## WARNING 2017 FAIRFAX, VT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING & LOCAL ELECTION

The inhabitants of the Town of Fairfax who are legal voters in the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Elementary Auditorium of Bellows Free Academy, 75 Hunt Street, Fairfax on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of voting upon or transacting such business not involving voting by Australian ballot. These consist of ARTICLE 5 through ARTICLE 12.

ARTICLE 1 - ARTICLE 4 are to be voted upon by the use of the official Australian ballot. The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Gymnasium of Bellows Free Academy, 75 Hunt Street, Fairfax.

ARTICLE 1 To elect from the legal voters of the Town of Fairfax the following officers:

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| Town Moderator | One Year Term |
| Selectperson | Three Year Term |
| Selectperson | Two Year Term |
| Lister | Three Year Term* |
| Lister | One Year remaining of a Three Year Term* |
| Town Agent | One Year Term |
| Town Grand Juror | One Year Term |
| Community Library Trustee | Three Year Term |
| Community Library Trustee | Three Year Term |
| First Constable | One Year remaining of a Three Year Term |
| Cemetery Commissioner | Five Year Term |

***pending the outcome of Article 4**

ARTICLE 2 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax approve the **eighteen (18) month Transitional Budget** covering the period from January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, as recommended by the Select Board, of $4,018,488.08 of which $2,452,415.06 is to be raised by taxes and $959,677.00 to be raised by the previously approved trash fee (Article 3, 2016)?

ARTICLE 3 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax vote to take advantage of the provisions of Chapter 37 of Title 24 V.S.A. § 1241 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and authorize the Select Board to employ a Town Manager?

ARTICLE 4 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax vote to eliminate the elected positions of "Lister" and hire and contract with or employ a professionally qualified Assessor?

ARTICLE 5 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of $22,877.50 for the support of social contributions to provide services to the residents of the Town?

A. Age Well (CVAA)---------- $1,400.00
B. American Red Cross---------- $1,000.00
C. Fairfax Success by Six---------- $2,500.00
D. Franklin County Home Health Agency---------- $8,998.50
E. Franklin County Industrial Development---------- $500.00

F. Franklin Grand Isle Restorative Justice Center---------- $300.00
G. Friends of Northern Lake Champlain---------- $300.00
H. Green Mountain Transit/CCTA---------- $2,229.00
I. Green Up Vermont---------- $300.00
J. Northwestern Counseling---------- $1,800.00
K. Samaritan House, Inc./Tim's House---------- $1,000.00
L. Vermont Association of Conservation District---------- $100.00
M. Vermont Center for Independent Living---------- $500.00
N. Voices Against Violence Laurie's House---------- $1,500.00
O. Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired---------- $300.00
P. Vermont Council on Rural Development---------- $150.00

TOTAL: ---------- $22,877.50

ARTICLE 6 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax approve the **eighteen (18) month Transitional Budget** of $108,674.00 covering the period from January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 in support of the Fairfax Rescue toward operation expense?

ARTICLE 7 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax authorize all the Town current and contingent expenses be voted upon by the use of the Australian ballot beginning in the year 2018?

ARTICLE 8 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax act on the reports of the town officers?

ARTICLE 9 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax authorize the Select Board to place the tax bills in the hands of the Town Treasurer as heretofore?

ARTICLE 10 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of property taxes for the current year expenses?

ARTICLE 11 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax act on any other business?

ARTICLE 12 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax recess Town Meeting until March 7, 2017 at 7:00 A.M.?

Dated at Fairfax, County of Franklin, State of Vermont, this 27th day of January 2017.

Thomas Fontaine, Chair

Lauri Fisher, Vice Chair

Randy DeVine

Leebeth Ann Lemieux

Duane Leach

Attest: Deborah Woodward, Town Clerk/Treasurer

# NOTICE TO VOTERS
# For Local Floor Annual or Special Meetings

**BEFORE MEETING DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by February 5, 2017. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 25, 2017.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to **olvr.sec.state.vt.us.**

**ON MEETING DAY:**

**If your name was dropped from the checklist in error,** or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

**If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document,** you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

**If you have physical disabilities,** are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

**If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place** let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

## If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

**NO PERSON SHALL:**

! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
! Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)**

Deborah Woodward

**Attest: Deborah Woodward, Town Clerk/Treasurer**