermonters with disabilities by providing the Meals on Wheels Program, Peer Advocacy Counseling Program and information and referral services (CO)
- r) One Hundred dollars (**\$100**) to **Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force** to support Rural Fire Protection Program (CO)
- s) Two Hundred Fifty dollars (**\$250**) for the **Vermont Family Network** for providing support to all Vermont families of children with special needs (CO)
- t) Five Thousand Five Hundred dollars (**\$5,500**) to the **Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT and NH/Hospice of the Upper Valley** for home health care and hospice support services to individuals and their families (CO)
- u) Four Hundred Dollars (**\$400**) to **WISE**, an organization dedicated to supporting people and communities impacted by domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking (CO)
- v) Two Hundred dollars (**\$200**) to **Orange County Parent Child Center** helps families with young children through advocacy, support, wellness opportunities (CO)

Article 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee authorize the Selectboard to accept and administer any Federal, State, or private grant money?

Article 6. To act upon the Recommendations of the Budget Committee as they pertain to Highway Expenses and to appropriate a sum of money for Highway Expenses.

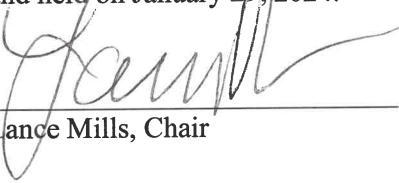
Article 7. To raise such sum of money as may appear necessary for the Maintenance and Improvements of the Town Highways for the ensuing year, and to authorize collection of same by the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA 4791. Property taxes shall be billed on or before September 1, 2024 and shall be due and payable on or before October 1, 2024. Interest shall be at a rate allowed by law and shall be payable on all past due taxes.

Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee appropriate the following sums to undertake and save for capital improvements within the Town in accordance with the Capital Budget and Program adopted by the Selectboard? All sums have been included in the Town Budget. A sum not to exceed:

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| a) Town Buildings and Lands Reserve | \$101,573.00 |
| b) Emergency Equipment Reserves | \$20,000.00 |
| c) Town Highway Reserve | \$130,000.00 |
| d) Lake Reserve | \$35,000.00 |

- Article 9. To act upon the recommendations of the Budget Committee as they pertain to Town Expenditures and to appropriate a sum of money for Town Expenses.
- Article 10. To raise such sum of money as may appear necessary for Town Expenses and Indebtedness for the ensuing year and to authorize collection of same by the Town Treasurer per 32 VSA 4791. Property taxes shall be billed on or before September 1, 2024 and shall be due and payable on or before October 1, 2024. Interest shall be at a rate allowed by law and shall be payable on all past due taxes.
- Article 11. To transact any other proper Town business that may come before this meeting.

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Fairlee duly called, noticed and held on January 29, 2024.

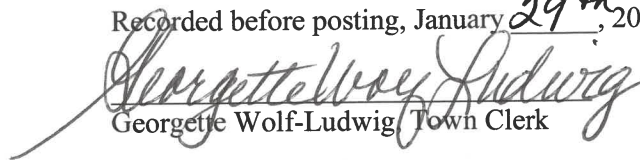


Lance Mills, Chair



Peter Berger

Recorded before posting, January 29th, 2024



Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Town Clerk