

WARNING TOWN OF FAIRFAX, VT 2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Fairfax are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Elementary Gymnasium of Bellows Free Academy, 75 Hunt Street, Fairfax on Saturday, March 1, 2025, immediately following the School Meeting for the purpose of voting on or transacting such business not involving voting by Australian Ballot and for a presentation and public hearing on the proposed Town Budget and presentation and discussion of Articles 1 through 7 which shall be voted upon on March 4, 2025, by Australian ballot.

Articles 1 through 7 are to be voted upon using the official Australian ballot. The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary School Gymnasium of Bellows Free Academy, 75 Hunt Street, Fairfax, VT.

- ARTICLE 1 To elect all Fairfax Town Officers required by law:
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| Town Moderator | One Year Term |
| Selectperson | Two Year Term |
| Selectperson | Three Year Term |
| Community Library Trustee | Three Year Term |
| Cemetery Commissioner | Four Years Remaining of a Five Year Term |
| Cemetery Commissioner | Five Year Term |

ARTICLE 2 Shall the voters of the Town of Fairfax approve the FY26 Budget, as recommended by the Selectboard, of \$4,338,855 of which \$3,503,303 is to be raised by taxes, \$835,552 by fees associated with the trash contract, and \$387,374 by non-tax revenue?

ARTICLE 3 Shall the voters of the Town of Fairfax appropriate a total of \$24,089 to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §2691?

Age Well	\$2000
American Red Cross	\$500
Cancer Patient Support Program	\$250
Fairfax Cemetery Association	\$375
Fairfax Historical Society	\$2000
Fairfax Plains Cemetery Association	\$375
Franklin County Home Health	\$8998
Franklin County Industrial Development	\$500
Franklin Grand Isle Restorative Justice Ctr	\$1000
Green Mt Transit	\$2341
Northwest Unit for Special Investigations	\$1000
Northwestern Counseling & Support Services	\$1800
VT Adult Learning	\$350
VT Association for the Blind	\$300
VT Association for Independent Living	\$500
Vermont Green Up Inc.	\$300

Voices Against Violence	\$1500
TOTAL:	\$24,089

- ARTICLE 4 Shall the voters of the Town of Fairfax rescind the town manager form of governance in accordance with the provisions of chapter 37 of Title 24 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated?
- ARTICLE 5 Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1682(a)(2) shall the voters of the Town of Fairfax rescind the authorization that the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax be provided notice of the availability of the annual town report by postcard at least 30 days before the annual meeting, in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report itself?
- ARTICLE 6 Pursuant to 7 V.S.A. §863(a)(1) shall the voters of the Town of Fairfax authorize the retail sale of cannabis within the Town limits?
- ARTICLE 7 Pursuant to the Vermont Constitution Chapter II, §52, the Town of Fairfax having more than 5000 inhabitants, shall the voters of the Town of Fairfax increase the number of justices of the peace by 3 to 15?
- ARTICLE 8 Shall the voters of the Town of Fairfax authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §4791, to collect taxes?
- ARTICLE 9 Shall the voters of the Town of Fairfax act on any other business?
- ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town Meeting be adjourned?

Dated at Fairfax, County of Franklin, State of Vermont, this 13th day of January 2025.

Bryce McNall
Bryce McNall, Chair

Tim Burns
Tim Burns, Vice Chair

Tim Germaine
Tim Germaine

Randy DeVine 1/16/25
Randy DeVine

Stephen Bessette
Stephen Bessette

Lynn Parah
Attest: Lynn Parah, Town Clerk