WARNING 2018 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 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of voting upon or transacting such business not involving voting by Australian ballot and for a public hearing and presentation of the proposed Town budget. These consist of ARTICLE 6 through ARTICLE 9.

ARTICLE 1 - ARTICLE 5 are to be voted upon by the use of the official Australian ballot. The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 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:

Town Moderator	One Year Term
Selectperson	Three Year Term
Selectperson	Two 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	Three Year Term
Cemetery Commissioner	Five Year Term
Delinquent Tax Collector	Three Year Term

ARTICLE 2 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax approve the **twelve (12) month Fiscal Budget** covering the period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, as recommended by the Select Board, of $2,878,293.00 of which $1,888,079.00 is to be raised by taxes and $652,454.00 to be raised by the previously approved trash fee (Article 3, 2016)?

ARTICLE 3 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax approve the sum of $10,000.00 for the sidewalk improvement fund which will accumulate to a substantial amount for a sidewalk project approved by the Select Board?

ARTICLE 4 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax approve the **twelve (12) month Fiscal Budget** of $84,134.00 covering the period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in support of the Fairfax Rescue toward operation expense?

ARTICLE 5 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of $25,477.00 for the support of social contributions to provide services to the residents of the Town?

A. Age Well (CVAA)---------- $1,500.00
B. American Red Cross---------- $500.00
C. Fairfax Historical Society----------$2,000.00
D. Fairfax Success by Six---------- $2,500.00
E. Franklin County Animal Rescue----------$1,000.00

F. Franklin County Home Health Agency---------- $8,998.00
G. Franklin County Industrial Development---------- $500.00
H. Franklin Grand Isle Restorative Justice Center---------- $300.00
I. Friends of Northern Lake Champlain---------- $500.00
J. Green Mountain Transit/CCTA---------- $2,229.00
K. Green Up Vermont---------- $300.00
L. Northwestern Counseling---------- $1,800.00
M. Vermont Adult Learning---------- $300.00
N. Vermont Association of Conservation District---------- $100.00
O. Vermont Center for Independent Living---------- $500.00
P. Voices Against Violence Laurie's House---------- $1,500.00
Q. Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired---------- $300.00
R. Vermont Council on Rural Development---------- $150.00
S. Vermont Family Network---------- $500.00

TOTAL: ----------$25,477.00

ARTICLE 6 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax accept the reports of the Town Officers?

ARTICLE 7 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 8 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax act on any other business?

ARTICLE 9 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax recess Town Meeting until March 6, 2018 at 7:00 A.M.?

Dated at Fairfax, County of Franklin, State of Vermont, this 31st day of January 2018.

Thomas Fontaine, Chair

Steve Cormier, Vice Chair

Randy DeVine

Stephen Bessette

Duane Leach

Attest: Deborah Woodward, Town Clerk/Treasurer

ANNUAL FAIRFAX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 2018

The inhabitants of the Town of Fairfax who are legal voters in the Annual Town School District Meeting are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Elementary Auditorium of Bellows Free Academy, 75 Hunt Street, Fairfax on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10:00am for the purpose of voting upon or transacting such business not involving voting by Australian Ballot and for a presentation and public hearing of the proposed school budget.

Article 1 through Article 4 shall be voted upon by use of the official Australian ballot. The polls will be be open on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00am to 7:00pm at the Old Middle School Gymnasium of Bellows Free Academy, Fairfax.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the legal voters of said school district elect the following officers?
BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

- *School Moderator for one-year term*
- *School Director for two-year term*
- *School Director for three-year term*

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of said school district approve the school board to expend $12,282,123 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of $13,056.89 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.47% lower than spending for the current year.
BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of said school district approve the school board to expend up to $300,000 for bathroom renovations at BFA Fairfax Middle/High School and to replace the bleachers in the Richard A. Brown Gymnasium? It is estimated that this expenditure, if approved, will result in education spending of $371.79 per equalized pupil. This spending per equalized pupil is not higher than spending for the current fiscal year. It is also estimated that if this proposed expenditure and the proposed budget (Article 2) are both approved, education spending per equalized pupil will increase by $177.23, or 1.34% over such spending for the current fiscal year.
BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters of said school district authorize the School Directors to borrow money for school expenses in anticipation of revenue for the ensuing year?
BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

ARTICLE 5: To approve reports of School Directors from the previous year.

ARTICLE 6: To conduct any other legal business to come before said meeting.

ARTICLE 7: To adjourn.

The legal voters of the Fairfax Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Fairfax Town School District duly called, noticed, and held on January 10, 2018.

Jasen Boyd _____
Michael Bruso _____
Elaine Stone Carpenter _____
Scott Mitchell _____
Kathi Muehl _____

Received by Fairfax Town Clerk's Office for record and this 11 th day of January 2018 at Fairfax, VT and same is recorded in the posted records.

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 4, 2018. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 24, 2018.

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.

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Deborah Woodward

Attest: Deborah Woodward, Town Clerk/Treasurer

NOTICE TO VOTERS
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REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at mvp.sec.state.vt.us. The latest you can request ballots for the Annual Town & School District Meeting Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on March 5, 2018. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

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If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.
If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.
If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Vote Tabulator Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CHECK OUT:

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot into the vote tabulating machine.
LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

Attest: Deborah Woodward, Town Clerk/Treasurer