

Town of
FAIRLEE, VERMONT



ANNUAL REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2019

IN DEDICATION TO Russell B. Smith



This year we dedicate the Town Report in honor of our longtime friend and member of the Fairlee Community – Russell B. Smith.

Russ was “one of a kind” in his humanity, humility, generosity of time, and commitment to the townspeople of Fairlee. His dedication to the children of our community and the causes that he took up were proof of his devotion to what he felt was for “the good of all”.

As Bruce Taylor reflected at last year’s town meeting by quoting Abraham Lincoln – “How hard, oh! How hard it is to die and leave one’s country no better than if one had never lived for it!” Bruce then added that “this was not the case for Russ, he left Fairlee in a much better place”.

And so he did. The Town of Fairlee has been blessed, and continues to be blessed, with the work that Russ started, finished, and also left some things for the rest of us to finish for him.

Russ, we give thanks to you for all that you have done. Words cannot express our gratefulness for the differences that you have made in our small town. We know you must have heard the words:

Well done, my good and faithful servant!

2019

**Annual Report
of the Officers of the Town of Fairlee
(Orange County)**

**PO Box 95
Fairlee, Vermont 05045**



**Chartered in 1761
Population 987 as of 2014
Area 11,490 acres
Altitude 430 Feet
72 09' W, 43 55'**

Town of Fairlee Services & Office Hours

Visit us on the Web at: www.fairleevt.org

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and Friday 9:00 am – Noon
(or by appointment)

TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER333-4363

Town Clerk EXT.1
Town Administrator/Selectboard Office EXT.2
Zoning Office EXT.3
Treasurer EXT.4
Listers' Office EXT.5
Town Fax 333-9214
Samuel Morey Elementary School 333-9755
Rivendell Academy 603-353-4321
Rivendell District Office 603-353-2170
Town Beach 333-9416

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER..... DIAL 911

NON-EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Upper Valley Ambulance 333-4043
Fire Department 333-4785
Health Officer 333-4363 EXT.3
Animal Control Officer 802-741-1640
Local Police 333-4363 EXT. 6
Vermont State Police 222-4680

FAIRLEE TRASH & RECYCLING (including Metal and Brush Dump)

For Fairlee Residents & Taxpayers only
Dump Pass required (purchase from Town Clerk)
Saturday 9:00 to 11:00 am (Summer Hours 8:30 to 11:00 am)
at the Transfer Station located on Dump Rd off of US Route 5 South
Extra hours for Spring & Fall Clean-up the first Saturday of May and second Saturday in October
For Transfer Station/E-Waste information see Fairlee Town Website www.fairleevt.org

PUBLIC LIBRARY – Telephone 333-4716 (closed Sunday & Monday)

Tuesday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Wednesday 1:00 to 7:00 pm,
Thursday and Friday 1:00 to 5:00 pm,
Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

POST OFFICE – Telephone 333-4305

Monday – Friday: **Lobby:** 7:30 am to 4:45 pm **Window:** 9:00 am to 4:15 pm
Closed daily 11:00 am to 12:15 pm
Saturday: **Lobby:** 7:30 am to 12:00 pm **Window:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

SEASONAL RESIDENTIAL WATER turned on by May 15, 2020 and turned off after October 15, 2020

SELECTBOARD MEETING – Monday evenings at 6:00 pm

FIREMEN'S MEETING – Regular Meeting – First Thurs of the month at 7:30 pm

Drill – Third Thursday at 6:00 pm

FAST SQUAD MEETING – as needed

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – First Thursday at 6:00 pm

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING – Second and Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm as needed

Agency and Community Organization Reports are available on the Fairlee website
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*Wedding Day, October 16, 1970 with
Glen Ackerman, Reverend Art Bagley,
Russ, Barb, and Helen Piper.*

Town Officers – 2019/2020

Moderator (elected for one year term)	Bruce Taylor, Term Expires March 2020
Town Clerk (elected for three year term).....	Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Term Expires March 2021
Town Treasurer (elected for three year term).....	Lisa Hinsley, Term Expires March 2020
Assistant Town Clerks (appointed by Town Clerk for one year term)	Kelly Gardner, Term Expires March 2020 Barbara Lantery, Term Expires March 2020
Assistant Treasurers (appointed by Town Treasurer for one year term)	Melissa Gahagan, Term Expires March 2020 Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Term Expires March 2020
Selectboard (elected for three year term)	Catherine McGrath, Term Expires March 2020 Peter Berger, Chair, Term Expires March 2021 Joshua Hickman, Term Expires March 2022
Town Administrator	Tad Nunez
Minutes Clerk.....	Joanna Bligh
First Constable (elected for one year term, appointed position starting in 2020).....	Dan Ludwig, Term Expires March 2020
Collector of Delinquent Taxes (appointed for one year term)	Jason Bachus, Term Expires March 2020
Chief of Police (appointed by Selectboard for one year term)	Jason Bachus, Term Expires March 2020
Road Commissioners	Selectboard
Water Commissioners	Selectboard
Listers (elected for three year term).....	Russell W. Collins, Term Expires March 2020 Dan A. Ludwig, Term Expires March 2021 Noël G. Walker, Chair, Term Expires March 2022
Auditors (elected for three year term).....	Larry C. Martin, Term Expires March 2020 Sandra Smith-Ordway, Chair, Term Expires March 2021 Angelia Rorison, Term Expires 2022
Budget Committee (elected for three year term)	Elizabeth Wilson, Term Expires March 2020 Dan Ludwig, Chair, Term Expires March 2021 Stephen Bentley, Term Expires March 2022 Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Budget Committee Clerk
Fairlee Planning Commission (elected for four year term)	Sarah Berger, Term Expires March 2020 Denis Lambert, Term Expires March 2020 Vacant, Term Expires March 2020 Susanne Pacilio, Term Expires March 2021 Smith Reed, Term Expires March 2021 Miranda Clemson, Chair, Term Expires March 2022 Timothy Danen, Term Expires March 2023
Zoning Administrator.....	Chris Brimmer
Development Review Board (appointed by Selectboard for three year term).....	David Fracht, Chair, Term Expires March 2020 Timothy Danen, Term Expires March 2020 William Dunnack, Term Expires March 2021 Nancy Anderson, Term Expires March 2021 Peter Lange, Term Expires March 2022 Anthony Gahagan (Alternate, one year term), Term Expires March 2020 Vacancy (Alternate, one year term), Term Expires March 2020

Town Officers – continued:

Cemetery Commissioners (elected for five year term)	Lance V. Mills, Term Expires March 2020 Charles H. Hinsley, Chair, Term Expires March 2021 Lawrence Farnham, Term Expires March 2022 Robert Edmands, Term Expires March 2023 Eric C. Sleeper, Term Expires March 2024
Grand Jurors (elected for one year term)	Clyde C. Blake II, Term Expires March 2020 William A. Dunnack, Jr., Term Expires March 2020
Town Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits (elected for one year term).....	Vacant, Term Expires March 2020
Town Agent to Transfer Real Estate	Georgette Wolf-Ludwig
Trustees of Public Library (elected for five year term).....	Crystal Champagne, Term Expires March 2020 Charlotte Williams, Term Expires March 2021 Cyrie Lange, Chair, Term Expires March 2022 Joy Weale, Term Expires March 2023 Jennifer Johnson, Term Expires March 2024
Recreation Council Board (elected for five year term).....	Cameron Buster, Term Expires March 2020 Vacant , Term Expires March 2021 Vacant, Term Expires March 2022 Meghann Bourne (Brough), Term Expires March 2023 Vacant, Term Expires March 2024
Animal Control Officer	Wayne E. Godfrey
Emergency Management Coordinator	Peter Berger
Fence Viewers	Larry C. Martin, Vacant
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood	Clyde C. Blake II
Weigher of Coal	Clyde C. Blake II
Pound Keeper.....	Bradford Veterinarian Clinic
Tree Warden	Larry C. Martin
Fire Department Chief	Kenneth Champagne
Forest Fire Warden	Eric C. Sleeper, Term Expires July 1, 2023
Forest Fire Warden's Key Man	Robert Maddock, Jr.
Town Service Agent.....	Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Term Expires April 2020
Justices of the Peace	Peter Berger, Ann Walker, Timothy Danen, Horace Palmer III, Larry C. Martin
Health Officer.....	Chris Brimmer, Term Expires December 31, 2021
Deputy Health Officer	Vacant
Representative to Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Planning	Peter Berger, Alternate Vacant
Representative to Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Trans Advisory Council.....	Smith Reed
Representative to Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District	Tad Nunez
Fairlee Representatives to Tri-Town Commission (appointed by Selectboard for one year term).....	Nancy Anderson, Frank J. Barrett, Jr., Jason Knowles
Fairlee Historical Society.....	Donald Weaver, President; Bonnie Colby, Vice President/Asst. Curator; Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Curator; Noël Walker, Secretary; Lisa Hinsley, Treasurer

Town Officers – continued:

Forest Board.....	Terry Lewis, Mitchell Phelps, Reginald Cramer III, David Matthews, Chair, James G. O'Donnell
E911 Coordinator.....	Noël G. Walker
Assistant Judges of Orange County Court.....	Joyce McKeeman, Laurel Mackin
Orange District Probate Court, 5 Court Street, Chelsea, VT 05038	Bernard Lewis, Judge; Elaine Duke, Registrar
Senators from Caledonia-Orange District	Jane Kitchel and Joe Benning
Representative to General Assembly	Sarah Copeland Hanzas
Lake Morey Protective Association, Inc.....	Laura Tucker, President; Smith Reed, Vice-President; Bill Minard, Treasurer; Ginny Reed, Secretary
Lake Morey Commission Members (appointed by Selectboard for one year term).....	Donald Weaver, Co-Chair; Greg Allen, Co-Chair; Bruce Durgin, Mark Richardson and Byron Stone
Representative to Green Mountain Economic Development Corp.	Frank J. Barrett, Jr.
Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc.	Representative: Richard Senn; Administrator: Clay Odell
Connecticut Joint Rivers Commission.....	Ben Dana, Danielle Allen
Green-Up Day Coordinator.....	Peter Berger
Fairlee Scholarship Committee.....	Lisa Hinsley, Jane Chambers, Georgette Wolf-Ludwig

FAIRLEE COMMUNITY ARTS

THANK YOU!

“Fairlee Community Arts” – you bring an awareness of community and a positive sense of livability to our Town of Fairlee – thank you.

With thanks and appreciation, the Town of Fairlee, it’s residents and friends are grateful for the continued contributions of bringing the arts to our Town. The wealth of educational, musical and cultural events programmed since the conception of the organization in 2017 is truly remarkable. The dedicated volunteers, who guide Fairlee Community Arts, work endless hours to assure the programs are well directed and supervised.

Fairlee Community Arts is directly responsible for the raising of funds, purchasing and installation expenses of the new state-of-the-art sound and projector system at the Fairlee Town Hall. The Town Hall now has the capability of projecting both on a small and large size screens.

Fairlee Community Arts organization is constantly delivering new programs and events. The Tuesday summer concerts on the common have become the premier event entertaining a multi-generational audience. The lecture series are informative and mind provoking. The newest programming is the screening of the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2020
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 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator.

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:

Selectboard Member, for three years
Town Treasurer, for three years
Lister, for three years
Auditor, for three years
Budget Committee Member, for three years
Planning Commission Member, for four years
Planning Commission Member, for four years
Planning Commission Member, for four years
Cemetery Commissioner, for five years
Grand Juror, for one year
Grand Juror, for one year
Town Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits, for one year
Library Trustee, for five years
Recreation Council Member, for one year
Recreation Council Member, for two years
Recreation Council Member, for four years
Recreation Council Member, for five years

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) One Thousand dollars (\$1,000) to Green Mountain Economic Development (Z)
- h) Fifty dollars (\$50) to Green Up Vermont (CO)
- i) Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$5,250) to the Lake Fairlee Association for milfoil eradication program (CO)
- j) Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000) to Little Rivers Health Care for insurance and medical assistance including mobile dental van (CO)
- k) Five Hundred dollars (\$500) to the Mentoring Project for young persons (CO)

- l) Three Hundred fifty dollars (\$350) to the Orange County Court Diversion Program, a cost-effective alternative to the criminal court system for eligible offenders (CO)
- m) Two Hundred dollars (\$200) to Orange County Parent Child Center (formerly known as Kids Place) for parenting and family support programs (CO)
- n) Three Thousand dollars (\$3,000) to the Orange East Senior Center for providing meal and social services at the center (CO)
- o) Three Hundred dollars (\$300) to the Oxbow Senior Independence Program Inc. for adult day care services (CO)
- p) One Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$1,500) to the Rivendell Recreation Association to provide elementary sports and recreational activities (CO)
- q) Four Hundred Fifty dollars (\$450) to the Rivendell Trails Association for trail maintenance, hikes and education (CO)
- r) Seven Hundred dollars (\$700) to Safeline for a hotline for crisis support and referral services (CO)
- s) Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$2,500) to Stagecoach Transportation for transportation of seniors, persons with disabilities and commuters (CO)
- t) Forty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Eight dollars (\$43,428) to Upper Valley Ambulance for emergency services (EMS)
- u) 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)
- v) 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)
- w) One Hundred dollars (\$100) to Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force to support Rural Fire Protection Program (CO)
- x) Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$250) for the Vermont Family Network for providing support to all Vermont families of children with special needs (CO)
- y) 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)

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, 2020 and shall be due and payable on or before October 1, 2020. 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:

- a) Town Buildings and Lands Reserve \$40,000
- b) Emergency Equipment Reserves \$10,000
- c) Town Highway Reserve \$90,000
- d) Lake Reserve \$ 7,500

- Article 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee change the term limits of the Recreation Council from a five-year term to a three-year term?
- Article 10. 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 11. 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, 2020 and shall be due and payable on or before October 1, 2020. Interest shall be at a rate allowed by law and shall be payable on all past due taxes.
- Article 12. 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 27, 2020.


Peter B. Berger, Chair


Catherine H. McGrath


Joshua D. Hickman

Recorded before posting, January 27, 2020


Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Town Clerk



Russ with Peter Lange



Santa – 1992



Senior photo – 1950

2020 Warned Articles Summary

Article 4. Appropriations

CO – see COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS on page 63;

Z – see ZONING on page 77,

EMS – see EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BUILDINGS on page 64.

a) American Red Cross (CO)	\$ 500
b) Capstone Community Action (CO)	300
c) Central Vermont Adult Basic Ed. Inc. (CO)	400
d) Central Vermont Council on Aging (CO)	600
e) Clara Martin Center (CO)	1,545
f) Cohase Chamber of Commerce (CO)	250
g) Green Mountain Economic Development (Z)	1,000
h) Green Up Vermont (CO)	50
i) Lake Fairlee Assoc. Milfoil (CO)	5,250
j) Little Rivers Health Care (CO)	2,000
k) Mentoring Project (CO)	500
l) Orange County Court Diversion Program (CO)	350
m) Orange County Parent Child Center (CO)	200
n) Orange East Senior Center (CO)	3,000
o) Oxbow Senior Independence Program Inc. (CO)	300
p) Rivendell Recreation Association (CO)	1,500
q) Rivendell Trails Association (CO)	450
r) Safeline (CO)	700
s) Stagecoach Transportation (CO)	2,500
t) Upper Valley Ambulance (EMS)	43,428
u) Vermont Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CO)	300
v) Vermont Center for Independent Living (CO)	155
w) Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force (CO)	100
x) Vermont Family Network (CO)	250
y) Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT and NH/Hospice of the Upper Valley (CO)	5,500

Total Appropriations – Included in Budgets (Article 4)	\$ 71,128
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Article 6 & 7. Highway Budget – see HIGHWAY on page 66

Budgeted Income	\$ (57,310)
Budgeted Expenses (Article 6)	278,337

Highway Budget to be Raised by Taxes (Article 7)	\$ 221,027
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Article 8. Capital Budget

a) Town Buildings and Land Reserve	\$40,000
b) Emergency Reserve Fund	10,000
c) Town Highway Reserve Fund	90,000
d) Lake Reserve Fund	7,500

Capital Budget to be Raised by Taxes (Article 8)	\$ 147,500
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2020 Warned Articles Summary

Article 10. Town Expenditures (See Summary Budget on page 58)

Budgeted Income	\$ (394,484)
Budgeted Expenses (Article 10)	<u>1,212,485</u>
Town Expenditures to be Raised by Taxes	<u>\$ 818,001</u>

Article 11. Town Expenses and Indebtedness (See Summary Budget on page 59)

General Fund (Income)/Expense	\$ 818,001
Capital Budget Raised by Taxes	147,500
Water Bond to be Raised by Taxes	—
Veteran's Local Agreement Rate	735
Lake Fairlee Dam Bond	21,000
Town Hall Loan	56,573
Cash Available	—
Town Amount to be Raised by Taxes (Article 11)	<u>\$ 1,043,809</u>

This report summarizes the dollar amounts of the warned articles.



Russ Smith's Silver Beaver Recognition banquet at the Fairlee Town Hall (1987). L–R: District Scout Executive; Assistant Scout Master Jim Peavy; Scout Master Russ Smith, and Assistant Scout Master Bob Danaher. The Silver Beaver is the highest award given by a scout council to its adult volunteers for exceptional service to youth and community.

2019 Report from the Fairlee Selectboard

Some amazing things have happened in Fairlee over the past year, including:

- having the first Town Meeting in the Town Hall in over 30 years
- replacing the failed water tank and forging ahead on other important upgrades to the Water System
- stabilizing our infrastructure budgets over a ten-year period with a renovated Capital Budget Program
- completing a major maintenance project at the Emergency Services building
- kicking off *Main Street to Morey*, a grant-funded effort to revitalize our “Village Under the Cliff”

As the Selectboard continues to reach out and inform Fairlee residents and taxpayers with our newsletters, we are grateful for the positive and helpful input from those who participated in the Community Survey.

BETTER CONNECTIONS GRANT: MAIN STREET TO MOREY

Probably the biggest win this year was our successful effort to capture a \$93,000 Better Connections grant, funded through the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) in partnership with the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD). The grant’s objective is to increase transportation options, build community resilience, and strengthen economic vitality in Vermont’s community centers. For Fairlee, the grant is funding *Main Street to Morey*, a program that includes professional help in our effort to enhance the Village space along Route 5 and address the storm water issues that plague businesses along the corridor. *Main Street to Morey* relies upon community participation with events in both the winter and summer of 2020. **We urge every Fairlee resident to join in this exciting effort to revitalize our Town.**

WATER SYSTEM

The Water System highlight for the year happened shortly after Town meeting with the **replacement of the failed water tank** and a successful settlement of its legal matter. **The installation of the Water Meters and the filtration system are scheduled for the spring of 2020. A number of water lines will also be replaced by the end of the year.** Additionally, to better protect our Water System, we attended an Asset Management program put on by the Clean Water Division to learn how best to initiate a local program to ensure that the Water System’s assets are maintained, accounted for, and put to their highest and best use.

CAPITAL BUDGET

While Fairlee has had a Capital Budget for 20 years – our hats are off to Jay Barrett for his relentless efforts to put this in place. The Town’s five **Capital Budget Reserve funds presented in this year’s budget are designed to stabilize our infrastructure budgets** and enable the Town to begin a number of strategic infrastructure projects. We are grateful to Treasurer Lisa Hinsley, Town Administrator Tad Nunez, and TRORC for thoughtfully initiating this valuable program.

TOWN BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Selectboard kicked off efforts to **enhance the Transfer Station** by clearing the northern portion of the property; as **part of a master plan** we have included in the Capital Budget funds for the construction of a pole barn to store highway and water system equipment. **The Emergency Services building was freshly painted and plans are in the works to address other building issues.**

The Community Survey indicated that town-folk would like to see our **forests managed effectively for recreational uses**. The Selectboard has had conversations about working with various groups to create a master plan for the public lands in and around Fairlee.

After completing the renovation of the Town Hall, **the auditorium has become a popular gathering space and it now has a sound system, projector, and screens.** We are grateful to Fairlee Community Arts for all it has done to raise funds and facilitate the purchase and installation of this equipment.

TOWN ROADS

The intention of the Selectboard is to fully integrate our inventory of highway needs with the planning and funding made available by the State. We want to be sure that Fairlee taps every penny of State support to better manage Town highway infrastructure.

With the increased responsibilities of Road Foreman, **Mike Wright continues to do an excellent**

job helping the Town to manage its road infrastructure. In 2019, we repaired and **paved significant portions of Terry Hill Road.** Benefiting from a VTrans structures grant, we reconstructed and paved along the east side of Lake Morey Road, and in 2020, our plan is continue paving on the east side beginning at Joe's Road.

We conclude by thanking those who offer their service in support of the Town. We look forward to serving our community to the very best of our abilities in the coming year and hope that this year brings you peace and prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

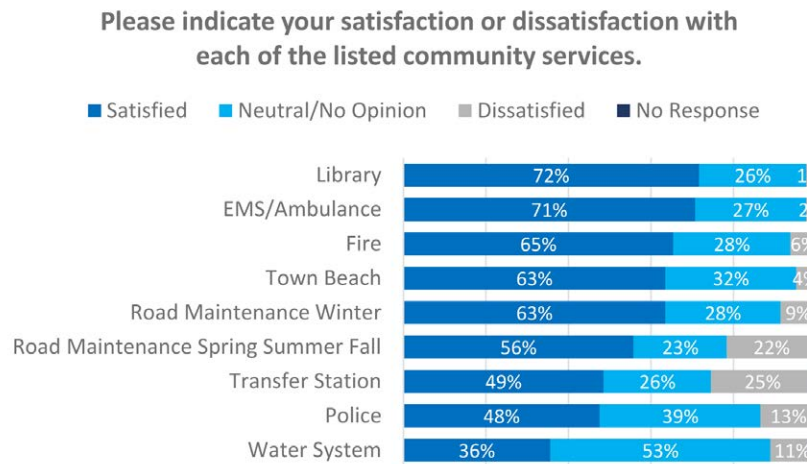
Peter Berger (Chair)
Cathy McGrath
Josh Hickman



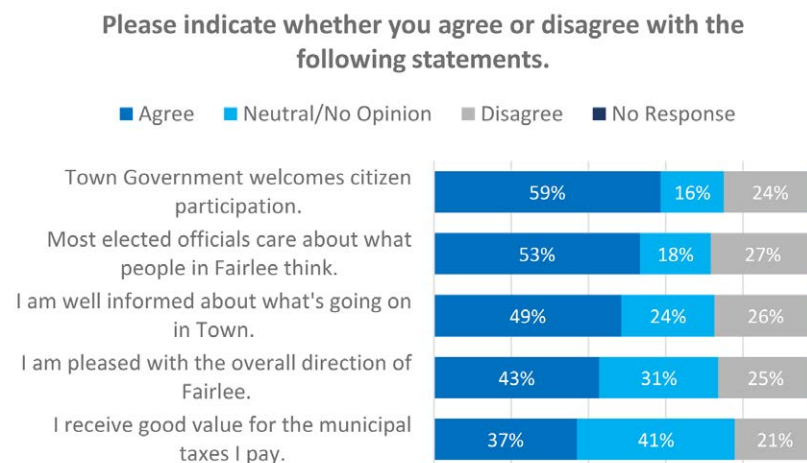
Fairlee Community Survey

In August of 2019, the Selectboard, in partnership with the Planning Committee, designed a 4-page community survey which was deployed to Fairlee year-round and seasonal residents on paper and online. The objective of the survey was to gather opinions about issues of interest to Fairlee residents (Community Services & Municipal Governance, Housing, and Natural Resources & Land Use).

When the survey was closed on in early September, there were 208 responses (184 online and 24 on paper). While the number of responses was not high enough to be deemed statistically valid given Fairlee's year-round and seasonal population, the Selectboard assumes that those who cared enough to respond are residents who have strong opinions one way or the other. The Selectboard is grateful for every response. A complete report about survey responses will be available at Town Meeting and on the Town's website.



More than 65% of respondents indicated that they were Satisfied with the Library (71%), EMS/Ambulance (71%), and Fire (65%). Over 20% of respondents indicated that they were Dissatisfied with the Transfer Station (25%) and Spring, Summer and Fall Road Maintenance (22%).



Most respondents Agree that "Town government welcomes citizen participation" (59%) and "most elected officials care about what people in Fairlee think" (53%). Large shares Agree with "I am well informed about what's going on in Town" (49%) and "I am pleased with the overall direction of Fairlee" (43%). Forty-one percent of respondents are Neutral/No Opinion regarding "I receive good value for the municipal taxes I pay" (41%).

2019 Report from the Fairlee Board of Auditors

Throughout the year the Auditors have examined the accounts and financial statements of the Town of Fairlee, in accordance with Title 24 Vermont Statutes. To the best of our knowledge the statements contained in this report accurately reflect the financial activity and the financial position of the Town for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. Professional audits were conducted and reported out for FY2017 and FY2018 (Single Audit). The results of those findings showed no major findings.

One responsibility of the auditors is to produce this annual report. You will notice that we have made changes to the layout and the order of information presented this year. Our deep gratitude to Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Lisa Hinsley, Tad Nunez, and Noël Walker for their help in coordinating the submission of content and proofreading. We couldn't produce this report without their help and expertise.

Additional reports from the many community organizations that the town supports are available on the Town website: www.fairleevt.org

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Smith-Ordway, Chair
Larry Martin
Angelia Rorison, Secretary



Fairlee Postmaster – anyone know who's weighing in?

2019 Report from the Fairlee Budget Committee

The Fairlee Budget Committee held its annual budget hearing on January 6, 2020 at the Fairlee Town Hall. Department budgets were reviewed individually with department representatives and questions were taken from the floor.

Each department's budget was reviewed in turn. Most of the questions from the floor were in regard to a few line items that appeared to be major changes in expenses. These were clarified as being accounting changes relating to the Capital Budget with the change in total expenditures being minor.

The Budget Committee met with the Selectboard on January 13, 2020 at the Fairlee Town Hall to discuss the proposed 2020 budget. The only recommended change was to the library budget. The Budget Committee recommended restoring \$1,500.00 to the Building Repairs line. The Committee felt that as many of the library patrons are children, this would be a good investment.

The Budget Committee reminds all community members that active participation in the financial wellbeing of the Town is everyone's responsibility. This involvement should be a year-round activity by attending the weekly Selectboard meetings. Notices of such can be found on the Town website. Further, Lisa Hinsley, the Town Treasurer is always willing to answer any questions. Finally, please feel free to reach out to any Budget Committee member at any time as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Ludwig, Chair
Elizabeth Wilson
Steve Bentley

2019 Report from the Fairlee Town Administrator

I am pleased to report the following activities of the Town Administrator's Office during the 2019 year:

Town Hall was rented out and utilized by a variety of user groups. Rental parties included wedding receptions, baby showers, celebration of life and birthday parties. The Rivendell School district utilized the facility for meetings and student events. The Fairlee Community Arts and the Scottish Dancers conducted several events throughout the year in the auditorium.

- Completed Municipal Roads Grant Permit (MRGP) annual planning report required per VT State law.
- Managed the completion of the construction of the Water Tank project.
- Administered the water meter and filtration system projects.
- Administered permitting of Work in the Right of Way, Driveway Access, Weight Access and Vendor permits.
- Assisted VTrans with several projects ranging from culvert to highway repairs.
- Served on the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District representing Fairlee.
- Administered the repairs and reconstruction of a portion of Lake Morey and Terry Hill Roads.
- Administered the construction of the new Town Hall back porch and sanding/refurbishing floors.
- Administered the contracted services to have the Emergency Service building repaired and painted.
- Administered the close out of the water tank mediation.
- Recognized Robert Edmand as our WCAX channel 31 – Super Senior.
- Secured VTrans grants in the amount of \$175,000 for continued upgrades to Lake Morey Road.
- Secured 2019 Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant-in-aid in the amount of \$22,582.
- Secured funding for the installation of an EV charger at the RR Station Park and Ride (\$8,000).
- Secured a \$4,000 grant from the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.
- Secured funding from VT Grant in Aid project for ditching along Maurice Roberts Road. (\$6,710)
- Secured a \$4,000 grant from the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.
- Secured a grant in the amount of \$52,000 for the replacement of culverts located on Lake Morey Road.
- Secured Vt State funding of \$7,612.50 for updating the Town's local hazard mitigation plan
- Assisted in the Better Connection grant: Town secured a \$95,833 grant for the enhancement of our RT5 corridor "Main to Morey" project.
- Closed out FEMA project – will be receiving \$11,975.19 for the 2017 FEMA event/Knox Road project.
- Administered the day-to-day operations of the Fairlee Beach.
- Administered behind the scenes of the annual 4th of July Parade, as well as, participated in the parade.
- Assisted the Town Treasurer, in the development of the new capital budget plan.
- Administered the solar array agreement with a local solar array company to save 10% electricity cost for the Town Hall and Pump Station.

The above are just the highlights of the 2019 activities. I look forward to continually working with the Selectboard, all Boards/Committees/Commissions and members of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad Nunez, Town Administrator

2019 Report from the Fairlee Town Clerk

This year's Town Report is dedicated to my dear friend Russell B. Smith. We lost Russ on February 18th, 2019. There is an empty spot in our community with his passing. Russ dedicated most of his life to serving the Town in many capacities. For the last 20 years, or so, Russ came to the Town Hall most every day of the week. He loved his community and the Town Hall. Nothing made him happier than visiting with folks who came in the Town Clerk's Office. He also enjoyed watching the renovation of the Town Hall. He shared many of his memories with me about the movies he saw as a child, the Fireman Follies which he performed in, and Town Meetings which he moderated upstairs in the auditorium. Unfortunately, Russ passed away before Town Meeting. I know he was looking forward to it, but I know in my heart he was with us in spirit. Town Meeting was an emotional day for many of us. I myself had been dreaming of that day since the first plans for the Town Hall renovations were presented to the Selectboard some 20 years ago. Since the renovation, we've had many community events at the Town Hall and it's wonderful to see the auditorium in use again. Fairlee was so fortunate to receive a donation of a Chickering grand piano from Deecie Denison, and thanks to the hard work of the Fairlee Community Arts we have a new sound system, projector and screens. The Town Hall is well on its way to becoming the center for our community.

This year I also said goodbye to my friend and mentor, Shirley D. Godfrey. Shirley was the Town Clerk and Treasurer in Fairlee for many years. She was also the first female in Fairlee to serve on the Selectboard. I first met Shirley when she was the Orange County Probate Judge. Back then, Probate Court was located on Main Street in Fairlee. Shirley gave me a job indexing probate records. In those days, before computers, we used typewriters and index cards. I enjoyed working for Shirley – she was all business and a self-made professional woman. I really looked up to her. When Shirley retired as Probate Judge, she came back to the Town Clerk's

Office as my Assistant. She worked for me for another 10 years recording land records. Shirley will be missed but she certainly left her mark here in Fairlee.

In September I was sworn in as President of the Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association (VMCTA) by our Vermont Secretary

of State, Jim Condos, at the Lake Morey Inn. It is truly an honor for me to be representing Fairlee in this role. The VMCTA has given me so much professionally as well as personally in my position as Town Clerk. Their educational opportunities have kept me up to speed with all the statutory requirements as a Town Clerk and helped me to bring into the office new software to streamline recordings. I look forward to giving back to this incredible association.

In closing, I would like to thank my Assistants Kelly Gardner and Barbara Lantery, all the Town Office Staff and Elected Officials, Town Boards, Committee Members and Volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication to the Town of Fairlee. We make a great team!

Respectfully submitted,

Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, CVC/CMC
Fairlee Town Clerk



Shirley D. Godfrey

Notices from the Town Clerk's Office

2020 Election Schedule

Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 • 10am • Town Hall Auditorium
Voters must be present at Town Meeting to vote.

VT Presidential Primary Election

March 3, 2020 • Polls open 10am to 7pm • Town Hall Grange Room

VT Primary Election

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 • Polls open 10am to 7pm • Town Hall Auditorium

VT General Election

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 • Polls open 10am to 7pm • Town Hall Auditorium

Early/Absentee Ballots available. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

For more Voter information please go to the Vermont Secretary of State's website
My Voter Page

<https://sos.vermont.gov/elections>

2020 Dump/Beach Pass

The 2020 Dump/Beach Pass is now available.

Purchase your pass for \$5.00 at the Town Clerk's Office or go to

www.fairleevt.org/town-offices/town-clerk

to download the Dump/Beach form and process your request through the mail.

The Fairlee/Orford Rabies Clinic

will be held on

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from 6pm – 7pm at the Fire Station.

Fairlee residents may also license their dogs at this time.

The deadline to license dogs is Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

Dog licenses can also be purchased through the mail with a valid rabies certificate.

Dog fees are: \$9.00 for spayed or neutered, \$13.00 for unsprayed or unneutered.

Town Clerk's office hours

Monday through Thursday 8:30am – 3:30pm and Friday 9am–12noon

If you are unable to come in during my regular business hours,
please feel free to contact me and set up an appointment.

I can be reached at the Town Clerk's Office 333-4363 ext. 1
or by email at townclerk@fairleevt.org.

Town Clerk's Report of Licenses Sold in 2019

LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED IN 2019

First Class Licenses

Avery Inns of VT/Lake Morey Country Club	115.00
Avery Inns of VT/Lake Morey Resort	115.00
Leda's Pizza Restaurant	115.00
Tigerstyle LLC/Samurai Soul Food	115.00

Second Class Licenses

Champlain Farms	70.00
Chapman's Store	70.00
Dollar General #15272	70.00
Petro Gas Group NE/Seven Eleven	70.00
Wing's Supermarket	70.00

Total	<u><u>\$ 810.00</u></u>
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DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 2019

149 Neutered Males /Spayed Females @ \$4.00	596.00
45 Males and Females @ \$8.00	384.00
Collected for State of VT 204 Licenses Sold @5.00	985.00
Late Fees	62.00

Total	<u><u>\$ 2,027.00</u></u>
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CIVIL MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED IN 2019

15 Licenses Issued @ \$70.00 per Licenses	
Paid to Town – Licenses	150.00
Paid to Town – Fees	150.00
Collected for State of Vermont	750.00

Total	<u><u>\$ 1,050.00</u></u>
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Births Reported in 2019

<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>NAME OF PARENTS</u>
Jase Marlyn Pushee	Male	April 26, 2019	Hanover, NH	Billy & Vanessa Pushee
Zinnia Jean Connolly Hodge	Female	July 10, 2019	Hanover, NH	Ruby Z. Marcott & Allen J. Connolly

Births are not listed unless reported to the Town Clerk.

Civil Marriages Reported in 2019

<u>APPLICANT A</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>APPLICANT B</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
Richard James Frey	Orford, NH	Tyler David McEvoy	New York, NY	March 30, 2019	Fairlee, VT
Jamie Lynn Jackson	Eliot, ME	Phillip Lee Armstrong	Eliot, ME	April 23, 2019	Fairlee, VT
Susannah French Conway	Deerfield, MA	James Walter Dickison	Deerfield, MA	June 1, 2019	Fairlee, VT
Kimberly Edith Overtree	Leverett, MA	Samuel Aaron Karlin	Leverett, MA	June 1, 2019	Fairlee, VT
Molly Kathryn Pierson	Gainesville, GA	William Joseph Liston II	Gainesville, GA	June 8, 2019	Waitsfield, VT
Quinn Nelson Treadgold	Fairlee, VT	Paige Marie Radney	Fairlee, VT	June 22, 2019	Manchester, VT
Destiny Faith Morin	Fairlee, VT	Scott Michael Johnson	Fairlee, VT	July 29, 2019	Fairlee, VT
Matthew William Geary	Orford, NH	Laura Ellen Abbene	Orford, NH	August 1, 2019	Fairlee, VT
Marina Sue Welch	Fairlee, VT	Caleb John Kinney	Fairlee, VT	August 31, 2019	Fairlee, VT
Sarah Cagney Driscoll	Washington, DC	Jacob Scott Berkowitz	Washington, DC	September 7, 2019	Stowe, VT
Sarah Lee Charde LeFebvre	N Haverhill, NH	Tyler Joseph LeClerc	N Haverhill, NH	September 21, 2019	Fairlee, VT
Amanda Jean Cheney	Woodsville, NH	Joseph Charles Cheney	Woodsville, NH	September 28, 2019	Fairlee, VT
Lindsey Marie Llewellyn	E Providence, RI	Bradford Hughes Hartwell	E Providence, RI	September 27, 2019	Fairlee, VT
Adam Robert Gojanovich	Marlborough, MA	Amanda Anne Stander	Marlborough, MA	October 5, 2019	Peru, VT
Brianna Grace Wood	Boscawen, NH	Logan Harvey Gardyne	Boscawen, NH	October 13, 2019	Fairlee, VT



L to R: Larry Gatto, Russ Smith, Jim Southworth, and Milt White

Deaths Reported in 2019

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Herbert Brooks Walker II	90	Verona, Italy	June 16, 2018
Thomas Hunter Haslett	82	Hermitage, TN	January 18, 2019
Lloyd Edward Raymond	88	Fairlee, VT	January 30, 2019
Beverly Bailey Walker	89	Yarmouth, ME	February 7, 2019
Beverly Luran Wilkins	77	Fairlee, VT	February 16, 2019
Jeffrey Hart	88	Fairlee, VT	February 17, 2019
Russell Benjamin Smith	86	Lebanon, NH	February 18, 2019
Norman N. Hayward	71	Lebanon, NH	February 28, 2019
Bruce M. Slack	77	Lebanon, NH	April 4, 2019
Joan R. Draheim	71	Fairlee, VT	April 7, 2019
Ray Edison Coffin, Jr	82	Tavares, FL	April 9, 2019
Robert Paul MacRae	64	Fairlee, VT	May 24, 2019
Mitchell L. Bryant	61	Fairlee, VT	June 10, 2019
Aaron McNab	30	Fairlee, VT	August 2, 2019
Carol J. Mason	74	Lebanon, NH	September 9, 2019
Shirley Doyle Godfrey	87	Lebanon, NH	October 30, 2019
Bradley Elwin Sherman	68	Lebanon, NH	November 11, 2019
Robert Edward Swaney	73	Fairlee, VT	November 13, 2019
Albert A. Romano, MD	92	Agawam, MA	December 17, 2019
James Barry Hanshaw, MD	90	Boylston, MA	December 19, 2019
Nelson Bates	54	Fairlee, VT	December 19, 2019
Richard Earl Wheeler	71	Fairlee, VT	December 27, 2019
Marian Christine Hanshaw	89	Boylston, MA	December 28, 2019

Deaths are not listed unless reported to the Town Clerk

Burial Permits & Cremation Certificates Reported in 2019

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF BURIAL</u>	<u>DATE OF BURIAL</u>
Raymond Richard	92	Lebanon, NH	April 21, 2019	Fairlee Village Cemetery	May 12, 2019
William Welton Thomas Johnson	80	Lebanon, NH	January 20, 2019	Fairlee Village Cemetery	May 18, 2019
Beverly Walker	89	Yarmouth, ME	February 7, 2019	Fairlee Village Cemetery	April 27, 2019
Gary L Culbertson	77	Cooperstown, NY	March 10, 2019	Fairlee Village Cemetery	June 15, 2019
Nettie DeGoosh Ackerman	84	Woodsville, NH	June 16, 2019	Fairlee Village Cemetery	June 23, 2019
Russell Benjamin Smith	86	Lebanon, NH	February 18, 2019	Fairlee Village Cemetery	June 8, 2019
Cynthia S Heggie	64	NY	March 13, 2015	Fairlee Village Cemetery	~ ~ ~
Ray E Coffin Jr	82	Tavares, FL	April 9, 2019	Fairlee Village Cemetery	~ ~ ~
Ninalee Craig	90	Toronto, Ontario, CAN	May 2, 2018	Fairlee Village Cemetery	July 31, 2019
Jeffrey Pearce	24	CT	March 15, 2019	Fairlee Village Cemetery	August 5, 2019
Russell Horace Bragg	78	Berlin, NH	July 29, 2019	Ely Cemetery	August 5, 2019

2019 Report from the Fairlee Town Treasurer

Here are a few highlights from the Treasurer's office:

- The Town of Fairlee had its first Single Audit done this year by Fothergill, Segale & Valley, CPAs for the calendar year 2018. A Single Audit is required any time an organization receives and expends more than \$750,000 in Federal funds and is basically a step above an audit. No major findings were found again this year. Reports are available here in the Town Offices if anyone would like to see a copy.
- We went overbudget again this last year in Salaries and Wages so for the 2020 budget we have added a new line item for an Assistant. I am happy to announce that Joanna Bligh, the Minutes Clerk for the Selectboard, Planning Commission and DRB board meetings, has joined me here in the Treasurer's office part-time. Please stop in and welcome her.
- A quick note regarding the "new and improved" Capital Plan and Budget, which was voted on last year at Town meeting. It looks much different in the report this year. As 2019 was a year of transitioning from the old to new format, the 2019 actuals are shown in summary format while the 2020 budgets are shown in detail. The Capital Plan as well as the 2020 budget can be found on the website under Town Documents or hardcopies are available at the Town office for more details. Please feel free to call, email or stop in if you need help understanding and/or have any questions. It's a lot to digest and we will continue to improve the formatting based on your feedback.
- Of course, I need to remind you all again... **PLEASE** remember to file your VT Homestead Declaration form (HS-122) by the due date of April 15th. There are no extensions allowed on this form. It was our intention to begin charging the late filing penalty, as allowed by the VT Department of Taxes, in 2019 but due to the fact that all the "bugs" had not been worked out of the state's system we decided to wait one more year. The late filing penalty could be as much as 8% of the school portion of your property tax bill. The penalty for **NOT filing your form at all** will be even greater. I urge you to please file the form on time, it will save us all a lot of time and money – the amount of extra work that is created by late or non-filers hurts us all.

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to call, email or stop by and chat.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Hinsley, Treasurer
(802) 333-4363 ext. 4
treasurer@fairleevt.org



*Russ volunteered with Cub Scouts
along with Leader, David Piper.*

2019 Report from the Fairlee Board of Listers

Fairlee will be beginning a Town Wide Reappraisal in the Spring/Summer of 2020 for the 2021 Grand List. VT Appraisal Co. has been contracted to inspect all properties and assist in establishing their Fair Market Values. Lakefront and Seasonal Properties will be inspected first. Property Owners will be contacted for inspections. By providing your current contact information you will assist in a smooth and timely process. Please provide the Listers Office a telephone number and e-mail address on our home page at: www.fairleevt.org home page by clicking "Update My Contact Information" on the lower right side or e-mail: listers@fairleevt.org or call 802-333-4363 ext.5.

Fairlee's 2020 CLA is 93.07%. The CLA or common level of appraisal is the ratio of actual sales to their listed values. The CLA is used by the VT Dept. of Taxes to adjust the Homestead and Non-Homestead Education Tax Rates to account for the differences between the grand list and actual sales.

VT Homestead Declarations must be filed annually by April 15th.

You must file by April 15th even if you are filing an extension. Please remind your tax preparer of the deadline. Filing late could result in a 3% to 8% penalty.

Form HS-122 Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim declaration and **Form HS-144** Household Income must be filed to receive a state property tax adjustment. It is imperative that the HS-144 is filed by April 15th for a state payment to be applied to an original tax bill.

You may file online at
<http://tax.vermont.gov>

Please keep your contact information updated so town records are current. You can easily do this as noted above.

For assistance or information concerning property assessments or the reappraisal, please call the Listers Office at 802-333-4363 ext.5 or e-mail listers@fairleevt.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Fairlee Board of Listers
Noël Walker
Dan Ludwig
Russell Collins



Artist Irene P. Trivas gifted Russ this drawing upon his retirement as Moderator at Fairlee School District meetings.

FAIRLEE COMMUNITY ARTS

Fairlee Community Arts is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and presenting cultural events in and around the town of Fairlee.

We may be best known for the summer concert series on the town common – 2019 was our 3rd season. The hundreds who attended seemed to enjoy socializing, dancing, listening, and generally having a good time – but our activities are not limited to music in the summertime.

In 2019, we presented a week-long puppet making workshop, organized a very successful Mardi Gras party, hosted informal dances, presented vocal concerts by the Keene State College Choir and by Counterpoint (joined by the Adventure Kids Choir), held a participatory painting event, presented the first of our environmental slide presentations, and hosted a conversation with local author Christopher Wren.

Our first general fundraising appeal to the community generated over \$5,500 in donations. We are grateful beyond words to all who donated, as well as the individuals who support FCA in other ways (attending our events, telling others about our work, and by offering words of appreciation and encouragement). We also appreciate the support of our town government, as evidenced by the agreement allowing FCA to use the town hall free of charge. Those of us on the board of FCA want to say “thank you” to the entire community for everything you have done to help us be successful.

A great example of what is possible with community support can be seen in the significant capital improvements FCA has made to the second floor of the Fairlee Town Hall. In April of 2019, thanks to some very generous individual donors, as well as the Lake Morey Foundation and a matching grant from the Vermont Arts Council, we had a sound system installed. (If everything goes as planned, you will see/hear the sound system in use during town meet-

ing.) And in October of 2019, again thanks to generous individual donors, along with the Lake Morey Foundation and the Couch Family Foundation, a high quality projector and motorized projection screens were installed. These improvements (which FCA gifted to the town for the benefit of the community) have expanded the opportunities for presentations and events held in the Town Hall.

Fundraising for the third and final (at least for now) major capital project, stage lighting, is underway, and we have set a goal of completing it by the end of 2020.

What else is in store for 2020? A monthly environmental lecture series continues through May. The town hall auditorium (with its grand piano, generously donated by Deecie Denison) is the venue for at least three concerts by Classicopia. In February, we screen two films as part of the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival Vermont Tour. The puppet-making workshop returns in April, expanded in scope and free to participants, thanks to a grant from the Vermont Community Foundation. Our 2020 summer series is lined up and will feature a variety of talented musicians spanning a range of styles. We hope to curate a film series of some sort (still working out the details) and plan on lining up a variety of programs for the fall and winter.

We invite you to join us in our mission, whether by attending events, teaching a class, suggesting programs, or volunteering to help in whatever way interests you. The more people we can get involved, the stronger Fairlee Community Arts will be.

Denis Lambert, Smith Reed,
Elizabeth Wilson, Cassie Sanborn,
Miranda Clemson, DeWitt Mallary,
Lynne Fitzhugh, Matt Jung,
Tim Danen, Cami Buster

2019 Report from the Fairlee Cemetery Commission

The cemeteries in Fairlee continue to see improvements and repairs. Again this year we had Brian Post of Standing Stone Landscape Architecture and his associates back to continue the much needed repairs and straightening of stones in the Village cemetery. We hope to continue to move forward with Brian to get as many repairs done as possible over the next several years. In addition there are also a number of large trees to be removed in both the Village and Ely cemeteries that pose a threat to stones and monuments.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Herb and Becky Gray for their donation of a parcel of land located on the north side of the Village cemetery. Land will be used for future expansion of the cemetery.

Also a big thanks to Bill Hodge and crew for their work keeping the grass mowed and trimmed and looking good.

As noted in previous reports there are cemetery rules signs in each location and we ask for your help to enforce them to keep our cemeteries looking nice.

At town meeting this year please take a moment to look at some pictures taken of the work that has been done thus far at the Village cemetery.

Any info or questions please contact Chaz Hinsley, Chair person or any of the other commissioners: Ric Sleeper, Larry Farnham, Bob Edmands, or Lance Mills.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Farnham

2019 Report from the Fairlee Development Review Board

The Development Review Board is a quasi-judicial body consisting of five regular members and two alternates appointed by the Selectboard. We evaluate and grant proposed subdivisions, and review site plans, keeping in mind the rights of landowners to develop their property as they wish, while maintaining a balance with the overall growth, development and public health and safety interests of the Town. We also interpret and apply Zoning Regulations as they pertain to Conditional Use Permits, waivers and variances. We hear appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator.

In 2019, the DRB met 10 times and heard 9 applications.

DRB Hearings Conducted	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Conditional use, variance, waiver	9	1	1	1	1	2
Site plan review	3	1	3	3	0	2
Subdivision	4	3	5	2	2	5
Appeal	1	2	0	0	0	0

The Board would like to thank all those who attended our hearings as applicants, abutters or members of the general public for their thoughtful comments. In 2020, the DRB will be looking for new members to join our board. If interested, please contact the Zoning Office: Zoning@FairleeVt.org.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fracht, Chair
Nancy Anderson, Vice Chair
Tim Danen
William Dunnack
Peter Lange
Anthony Gahagan, alternate

2019 Report from the Fairlee Emergency Management

Being prepared for any emergency is the key to survival. Emergencies and disasters can happen anytime: with or without warning; man-made or natural; affecting few or large numbers of people; cover a wide area or be very localized; severe, life-threatening to many or inconveniencing only a few; long-lived or of short duration. Preparing in advance for the unexpected makes sense.

There are numerous situations during which emergency management professionals may aid. These include floods, fires, winter storms, hazardous materials and transportation accidents, and search and rescue operations. To meet these diverse demands, we have in place a process comprised of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, and use the federally recognized National Incident Management System (NIMS) for command and control.

Resources

Emergencies can take many forms. For elders, or for people with certain disabilities, such events, if

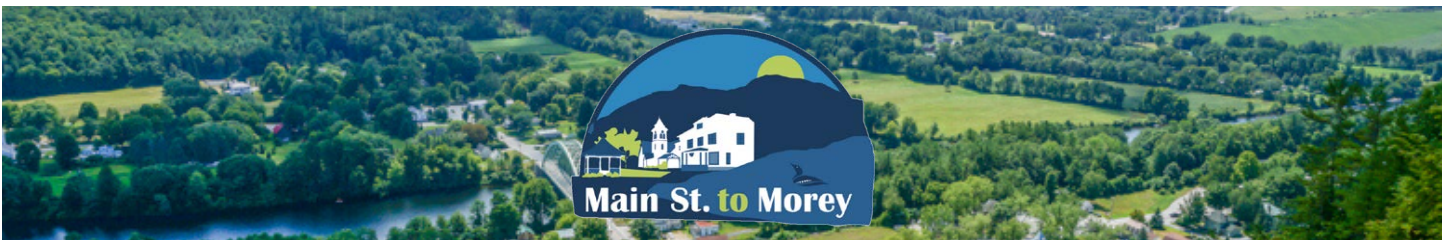
prolonged, can become life-threatening if no one is available to help.

CARE was created to help. Many Vermont agencies have worked together to provide a means for emergency responders to identify and aid CARE registrants in the event of a wide-scale emergency. Registration is voluntary but recommended. [Click here to access VT CARE Registry](#)

Ready.Gov is a federal website that offers information, planning guides and resources to business and families for emergency preparedness planning. Information on the site includes how to prepare and plan for weather emergencies, including ice and snow storms, floods etc. [Click here to access to Ready.Gov](#)

Vermont Emergency Management

VEM is a state website that offers information on local emergencies, resources for families and businesses, as well as key information on how to prepare for emergencies. [Click here to access VT Emerg Mgt](#)



What's Main Street to Morey?

Fairlee is a magical place, from Main Street to Morey. We can find ways to create even more magic – and make Fairlee a more welcoming, vibrant, and connected town for all. Main Street to Morey is a yearlong project that will help us do that.

This year, Fairlee community members will work with a team of consultants to explore these ideas. We'll host conversations and gather input. We'll complete economic studies and collect transportation data. We'll generate lots of ideas. And we'll try some of them out through fun, engaging pop-up demonstrations. At the end, we'll have a series of recommendations and action ideas that can move our town forward.

What's "Better Connections?"

This project is made possible by the Better Connections program, funded through the Vermont Agency of Transportation in partnership with the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. This project has additional funding from the Agency of Natural Resources, Clean Water Fund.

2019 Report from the Fairlee Fast Squad

In 2019 the Fairlee Fast Squad responded to over 60 medical calls in the town of Fairlee. This year we responded to more calls than last year and were more available to serve the town. We continue to operate as a volunteer squad and strive to always respond to more calls.

The squad enters the New Year with fewer members than we have in the past. We are in a position to welcome in new members who have previous or no first responder training to be able to serve on the squad. EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) training is available for those who join the Fast Squad with opportunities for higher training with time on the Squad.

We have continued to upgrade our equipment to meet changing EMS standards and protocols and to ensure that our squad can provide care at their appropriate training levels. We have also taken some steps to provide our squad with equipment to help them be better distinguished on scene as first responders and not bystanders.

The Fast Squad is thankful for the support we receive from the town and take great pride in being able to assist in your moments of need. If you ever think you need us call 911. If you think a friend needs us call 911. We are here to help serve the community and if you can think of a way we can do that, please don't hesitate to reach out to us on Facebook or to reach out to us at fairleefast@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Cannon, President

Russ donated this flag pole at the cemetery.

2019 Report from the Fairlee Fire Department

In 2019, the Fairlee Fire Department responded to 48 calls for assistance.

- Smoke detectors save lives. Remember to test your detectors and change batteries twice a year.
- Burn permits are required and issued by Fire Warden Ric Sleeper and Deputy Warden Bob Maddock.
- Fireworks permits are required 15 days prior to event. Permits are issued by the Fire Chief.

I'd like to welcome Ken Champagne as the new Fire Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Larson
Former Fire Chief



2019 Report from the Fairlee Town Forest Board

After the spring rains we were able to complete the harvest in the William H. Lange Memorial Forest portion of the town's forest. In addition to the log landing which will be kept open, there were four patch cuts created to benefit wildlife. We're pleased to note that the six apple trees planted by Eagle Scout candidate Max Haehnel have all survived and are productive.

On May 2nd, the Forest Board was the recipient of the 2019 Vermont Tree Steward: Volunteer Group Award during the annual Vermont Arbor Day Conference held in Montpelier.

On October 4th of this year, we once again met the Rivendell Academy sophomore science students at the Chestnut Landing to measure the past year's growth. Two of the trees had died back, but are not a total loss. In both cases, the stumps sprouted new growth. Under the guidance of Markus Bradley, Redstart Forestry, none of the trees were released this year. Markus felt that it would be best to allow the trees to grow in a more "natural" forest setting.

Last year the board donated \$300.00 to The American Chestnut Foundation in exchange for four of the most recent hybrid seeds. They germinated and we now have four potted seedlings to be planted in the spring, post ground frost. Markus and Rachel Sanders, Rivendell science instructor, will choose

six of the more ambitious and dedicated students to plant the seedlings in one of our new patch cuts within Stand 15. The donation and planting activity will continue as annual events.

The board is in receipt of the three panel display featuring the history of the American chestnut tree. During late spring, 2020, the panels will be displayed on the Chestnut Landing at the base of the three patch cuts which are home to the student planted trees in the Timber Trust area of the town forest.

A member of the community has asked that he be allowed to create a Mountain Bike Trail which would include a portion of the town forest. Although the forest board is not in a position to allow or deny this activity, we certainly cannot support it for two reasons: first, it will create the opportunity for unnecessary erosion; and second, the board feels that any commercial activity in the town forest could put the town at risk for any liability claims.

Respectively submitted,

Reg Cramer
Terry Lewis
David Matthews
Jim O'Donnell
Mitch Phelps



L to R: Friend, Henry Colby, Russ Smith, and Bruce Taylor – golfing friends.

2019 Report from the Fairlee Fairlee Historical Society

We are saddened by the passing of our President, Russ Smith, who served in that capacity for over 25 years. He will be missed within the Historical Society and within the entire Fairlee community.

Under the newly established Frank J. Barrett, Jr. Lecture Series, the first event this year was held on May 7th featuring Michelle Arnosky Sherburne. The presentation was based on her books “Abolition and the Underground Railroad in Vermont” and “Slavery and the Underground Railroad in New Hampshire”. It is hoped that many more high-quality lectures such as this will be scheduled for next year and for subsequent years.

The Society held its annual organizational meeting on August 20th. The following officers were elected:

President:	Don Weaver
Vice-President:	Bonnie Colby
Secretary:	Noel Walker
Treasurer:	Lisa Hinsley
Curator:	Georgette Wolf-Ludwig

Show and Tell was highlighted by the discussion of an old English beer mug Gary Goodrich found with his metal detector and an old ice skate Pat Henderson discovered when moving into her new home. Georgette and Bonnie have undertaken the organization of our documents and historic items. Bonnie has devoted countless hours to this effort in the Historical Society office located on the second floor of the Town Hall. With the installation of a computer, Bonnie will be able to modernize the Historical Society’s archiving. We would like to thank Cramer Electric for donating and installing new electrical outlets and fixing the lights in the office.

We were particularly fortunate this summer to receive the gift of a beautifully restored Chickering grand piano, from Deecie Denison. The piano was originally made for her great-grandfather who, at the time, was head of Dartmouth’s Music Department. Through the logistical assistance of Matt Sargent, and many donations, it was moved into the Town Hall’s auditorium. It joins the Steinway upright



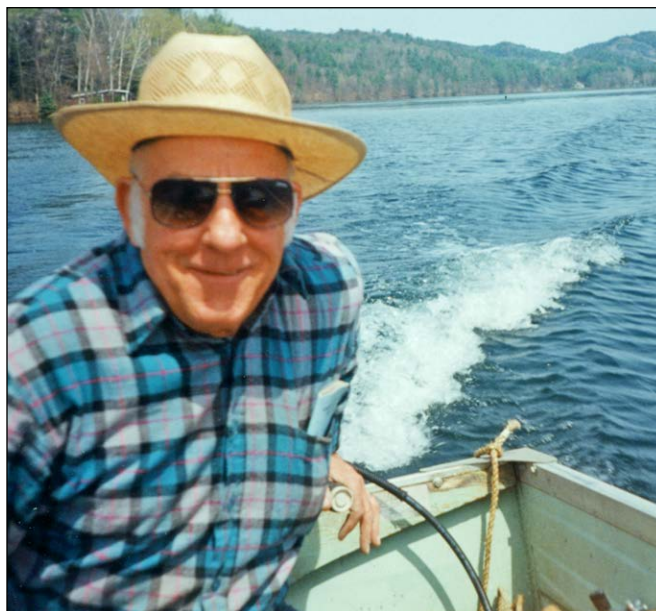
Deecie Denison donates Chickering Grand Piano to Fairlee Town Hall Auditorium.

piano donated by Betsey McGrath last year, which now resides in the Grange Room.

Please consider joining the Fairlee Historical Society to learn more about our fascinating Town. Find us on the Town of Fairlee website www.fairleevt.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Weaver, President
Fairlee Historical Society



2019 Report from the Lake Morey Commission

In 2018, two chemical permit applications for milfoil control were submitted by the Town of Fairlee and Solitude Lake Management, co-permittees, to the VT ANR for approval to address a total of 39.1 acres. One for Renovate OTF, which had been applied in the lake on five previous occasions and the other for ProcellaCOR EC. Ultimately, both permits were approved and Procellacor was selected because of its reduced restrictions and greater effectiveness. The treatment occurred on June 11th, targeting the north bed, a narrow strip running from the Access into Breezy Bay, and a small area near the outlet dam. Subsequent sampling several days later revealed that the chemical concentration was less than 1 PPB so all restrictions were lifted. A visual survey with Solitude one week later showed that no plants survived in the treated areas and in those adjoining.

Aquatic Endeavors, our professional dive team, arrived at the lake on August 5th. On that and the next day, they inspected the entire littoral zone of the lake, hand harvesting a total of 8 plants. They returned on October 28th to address scattered plants on the east side of the lake observed by Solitude during their fall survey. On that occasion, the team removed less than a dozen plants.

Similar to the expanded greeter program adopted in 2016, individuals operating in alternating shifts were hired to not only work on weekends but also during the week including early and late afternoons from May 18th to September 2nd. A total of 2006

inspections were performed. On boats entering the lake, one was detected carrying milfoil. On those leaving, three were carrying milfoil, one a Chinese Mystery Snail and two, Elodea.

Once again, the Adopt-a-Lake program was a critical element of the program with the preponderance of the 797 hours spent searching.

A Solitude Lake Management team conducted an early assessment on May 9th. They returned on September 23rd for the fall survey from which they prepare their final report to the Town and the DEC.

To summarize, this year's milfoil program exceeded all expectations and in 2020 we will revert to traditional control methodologies.

LMC personnel undertook a water chemistry sampling program for Lake Morey tributaries entering the lake. The five largest contributors were targeted to investigate chemical parameters including nutrients such as phosphorous, metals such as manganese, and anions like sulfates and chlorides. It was determined that nutrients probably do not play a role for increasing lake productivity (harmful algae blooms), but sulfates in 1 or 2 of the tribs are very high compared to the other tribs, which has prompted a more select sample program in 2020. The VT DEC afforded critical assistance to us and paid for the sample analyses through the LaRosa Grant program.

Respectfully submitted,

Lake Morey Commission

*Golfing buddies –
Harold Gardner, Don Weaver,
Russ, Jim Southworth,
and Bill Scott.*





2019 Report from the Lake Morey Foundation

The Lake Morey Foundation (LMF), a Fairlee-based nonprofit organization, raises funds through individual donations to support programs and activities that benefit Lake Morey, its surroundings, and the Fairlee community. For the past 35 years our mission has focused on protecting, preserving, conserving and enhancing Lake Morey and its watershed and viewshed as an environmental, recreational and economic resource.

During the past year the Lake Morey Foundation assisted the Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) with implementation of its stewardship plan for Morey Mountain Conservation Area – the 148-acre parcel that LMF acquired and transferred to UVLT in 2018. UVLT has worked on upgrading the access road to the parking area, removing the debris and dilapidated structure from the property, and completing an inventory of the natural habitat. The results of this natural resource study were presented in December at the Fairlee Town Hall and is available on UVLT's website (www.uvlt.org). The LMF Board would like to acknowledge and thank Ray Clark for his dedication, vision and expertise in working with UVLT to transform the property into a land conservation and low-impact recreation site. This will be a welcome addition to the Town and the Upper Valley when completed in 2020.

The Lake Morey Foundation is also pleased to continue its support of local programs in 2019 by funding these initiatives:

- \$4,250 to the Fairlee Arts Council to assist with facilities/production expenses
- \$5,000 to the Upper Valley Land Trust to assist with site preparation for public access to Morey Mountain Conservation Area
- \$1,818 to the Lake Morey Greeter Program to educate boaters and minimize the further introduction of invasive aquatic species into Lake Morey
- \$26,787 to the Town of Fairlee for the milfoil treatment of Lake Morey

We want to thank the many individuals who support LMF's initiatives through their generous donations to the Lake Morey Foundation, those who make annual gifts, and those who made additional contributions to the Morey Mountain campaign and the milfoil treatment program. Please visit our website at www.lakemoreyfoundation.org for further information on the types of projects we fund and the process to apply for a grant. We greatly appreciate all donations – thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Durgin, President
The Lake Morey Foundation, Inc.
PO Box 234, Fairlee, VT 05045

2019 Board of Directors: Greg Allen, Patty Armstrong, Chris Baine, Gary Brooks, Shawn Byron, Ray Clark, Bruce Durgin, Peter Massicott, Susanne Pacilio, Laura Tucker (ex-officio LMPA), Noël Walker and Bob Wertheimer.

2019 Report from the Lake Fairlee Association



The LFA has had another busy year; an update on our 2019 accomplishments and expectations for 2020 follows.

Elimination of milfoil is ongoing and the 2018 treatment appeared to be a success. Anecdotal reports from lake owners and camps showed sparse to modest regrowth in areas, but we will not have the full picture until we receive the full lake survey this coming spring. We have earmarked funds to continue our contracts with the dive team, and expect to pay for up to 12 days of hand-pulling and top-down suction harvesting this coming summer. We plan to continue to use funds for mechanical removal and preventive measures (the greeter program) for the next few years, building our reserve fund to cover a larger chemical treatment, which we anticipate to be no earlier than 2022 or 2023.

The greeter program continues to build on past years' success. We have retained our core group of greeters for the third consecutive season and they continue to be present at the boat ramp every weekend from Memorial Day to Columbus Day, and each day throughout the summer. They recorded another 1,800 launch inspections this season. Boater reception of the greeters continues to be positive and they continue to be passionate about their roles educating users about invasive species and encouraging boater safety and care for the lake environment. We are happy that most plan to return for the a fourth season in 2020.

This summer we became especially aware of the phosphorus levels in the lake. The VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation "Lake Scorecard" – an online visual and graphical measurement of the levels of phosphorus and nutrients, invasive species, run-off from shoreline properties and roads, feeder streams, and mercury levels since 1979 (available at <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/data-maps/scorecard>) – shows substantial levels of phosphorus in Lake Fairlee in recent years. As a proactive measure, the LFA board appointed a Water Quality Action Committee to study the situation and

recommend a remediation program. It is currently developing a land use survey to be distributed to private lakeshore owners and the camp, and hopes to engage the three towns and the state throughout the next year. We hope to be able to unveil a draft action plan and set of recommendations to be voted on at this summer's annual meeting.

To end on a positive note, we are happy to report that in the late spring a loon family settled in the man-made nest at the north end of the lake. They hatched one egg and raised a chick through the summer. We are grateful to the Vermont Center for Ecostudies and their loon expert Eric Hanson for their continued assistance with the loons that have recently returned to the lake.

We expect financial support from the State to remain level (about \$20,000.00) for this next funding cycle, though the exact amount is unknown at this time. Thus, most of our treatment and program costs continue to be supported by lakeshore property owners and other LFA members. Even so, the steady support of each town is crucial to making our budget each year. Despite the state's level funding, we anticipate the costs of bi-annual and/or tri-annual chemical treatment to continue to rise.

We are grateful to the Town of Fairlee for its consistent support for well over a decade, and request level funding for the next fiscal year. For 2020, the Lake Fairlee Association again requests \$5,250. For more information please see our website www.lakefairlee.org or contact any one of the LFA board members.

Nolan Riegler
nolan.riegler@gmail.com



2019 Report from the Lake Morey Protective Association

THE LAKE MOREY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (LMPA) WAS FOUNDED IN 1907, MAKING IT THE OLDEST LAKE ASSOCIATION IN THE STATE OF VERMONT. ON BEHALF OF IT'S 200+ MEMBERS, THE LMPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CARRIES OUT A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF PRESERVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF LAKE MOREY AND ITS IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS WHILE SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH OF THE LAKE FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

2019 INITIATIVES:

Ice Cream Social: The Fairlee Library invited young town residents to participate in an incentive reading program this past summer and 39 children participated. In conjunction with that we invited the entire community, all ages and residences, to attend an ice cream social as a way of celebration. The social was held on August 3, 2019. The LMPA gave \$300 each to the Library, as a donation, and to Gladstone Creamery to offset the costs of supplying the ice cream.

Golf Tournament: This year's golf tournament had the largest number of participants in tournament history. It was held on July 13th, the morning of the Annual Meeting. The new start time 10am helped attract a larger group of players and we hope to continue the momentum next year.

Sailing Regatta: took place on July 6, 2019. The regatta was won by Mark Richardson and Camp Aloha finished second. Camp Aloha had six boats participating in the regatta and Camp Lanakila had five boats participating. In addition, there were several boats in the regatta that were sailed by members of the lake community. Everyone had a great time.

Boater Safety: Co-sponsored for the ninth year with the VT State Police Marine Division, a class that leads to a VT boating license. In previous years, Terry Lewis led this class and certified over 150 safe boaters. In 2019, Trooper Christopher Brown found us instructors to teach the class. We hope to continue with this event in 2020 to place even more safe boaters on our waterway, with the caveat that we would also like to consider moving this to encourage more online certifications so the LMPA can eventually step out of sponsoring a class.

Lake Water Quality Initiatives: The LMPA has been working closely with the Lake Morey Commission and the Lake Morey Foundation to

monitor and address both natural and man-made threats to the aquatic environment of Lake Morey. Threats include proliferation of Eurasian milfoil as well as the many different types of aquatic invasive species that are known to be present in Lake Champlain and other water bodies in Vermont. The presence of cyanobacterial blooms has presented a new challenge in recent years as well as an influx of phosphorus and other nutrients to the lake from run-off and unforeseen events such as a break in a beaver dam that has contributed to further algal blooms.

Greeter and Adopt-A-Lake Programs: The LMPA runs programs to educate lakeshore owners and boat operators about controlling the spread of invasive species in the Lake. Peggie Bissell has led the "Greeter Program" at the boat ramp over the past 4 years. Four part-time employed greeters inspect over 1,000 watercraft per year. Many boats have previously been in Lake Champlain, the Connecticut River and other bodies of water affected by aquatic invasive species (AIS). Education about how to clean the boats to prevent the spread of AIS is the ultimate goal of the Greeter program. The "Adopt-A-Lake" program encourages lake residents to participate in monitoring, pulling, and removing Eurasian Milfoil from the lake. Sue Minard has taken over management of the Adopt-A-Lake Program. For 2020, the Adopt-A-Lake and Greeter programs will be maintained and strengthened with the goal of preventing new invasive species from becoming established in Lake Morey.

Lay monitoring and Milfoil Management: in 2019 our members assisted in regular monitoring of the Lake. Don Weaver and Greg Allen led this key activity. This summer we received permission to use Procellacor instead of the previous chemical used, Renovate. After application, no milfoil

was found in the lake! By the end of the summer, some areas detected new growth but it was very limited. Selected stream sampling over the course of the summer in 2019 did not show any significant phosphorus loading that would be a cause for alarm. However, two streams showed a higher level of sulfates, and additional sampling will be conducted over the summer in 2020 to gain a clearer picture and may provide more information for potential impact of water quality and future actions.

New Lake Morey Map: Smith Reed spent the past few months modifying and updating the map of Lake Morey. Trail details were added and a few lake features included.

Directory: A 2019 directory was published and distributed thanks to the hard work of Ginny Reed and Denise Drouin. The LMPA is working towards including an “online” directory on its website in the coming year.

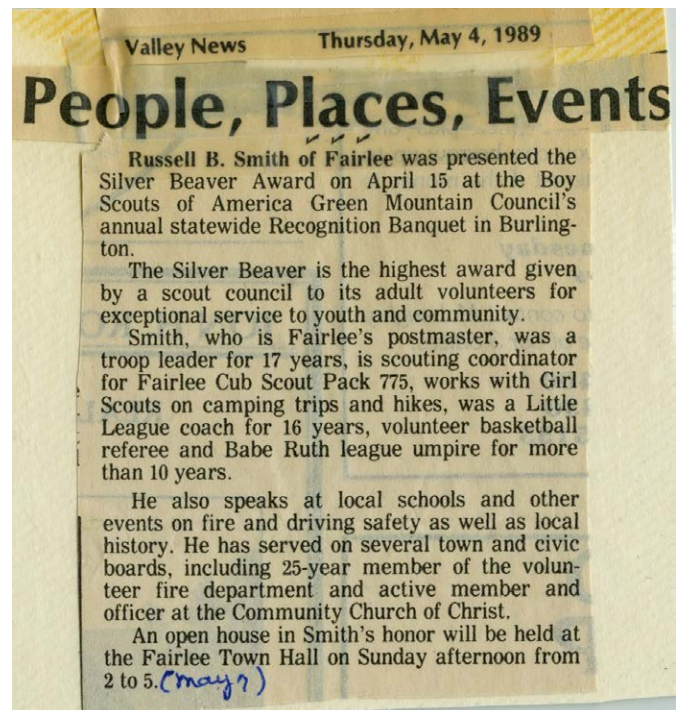
Community Service Activities: This year, the LMPA teamed up with several local organizations to provide funds for Fairlee Community Arts, Fairlee Library, and Upper Valley Rescue.

As we begin our 114th year, our Lake Association will continue to keep a vigilant eye on both the needs of the Lake and the surrounding lands to ensure that we are a responsible and responsive local organization. We appreciate the support of our town administrators as we work together to see that Lake Morey continues to provide healthy recreation opportunities for all residents.

The LMPA’s activities can be followed at: www.lakemorey.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Tucker, President
Lake Morey Protective Association
P.O. Box 241, Fairlee, VT 05045



2019 Report from the Fairlee Librarian

What another great year here at the Library! Through the Vermont Humanities Council Speakers Bureau, three great presentations were hosted by the Library. The first in April, Linda Radtke: Vermont History through Song, next in September, 400 Miles Down the CT River by Michael Tougias, and finally in October, That the People May Live by Damian Costello. All were well attended. I look forward to three more presentations in 2020.

The Library was one of many libraries around the state to receive a Breakout EDU kit (valued at \$150). This kit is a system of 2 boxes, multiple styles of locks, blacklight flashlight and a year subscription the website that offers complete escape room resources. The purpose of the kit is to work together as a team to solve clues, that give the lock combinations, and break into the boxes within an allotted time frame. The best part about this resource is that there are escape rooms available for early elementary through adults.

This year's Summer Reading Program was themed A Universe of Stories which led to six weeks worth of space themed programs. Once again the library received a grant from the Vermont Department of Libraries that allowed the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum to bring a program that featured several live animals. The other 28 programs were put together by myself and/or my assistant and

intern. The children were challenged to read 1,500 books in order to win the bouncy house. It was close but once again they surpassed their goal. A total of 1,882 books/minutes were read in six short weeks!

A new addition this year was the Dunk Tank! Thanks to the support of the attendees of a Fairlee Concert, every child that signed up for the Summer Reading Program had a few free throws at me in the dunk tank. I wish I could give you the number of times that I was dunked, but I lost track. I would also like to thank the Selectboard and Georgette for getting in the tank and helping the Library raise the money to pay for the tank. The Lake Morey Protective Association was a tremendous help this summer as well. They sponsored the Ice Cream Social, provided funds so that every participating child could get a free Gladstone Creamery ice cream, and donated towards other Summer Reading Program expenses.

Every year I find myself saying what another busy year! The numbers for 2019 speak for themselves. As of mid-December, the numbers of visit was at 9,096 (see statistics below) and the Library was even closed for two weeks in February/March. Thank you to the Fairlee residents for continuing to check out books, attend programs, and support the Library.

Statistics	2018 (thru Dec 31st)	2019 (thru Dec 14th)
Total Circulation	7892	7861
Total Programs	195	191
Total Program Attendance	2,220	2,367
Total Visits	8,938	9,096

Most Circulated Book 2019: *Becoming* by Michelle Obama (20 checkouts)

Most Circulated DVD 2019: A Star is Born (16 checkouts)

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Hickman, Library Director

2019 Report from the Fairlee Public Library Trustees

This has been a busy and productive year at our library. Our biggest building projects refreshed our library interior. During last winter we contracted with Jeremy Bacon Painting to repaint our library interior. This was a huge project to prepare for, and Ms. Hickman, as well as library trustees and their spouses, packed, moved, unpacked and rearranged furniture and books. Jeremy's crew also assisted with shelf dismantling and reassembly. We were pleased with the quality of the work completed and grateful to the public for understanding when the library needed to be closed for a few days. In addition to painting, new blinds were purchased with donated funds and installed by Peter Lange. Bill Weale improved the lighting in our children's area. The interior doors were painted by a trustee and our store room was cleaned and reorganized. All in all, a lot of hard work was invested in the library facility last winter.

The Library Trustees continue to appreciate the outstanding efforts of Ms. Hickman's to make our library current and welcoming to Fairlee residents. She is happy to hear any ideas you might have to improve upon or expand our collection. This year we are trying a system of loaning out items of interest, for example, an American Girl Doll and accessories! There are also puzzles and games, movies, magazines and books on tape to borrow. Our space is limited, but let Ms. Samantha know if there is an item that you think would be popular.

The library also has some passes to museums and places of interest that your family can borrow to save money on admission costs. Don't be afraid to ask about what is available! Story hour, craft night, movie night and several special programs have been popular this year. Be sure to check the Fairlee List Serv, Facebook, Instagram or the Library web site for upcoming events.

Many local organizations and individuals contribute to helping our library afford small prizes for young readers or special materials. Special thanks to The Lake Morey Association and Gladstone's Creamery for their support. The Friends of Fairlee Library have also helped the library to cover the cost

of some programs. If you haven't joined the friends yet, please ask for information at the library. Membership is only \$10.00 and it's a great way to help support your local library!

The trustees will continue to work with the Select Board regarding upgrading and maintenance of our building. Projects we are considering, as we look ahead, are paving the parking area and replacing the worn and stained carpeting. These are projects we have been and will continue saving for with our capital improvement funds and bequests to the library.

We'd like to thank past trustee Ammie Collins for her years of service on the board and welcome Jen Johnson. Thank you to our community, donors and volunteers who help to make our library a thriving Fairlee institution.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cyrie Fagan Lange,
for the Library Board of Trustees
Charlotte Williams
Crystal Champagne
Joy Weale
Jennifer Johnson

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2019 Report from the Fairlee Planning Commission

The Fairlee Planning Commission this year has focused the majority of its efforts on the development of the 2019 proposed Fairlee Town Plan. A town plan is a document prepared with the public's input to express the values and vision of a town's residents regarding how their town's natural resources should be managed, town lands be developed and town services be provided. The Planning Commission's goals in this document were to describe Fairlee's past, identify existing conditions, and most importantly, states our town's goals, objectives, policies and recommended actions for the future. As the Plan was being developed, the Commission sought input from the public through not only invitations to attend its monthly PC meetings, but also planned special public meetings, including some with topic-detail break-out sessions, special public meetings held on January 17th, May 16th, and October 10th. As was suggested by participants in the October 10th public meeting, a letter was crafted summarizing the public input and feedback and sent to the State House delegation, including Representative Sarah Copeland Hanzas, Senator Jane Kitchel and Senator Joe Benning. The Planning Commission also recognizes and appreciates the months of input and guidance from members of the Two Rivers–Ottawaquechee Regional Commission during the development of the overall document. In October, the Planning Commission presented the proposed plan to the Select Board for its review and appropriate action. (Subsequently, the Select Board officiated at a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Town Plan on December 12th and made plans for an additional Public Informational Hearing in January prior to the planned January 2020 public vote.)

The Planning Commission also provided support as needed to the Select Board and Town staff in the securing of the sought-after Better Connections grant, funds aimed at establishing better links between Lake Morey, the Town Forest and the Village Center through good design for multi-modal transportation. Well-attended public informational and input meetings on these topics were included in the January 17th meeting, and a special public meet-

ing with break-out sessions officiated by the Select Board was held on December 11th.

Upon the completion of the goal of developing the proposed 2019 Fairlee Town Plan, the Planning Commission concluded the year by developing a list of various objectives for 2020.

We encourage all to read the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes that are available on the Town of Fairlee Planning Commission web site (<http://fairleevt.org/primary-boards-1/planning-commission/planning-commission-minutes/>), and we extend a warm welcome to all to come to our meetings and join in on the discussions. Suggestions are always welcome, please communicate these to PC-Chair@fairleevt.org or stop into the Town Hall and meet with Chris Brimmer, our Zoning Administrator.

Respectfully submitted,

The Fairlee Planning Commission
Smith Reed, Chair
Miranda Clemson, Vice Chair
Susanne Pacilio
Denis Lambert
Tim Danen
Sarah Berger



Russ' humor shines through at Fairlee Elementary Field Day

2019 Report from the Fairlee Police Department

The Fairlee Police Department's mission is to provide professional and compassionate police service through partnerships that build trust, reduce crime, create a safe environment, and enhance the quality of life in the Fairlee community.

Fairlee emergency calls and regular calls when I am not on duty, are still primarily covered and supported by the Vermont State Police. We continue to have additional police coverage with the Orange County Sheriff's Department, as well as my own patrol hours, ensuring the continuation of the long honored and traditional three agency coverage to Fairlee residents.

- 2019 Total Calls for Service conducted by Fairlee Police Department: 107
- 2019 Total Calls for Service conducted by the Orange County Sheriff's Department were: 79
- 2019 Total calls for Service conducted by the Vermont State Police were: 254

I will continue to provide the citizens and tax payers of Fairlee with the highest level of Integrity, Respect, Fairness, and Excellence as your part-time Chief, and continue to have the Fairlee Police Department as an integral part of the safety and security of the Upper Valley area.

Please keep your family's safety and security in mind at all times by locking and securing your homes and vehicles, and report any suspicious activity. If you see something, say something.

"A Hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself". Joseph Campbell

As of December 15, 2019, 118 Police Officers, 56 Fire Fighters, and a countless number of our Service Members have given their lives in support or defense of their communities or country. Remember and Honor them, their families and their colleagues by your actions, so their sacrifice was not in vain.

Jason D. Bachus
Chief of Police

REMEMBER: FOR ALL EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911

Orange County Sheriff Department Dispatch: 802-685-4875

Vermont State Police (non-emergency): 802-748-3111

Fairlee Police Department Cell: 802-429-7623



*Left: Russ and
brother, Glen*

*Right: Russ,
4 months old*



2019 Report from the Fairlee Recreation Council

The Recreation Council has continued building on improvements to the Fairlee Town Beach operations. New equipment (buoy lines, guard chair, signage) were installed.

This past summer, we had a fantastic beach staff crew. The park and beach grounds were well maintained. The beach front was supervised to assure all patrons could have a safe and enjoyable visit. This coming summer we hope to have many of the same lifeguards back and look forward to a great season at our renovated Fairlee Town Beach.

There were three sessions of swim lessons offered. A total of 47 students participated in swim lessons. We had a fun end of swim lesson party with pony rides which the kids really enjoyed.

On the first Friday in December we celebrated the holiday tree lighting party in the newly accessible second floor of town hall. It was a fun celebration with Santa arriving in the Fairlee town fire

truck, caroling, cookie decorating and live reindeer on the town common for the children and town to enjoy. It was a well attended community event to help kick off the holiday season.

Our town calendar turned out beautiful and can be purchased at the Town Hall. We would love to include your family's birth dates or anniversary, and welcome your photo submissions. Listings and photos can be emailed at any time to:

Fairleerec@gmail.com.

The Recreation Council needs additional volunteers to serve on the Council. To learn more about the duties and how to become involved, contact the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghann Brough,
Recreation Council member



Gerald Davis, Peter Lange, and Russ Smith – Boy Scout Troop 36 which included boys from the towns of Orford, Fairlee, Piermont, West Fairlee, Pike and Bradford. Peter was presented with "Scout of the Year" – 1965.

2019 Report from the Fairlee Scholarship Committee

The Fairlee Scholarship Committee is pleased to report we awarded 10 scholarships in 2019 in the amount of \$1,000.00 each to Fairlee students seeking higher education. These scholarships were disbursed in two payments of \$500.00, one for the fall semester and one for the spring semester. Russ Smith's wish was to be remembered by donating to the Fairlee Scholarship Fund. This year we received \$2,280.00 in his memory. These scholarship awards would not be possible without donations. Please consider supporting the Fairlee Scholarship Fund with a donation of any size so we may continue to award these scholarships to help support our Fairlee students.

Thank you,

The Fairlee Scholarship Committee
Lisa Hinsley
Jane Chambers
Georgette Wolf-Ludwig



"These were the good old days" – March, 1952 in West Fairlee.

2019 Report from the Tri-Town Commission

The Tri-Town Commission had a quiet year, after trying to get a required meeting together and not making a quorum. We are in violation of the agreement. The Town of Fairlee suggested going to one Representative per town, I disagree. I think two representatives per town should be minimum. The next required meeting is in March after Town meeting. My suggestion is to have a select board meeting with all three towns to decide on number of representatives and delegate who those representatives are. Select boards should ask for letters of interest but if you are interested you can put your name in any time. I want to thank the Representatives who have served on the commission. It has been a pleasure for me to work with you.

The hands-on work to do is to put up safety signs and buoys for the spillway and inspect dam and flood gate – all best for warm weather. As everyone knows, Lake Fairlee is a very important resource and that makes the dam equally important. Serving on this commission is a great community service.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Stone, Chair
Tri-Town Commission



Russ and his fish that he caught by hand – 1944.

2019 Report from the Upper Valley Ambulance

The mission of Upper Valley Ambulance (UVA) is to provide around-the-clock emergency medical response to residents and visitors of the nine communities we serve. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is one of the three legs of public safety, along with law enforcement and fire/rescue. While we all hope that we never require the services of a public safety agency, having those services available is very important to our peace of mind.

The communities of Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Orford, Piermont, Thetford, Strafford, Vershire and West Fairlee have a combined population of over 12,000 full-time residents. We think of it as a single community with a population similar to the larger communities in our region, Hanover, Hartford, and Lebanon, but with a much larger area, over 340 square miles! Approximately 1200 calls for medical aid came through the 9-1-1 system for our area in 2019.

When someone calls 9-1-1, they typically are experiencing an event that overwhelms their ability to cope with the situation. We and our community FAST squads respond and bring professional intervention skills, mostly medical but often just a helping hand and reassurance. Perhaps an individual has fallen and cannot get up without assistance. In that case, we conduct an assessment to determine if they are injured or have an underlying medical problem that caused them to fall. If not, we help them up and leave them with advice on how to stay safe in the future. Those kinds of calls make up about 35% of what we do and typically there is no ambulance transport. We provide that service at no charge to the patient. The next call could be a rollover accident on the highway with multiple injured patients. We have to be prepared to handle anything. That is what you, our constituents, expect of us.

UVA employs highly skilled, highly educated allied health professionals (EMTs, Advanced EMTs, Paramedics). Two providers are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In addition, we have a second and most days a third ambulance crew on duty during the daytime. If our ambulances are already committed to calls when another call comes in, we

pay for another ambulance service to respond to that call. You are thus ensured that if you call 9-1-1, an ambulance will always respond to help you.

Upper Valley Ambulance signed a purchase order to buy a new ambulance that is desperately needed this year. We expect delivery of the new ambulance in April–May of 2020. Two of our ambulances are going on six years old and are gaining mileage. In order to help ensure that we have reliable equipment, these need to be replaced on a regular basis.

The expense of running UVA is split between the income we generate by billing for ambulance transport, and a fee that we charge the communities. The split is roughly 50-50. The fees that are paid by the towns is based upon the year-round population. The UVA Board of Directors and I are very careful with the public's money. We believe we run a tight financial ship, and welcome a comparison with any other public safety entity covering a community of 12,000 souls.

Finally, we are grateful to have the opportunity to serve you, although we sincerely hope you won't need us.

Alan Beebe,
Executive Director
Upper Valley Ambulance



*Russ with stepchildren Sharon and Kevin Bell
Memorial Day – May 30, 1971*

2019 Report from the Fairlee Water Department

This has been a very busy and interesting year for the Fairlee Water Department.

We have, again, had to put off some repairs until 2020 due to time restraints, work schedules and other projects that affected work that we wanted to do.

What happened in 2019:

- The new metal water storage tank was finished and put online for use. The contractor, N.A. Manosh did an excellent job completing the project. The town was very lucky to get a contractor that listened to our needs and concerns relating to the project. The engineering firm, Tata and Howard Engineers did a great job with the design and engineering of the tank project.
- We passed all of our required VT State water per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) tests with good results. The per

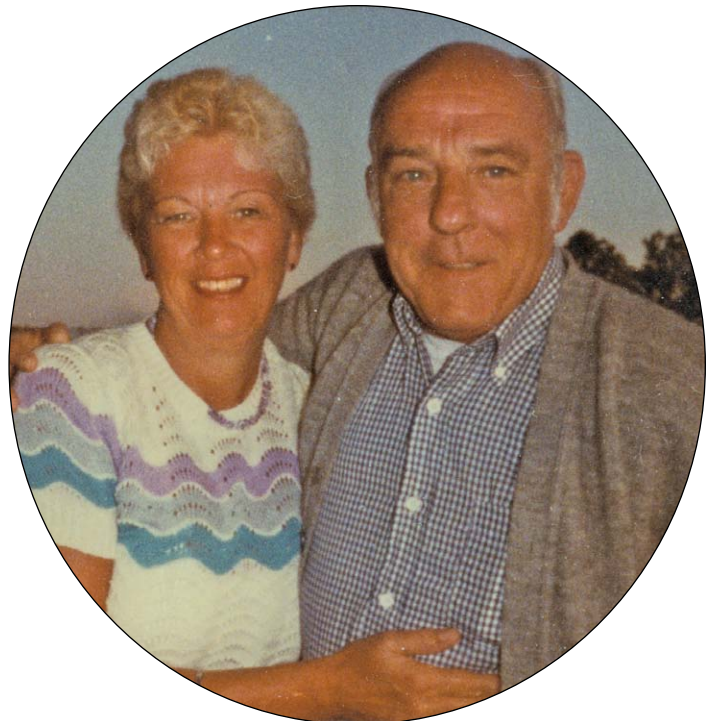
and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) test results showed we have no substances in the water system.

- The new filtration system has been designed and put out to bid. We will be building the filtration system in the spring of 2020.
- Meters will be installed this summer. This project will be done by an outside contractor with oversight by the Water Department.

A big “thank you” to all our citizens who have helped in many ways to make our 2019 another successful year. It takes a team to operate a town water system, which includes the Town Hall staff, Police Dept., Road Foreman, Fire Dept., Selectboard, and Water Operators.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance E. Colby, Chief Operator



Russ and Barb

2019 Report from the Fairlee Zoning Office

Residential construction this year entailed the replacement of a mobile home unit with a modular cape and the conversion of a single-family dwelling to a two-family for a net increase of one dwelling unit, but most of the new construction involved residential additions and accessory buildings. Commercial use permits ticked upward with a commercial addition and the new filtration building for the water system, plus some accessory buildings for existing businesses, indicating some moderate commercial growth. **There are tax credit opportunities for façade rehab and restoration projects on historic buildings in the Village Center, please contact me for more information.**

In 2020, we will see an update project for the Unified Development Bylaw, with an emphasis on implementing the Town Plan Revision.

I expect to pursue grant opportunities through the coming year. As your priorities and vision for the Village and Town develop, your participation is vital. Please send me an email at zoning@fairleevt.org if you have any questions about this or any other zoning topic.

<u>Zoning Permits</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
one & two family dwelling	2	2	0	2	2
residential addition	6	11	2	7	5
residential accessory structure	4	7	10	8	8
home occupation	0	1	0	0	1
pool	0	0	0	0	0
commercial construction	2	2	3	0	2
commercial accessory structure	2	2	0	0	3
commercial use/sign	2	3	1	1	1
demolition	0	0	0	0	0
total issued	19	28	16	18	22
denials	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Brimmer
Zoning Administrator



Installation of Town Greeting signs – 2002

Below: Jim Southworth, Don Weaver, Milt White, Sue Martin, Russ Smith, and Dick White at Martin Farm.



CONTRACTUAL PAYMENTS IN 2019

The Town of Fairlee and the Fairlee Water Department paid amounts in excess of \$1,000.00 under various employment and contractual arrangements during 2019 to the individuals and firms listed below:

TOWN/WATER CONTRACTUAL:

All-Access Infotech, LLC	IT/Equipment	\$23,124.83
Alliance Mechanical	TH Heating System Maint.	1,899.56
Amazon	Library Books/Supplies	1,702.96
Atomic Professional Audio, Inc.	Sound system	27,175.83
Bay State Elevator	Elevator	1,350.00
Bergeron Protective Clothing	Fire Gear	6,462.72
Blaktop	Road Resurfacing	69,962.62
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of VT	Health Insurance 2018	41,674.10
BP's Excavation Logging Trucking	Highway/Trucking	9,900.00
Brandon Stevens Mowing, LLC	Highway Mowing	7,000.00
R.C. Brayshaw & Company	Rec Calendar Printing	1,131.00
Cargill, Inc.	Winter Roads – Salt	26,055.53
Cadwell Logging & Firewood LLC	Transfer Station	2,000.00
CAI Technologies	Listers Maps	2,250.00
Carus Corporation	Water Department/Pumphouse	1,094.16
Chippers, Inc.	Tree Removal at Cemetery	10,000.00
The Cincinnati Cos.	Insurance (FD/Fast Squad)	1,922.00
Clara Martin Center	Appropriation	1,545.00
Community Bank	Lake Fairlee Dam Bond	21,172.72
Consolidated Communications	Telephone/Library Internet	6,222.52
Cott Systems, Inc.	Land Records Management	3,360.00
County of Orange	County Tax	55,260.52
Cramer Electric Co., Inc.	Electrical Work	2,888.38
Danen, Tim	Town Hall Renovations	9,403.18
Paul Davis Upper Valley VT/NH	Basement Cleaning	1,077.94
Delta Dental	Dental Insurance	3,173.68
Dubois & King	Better Connections Grant	1,979.80
E.J. Prescott, Inc.	Water Line Supplies	2,835.28
Endyne, Inc.	Water Department	1,445.00
Fairlee FAST Squad	Supply Reimbursement	1,289.93
Ferguson Waterworks	Water Department/Pumphouse	2,854.67
FirePrograms	Fire Department Software	1,068.00
First Bankcard	Town Credit Card/misc. purchases	10,039.38
Fogg's Hardware	Supplies	1,584.75
Fornwalt Excavation	Repaving Terry Hill Rd.	1,800.00
Fothergill Segale & Valley CPAs	Auditors	16,750.00
Gowans Knight Co., Inc.	Fire Department Equipment Repair	2,461.50

Contractual Payments in 2019 – continued:

Green Mountain Library Consortium	Integrated Library System Fee	1,114.01
Green Mountain Painting LLC	Emergency Serv. Exterior Painting	15,397.44
Green Mountain Power	Electricity	33,967.67
Hampshire Fire Protection Co., LLC	Annual Inspections/Sprinklers	7,103.00
HCT Sun Enterprises	Electricity/Solar	3,279.32
Hickman, Samantha	Reimbursements	1,809.44
Bill Hodge's Prop. Service	Cemetery Mowing & Work	18,225.00
Ingram Library Services	Library Books	6,742.77
Jay's Septic Tank Cleaning	Septic Cleaning	1,690.00
Jeremy Bacon Painting	Library Interior Painting	8,734.61
Junior Library Guild	Juvenile Library Books	1,064.60
K & R Portable Toilets	Port-a-lets	1,990.00
Lackie, David	Trucking Sand	10,087.50
Lake Fairlee Association, Inc.	Appropriation	5,250.00
Leaf	Maintenance Contract	1,342.91
Little Rivers Health Care	Appropriation	2,000.00
Longto Tree Service	Tree Removal	6,838.20
N.A. Manosh, Inc.	New Water Tank	182,650.22
McGee Office Plus	Office Supplies	1,018.76
Martin's Quarry	Highway Department	20,596.55
Meub Gallivan & Larson, Attorneys, PLC	Water Tank Legal	81,065.76
M. Wright Excavation	Roads	193,657.50
New England Municipal Resource (NEMRC)	Software/Support/Contract	2,546.20
Newcity CM	Old Fire Station Roof	1,500.00
Nicom Coatings Corp.	Road Crack Fill	4,250.00
Northstar Fireworks	Fireworks July 4th	5,500.00
Northwoods Excavating Inc.	Lake Morey Rd. East Road Project	114,139.25
Office Systems VT & NH	Office Equipment	4,385.00
Orange County Sheriff's Dept.	Law Enforcement Patrol	17,898.00
Orange East Senior Center	Appropriation	2,200.00
Parro's Gun Shop	Police Firearms	1,815.70
People's United Bank	Bond Repayment (Water Dept.)	334,305.22
Perley Colby Plumbing & Heating	Plumbing/Water System	16,387.39
Perry's/Patten's Oil Service, Inc.	Fuel Oil & Propane	8,251.17
Piper, Matthew and Jennifer	Tax Refund	35,408.21
Powers & Powers PC	Water Tank Mediation	6,758.32
Prudential Retirement Services	Retirement	8,961.38
Quinttown Container Services	Recycling/Emerg Bldg Trash	17,244.00
R.C. Brayshaw & Company, Inc.	Rec Council Calendar	1,131.00
Repro	Town Report Printing	1,815.13
Reynolds & Son Inc.	Fire Department Equipment	3,386.69

Contractual Payments in 2019 – continued:

Rivendell ISD	School Taxes	2,540,400.40
Rivendell Recreation Association	Appropriation	1,500.00
R & R Communications, Inc.	Fire Department Equipment	3,575.00
Rowell's Grading	Road Grading	10,450.00
Robert Sandberg	Transfer Station Composting	1,210.00
Servidio Engineering	Water Tank Legal	24,304.50
Solitude Lake Management	Milfoil	59,574.00
Standing Stone Landscape Architecture	Cemetery Stone Repairs	6,200.00
Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies – Town	1,282.25
Symquest Group, Inc.	Copier Service/Repair	2,056.66
Tata & Howard	Engineers – Water/Highway Dept.	183,857.41
Topsham Communications LLC	Internet (Town Hall, Library, & FD)	3,537.62
Town of Hanover	Dispatch	6,364.50
Tri-Valley Transit, Inc.	Appropriation	2,500.00
Twin State Garage Door LLC	Old Fire Station Door	1,900.00
Twin State Sand & Gravel Co., Inc.	Highway	3,915.22
Two Rivers Ottauquechee	Dues/Town Plan Consultants	23,323.81
UI Insurance Services, Inc.	Fire Department Insurance	11,940.00
Unifirst Corp.	Town Hall Rug Service	2,961.97
Union Bank	Town Hall Loan Payments	382,433.42
Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc.	Ambulance Service	42,988.00
U.S. Postage Service	Postage	3,613.00
U.S. Internal Revenue Service	IRS/EFTPS/FICA	62,454.50
Valley Floors	Town Hall Floor Refinishing	2,936.70
Valley News	Legal Notices/Advertising	1,541.45
Vermont, State of	Water Projects Permits	1,412.00
Vermont, State Dept. of Taxes	Withholdings	6,325.54
Vermont State Treasurer	School Taxes	514,582.58
Visiting Nurse Alliance/Hospice	Appropriation	5,500.00
VLCT (VT League of Cities & Towns)	Membership/Workshops	3,777.00
VLCT Employment Resource & Benefits	Unemployment Insurance	1,863.00
VLCT PACIF	Property Casualty/WC Ins.	22,555.50
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	Office Supplies	1,824.39
Weaver Construction LLC	Street Sweeping	2,030.00
Weston & Sampson CMR, Inc.	Pumphouse/pump service	17,883.15
Wolf-Ludwig, Georgette	Mileage/Reimbursement	1,435.03

EMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS IN 2019

Amounts listed are the gross amount paid to individuals making \$1,000 or more.

EMPLOYEE	HOURS	DUTIES	AMOUNT
Emma N. Allen	277.00	Beach Manager/Lifeguard	\$4,155.00
Jason D. Bachus	469.00	Chief of Police/Delinquent Tax Collector	15,240.49
Joanna W. Bligh	415.50	Minutes Clerk (DRB, PC, SB)	6,610.91
John C. Brimmer	1,642.50	Zoning Administrator & PC Planner	36,349.93
Sylvia C. Brown	263.00	Town Hall Custodian	4,926.02
David R. Cannon	n/a	Fast Squad President	1,975.00
Alexandria R. Coffin	256.00	Lifeguard	3,200.00
Russell W. Collins	453.25	Lister	7,428.61
Gayla Cowan	214.50	Milfoil – Boat Ramp Greeter	2,788.50
Kevin L. Cummings	176.00	Trash & Recycling Attendant	3,116.81
Robert Edmands	253.50	Library & TH Handyman/Trash Attendant	4,279.20
Melissa P. Gahagan	283.25	Assistant Town Treasurer	6,687.52
Kelly M. Gardner	272.75	Assistant Town Clerk	4,505.91
Caleb P. Haehnel	133.50	Lifeguard	1,535.25
Keanu E. Hallmartel	126.50	Lifeguard	1,454.75
Holly Harrington	163.50	Lifeguard	1,880.25
Samantha J. Hickman	1,985.00	Library Director	39,614.76
Lisa F. Hinsley	1,855.75	Town Treasurer	45,961.91
Luke Holland	129.00	Lifeguard	1,483.50
Barbara J. Lantery	559.25	Assistant Town Clerk	8,613.21
Barry G. Larson	313.00	Water Department & Fire Department	10,473.66
Jamie L. Mack	56.50	Handyman	1,695.00
John T. Nunez	2,161.50	Town Administrator	56,094.22
Lars O. Sandvik	244.50	Milfoil – Boat Ramp Greeter	3,178.50
Douglas R. Shane	193.50	Milfoil – Boat Ramp Greeter	2,515.50
Suzanne M. Stone	142.50	Library Assistant	1,630.26
Noël G. Walker	1,437.00	Lister/E-911 Coord./Tech Asst.	28,266.78
Charlotte P. Williams	207.50	Milfoil – Boat Ramp Greeter	2,697.50
Georgette K. Wolf-Ludwig	2,033.75	Town Clerk	50,348.64

TOWN OF FAIRLEE – 2019 GRAND LIST

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

(AS APPROVED BY THE SELECTBOARD ON AUGUST 12, 2019)

GRAND LIST:

Municipal	\$2,099,142.00
Homestead	698,222.00
Non-Residential	1,393,071.00
State of VT Special Exemption – from Education Tax (solar fields)	6,074.00

TAXES ASSESSED & BILLED:

	Grand List	Tax Rate	
General Fund	\$2,099,142.00	\$0.4575	\$ 960,357.47
Highway Fund	2,099,142.00	0.0780	163,733.08
Water Bond	2,099,142.00	0.0086	18,052.62
Vet Local Agree Rate	2,099,142.00	0.0004	839.66
Lake Fairlee Dam Loan	2,099,142.00	0.0102	21,411.25
Town Hall Renovation Loan	2,099,142.00	0.0270	56,676.83
Non-Residential Education	1,393,071.00	1.6095	2,242,147.77
Homestead Education	698,222.00	1.8561	1,295,969.85
Total Taxes Assessed & Billed:			4,759,188.53
Late HS-131 Penalty			—
			<u>\$4,759,188.53</u>

Municipal Tax Rate	0.5817
Total Non-Residential Tax Rate	2.1912
Total Homestead Tax Rate	2.4378

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:

Collections:	
General Fund	\$ 952,074.94
Highway Fund	162,320.97
Water Bond	17,896.93
Lake Fairlee Dam Bond	21,226.59
Veteran's Local Agreement Rate	832.42
Non-Residential Educ.	2,222,810.56
Homestead Educ.	1,284,792.87
Total Collections	4,718,143.30
Delinquent to Collector	41,045.23
Total Taxes Accounted for 12/31/19:	<u>\$4,759,188.53</u>

VETERANS EXEMPTIONS:

\$ 80,000.00

DELINQUENT TAXES:

Submitted to Treasurer,	
Delinquent for 2013	\$ 1,038.13
Delinquent for 2014	3,247.92
Delinquent for 2015	2,217.18
Delinquent for 2016	2,809.63
Delinquent for 2017	8,988.23
Delinquent for 2018	15,107.58
Delinquent for 2019	41,045.23
Total Delinquent Taxes 12/31/19:	<u>\$ 74,453.90</u>

Submitted on the 22th day of January 2020 by Jason Bachus

TOWN OF FAIRLEE

2019 STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICES

As of December 31, 2019

	PRINCIPAL BALANCE
SHORT-TERM:	
Water Dept. Litigation Loan – (Union Bank)	
Capital Improvement Loan available balance = \$300,000	
Capital Improvement interest rate = 1.44% fixed	
Annual principal and interest payment	
Maturity date = June 23, 2019	\$ –
PAID OFF \$301,964.71 6/3/2019	
 Water Dept. New Tank Loan – (Union Bank)	
USDA Grant Anticipation Note available balance = \$3,675,000	
Grant Anticipation Note interest rate = 2.19% fixed	
Maturity date = December 4, 2020	1,360,191.40
 LONG-TERM:	
Water Dept. Bond – (Bond Bank, held by People's Bank)	
Original Bond principal balance = \$760,720.44	
Bond interest rate = 1%, 20 yr. fixed	
Bond admin fee = 2%, 20 yr. fixed	
Annual payment amount = \$51,987.04	
Maturity date = June 1, 2025	–
PAID OFF \$282,318.00 6/4/2019	
 Lake Fairlee Dam Loan – (Community Bank)	
Original Loan principal balance = \$289,000	
Loan interest rate = 2.75%, 20 yr. fixed	
Annual principal payment amount = \$14,450, with interest payments made semi-annually	
Maturity date = July 15, 2035	231,200.00
 Town Hall Renovation Loan – (Union Bank)	
Original Loan principal balance = \$835,055	
Loan interest rate = 3.0%	
Monthly principal and interest payments = \$4,714.45	
Maturity date = December 16, 2037	<u>789,661.32</u>
 TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT AS OF 12/31/19	<u><u>\$2,381,052.72</u></u>

Town Treasurer's Statement of Fund Accounts – 2019

Cemetery Fund – #41

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 12,980.06	\$ 7,049.57	\$ 22,965.51
RECEIPTS:			
Interest – Fund Account	29.51	4.56	20.00
Sales of Lots (40%)	240.00	840.00	500.00
Cemetery CD funds transfer	–	34,299.41	–
Misc. Income	–	200.00	–
TOTAL	<u>13,249.57</u>	<u>42,393.54</u>	<u>23,485.51</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Cemetery Expenses – Maint.	6,200.00	19,428.03	6,200.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 7,049.57</u>	<u>\$ 22,965.51</u>	<u>\$ 17,285.51</u>

Fund established in 1980 with 60% of plot sales added annually for perpetual care.

Cemetery – Certificate of Deposit – Community Bank – #50

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 34,200.62	\$ 34,269.04	\$ 26.86
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	68.42	57.23	–
TOTAL	<u>34,269.04</u>	<u>34,326.27</u>	<u>26.86</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Transfer to Cemetery Fund Account	–	34,299.41	26.86
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 34,269.04</u>	<u>\$ 26.86</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Cemetery Funds invested in CD.

Rosalene M. Ordway Trust Fund – #42

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,506.56	\$ 2,512.92
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	6.56	6.36	10.00
TOTAL	<u>2,506.56</u>	<u>2,512.92</u>	<u>2,522.92</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Toward Water On & Off	–	–	–
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 2,506.56</u>	<u>\$ 2,512.92</u>	<u>\$ 2,522.92</u>

Fund established in 1987 with a bequest from Rosalene M. Ordway.

Interest only is to be used for the maintenance and improvements of water in the Fairlee Village Cemetery.

Town Treasurer's Statement of Fund Accounts – 2019

Fairlee Recreation Council Fund – #43

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 12,106.75	\$ 12,489.84	\$ 10,123.32
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	181.02	–	–
Calendar Sales	1,706.03	1,281.00	1,300.00
Interest	31.87	30.45	30.00
TOTAL	<u>14,025.67</u>	<u>13,801.29</u>	<u>11,453.32</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Calendar Expenses	1,132.38	1,131.00	1,200.00
Fairlee Music Series Expenses	292.07	–	–
Misc. Expenses	111.38	2,546.97	–
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 12,489.84</u>	<u>\$ 10,123.32</u>	<u>\$ 10,253.32</u>

This fund was established to allow the Fairlee Recreation Council to do fundraising for future projects/events and keep the funds separate so that they could be carried over year after year.

Fairlee Historical Society Fund – #44

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 5,614.08	\$ 4,163.32	\$ 4,992.36
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	7,336.25	1,285.05	1,500.00
Donations – Piano Fund	–	2,075.00	–
Dues	1,186.00	622.00	–
Book Sales	–	–	–
Misc. Income	700.00	50.00	–
Interest	10.20	11.97	12.00
TOTAL	<u>14,846.53</u>	<u>8,207.34</u>	<u>6,504.36</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Grand Re-opening Expenses	2,430.56	–	–
Town Hall Renovation Expenses	7,554.05	–	–
Piano Expenses	–	1,265.00	700.00
Misc. Expense (meetings/supplies/postage/etc.)	698.60	1,949.98	800.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 4,163.32</u>	<u>\$ 4,992.36</u>	<u>\$ 5,004.36</u>

Fund established in 1976 for the purpose of collecting dues and donations to be used for the preservation of the archives and facilitate historical programs.

Town Treasurer's Statement of Fund Accounts – 2019

FHS Town Hall 2nd Floor Fundraising Fund – #61

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ —	\$ 117.69	\$ 117.99
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	12,895.01	—	—
Interest	14.47	0.30	—
TOTAL	<u>12,909.48</u>	<u>117.99</u>	<u>117.99</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Transfer to Town towards Renovation cost	12,791.79	—	117.99
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 117.69</u>	<u>\$ 117.99</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Fund established in 2016 to track fundraising efforts for the 2nd floor renovations.

Scholarship Fund – #45

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 156,317.91	\$ 144,817.99	\$ 137,462.17
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	100.00	2,280.00	100.00
Interest	400.08	364.18	350.00
TOTAL	<u>156,817.99</u>	<u>147,462.17</u>	<u>137,912.17</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Scholarships	12,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 144,817.99</u>	<u>\$ 137,462.17</u>	<u>\$ 127,912.17</u>

Fund established in 1967 as part of the Fairlee School District to give students, who are Fairlee residents, the opportunity to apply for scholarships to help fund continuing education after high school graduation.

Sheldon Miller Bequest Fund – #46

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 33,525.30	\$ 33,613.18	\$ 33,698.38
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	87.88	85.20	85.00
TOTAL	<u>33,613.18</u>	<u>33,698.38</u>	<u>33,783.38</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Rivendell Interstate School District	—	—	—
Thetford Academy	—	—	—
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 33,613.18</u>	<u>\$ 33,698.38</u>	<u>\$ 33,783.38</u>

Fund established in 1986 with a bequest from Sheldon Miller. Interest only is to be used for educational purposes in connection with the Fairlee Elementary School (now the Samuel Morey Elementary School) and Thetford Academy.

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William H. Lange Memorial Forest Fund – #47

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 15,364.00	\$ 15,840.28	\$ 25,222.79
RECEIPTS:			
Stumpage Income	2,886.47	9,735.11	–
Interest	39.81	47.40	–
TOTAL	<u>18,290.28</u>	<u>25,622.79</u>	<u>25,222.79</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Forest Management	2,450.00	400.00	–
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 15,840.28</u>	<u>\$ 25,222.79</u>	<u>\$ 25,222.79</u>

770 acres acquired through a federal grant and a generous donation from John and Irma Lange in 1981. Any and all funds generated through sound forestry practices are to be used for the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the 770 acres (only) at the discretion of the five member Forest Board.

Timber Trust Fund – #48

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 28,637.62	\$ 28,061.87	\$ 28,133.00
RECEIPTS:			
Logging Income	–	–	–
Interest	74.25	71.13	70.00
TOTAL	<u>28,711.87</u>	<u>28,133.00</u>	<u>28,203.00</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Forest Management	650.00	–	–
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 28,061.87</u>	<u>\$ 28,133.00</u>	<u>\$ 28,203.00</u>

700 acres were acquired prior to 1950 as a result of unpaid property taxes. 10% of the principal is to be set aside annually to be used by the five member Forest Board, at their discretion, for the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the 700 acres. The balance of any funds generated through forest management are available for use with the majority of voters' approval. Three of the more notable activities conducted in the past five years, using these funds, were the clearing to open the view from Bald Top, treatment of the invasives on Bald Top, and the planting of 21 hybrid American Chestnut seedlings (by the Rivendell Academy science students). Each May the sophomore science students will visit the plantings to release any competition and measure the growth. That information will be sent to The American Chestnut Foundation's main office for their records.

Gravel Pit/Logging Fund – #49

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 26,864.27	\$ 26,934.67	\$ 27,002.94
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	70.40	68.27	70.00
TOTAL	<u>26,934.67</u>	<u>27,002.94</u>	<u>27,072.94</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Forest Management	–	–	–
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 26,934.67</u>	<u>\$ 27,002.94</u>	<u>\$ 27,072.94</u>

100 acres acquired from the State of Vermont for \$1.00 in 1982. Should the town choose to no longer use it for recreational purposes, it reverts back to the State of Vermont. 10% of the funds generated from sound forestry practices are to be set aside annually to be used for the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the forest. The balance of the funds are available, at the discretion of a majority of the voters, for "Recreation Development."

Town Treasurer's Statement of Fund Accounts – 2019

Firemen's Stock Fund – #52

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 15,089.59	\$ 15,336.08	\$ 15,607.52
RECEIPTS:			
Change in Stock Value	—	—	—
Dividend	246.49	271.44	270.00
TOTAL	<u>15,336.08</u>	<u>15,607.52</u>	<u>15,877.52</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expenses	—	—	—
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 15,336.08</u>	<u>\$ 15,607.52</u>	<u>\$ 15,877.52</u>

Fund established in 1995 from a donation made in stocks to the Fairlee Fire Department.

Reappraisal Reserve Fund – #53

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 62,407.75	\$ 69,077.63	\$ 75,755.49
RECEIPTS:			
State of Vermont – Per Parcel	6,503.00	6,493.00	6,500.00
Interest	166.88	184.86	185.00
TOTAL	<u>69,077.63</u>	<u>75,755.49</u>	<u>82,440.49</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expenses	—	—	50,500.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 69,077.63</u>	<u>\$ 75,755.49</u>	<u>\$ 31,940.49</u>

Fund established in 1998, per Statue 32 VSA, §4041a, for the purpose of reappraisal cost related to our grand list.

Restoration Fees Reserve Fund – #54

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 6,576.83	\$ 9,545.03	\$ 10,712.25
RECEIPTS:			
Restoration Fees	2,968.20	3,216.80	3,000.00
TOTAL	<u>9,545.03</u>	<u>12,761.83</u>	<u>13,712.25</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expenses	—	2,049.58	—
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 9,545.03</u>	<u>\$ 10,712.25</u>	<u>\$ 13,712.25</u>

Fund established on December 8, 1998 for the sole purpose of funding the restoration, preservation and conservation of municipal records filed with the Town Clerk. A portion of the recording fees from land records funds this account.

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Listers' Training Reserve Fund – #55

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 1,848.44	\$ 1,983.44	\$ 1,983.44
RECEIPTS:			
State of Vermont	135.00	–	–
TOTAL	<u>1,983.44</u>	<u>1,983.44</u>	<u>1,983.44</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Training Expenses	–	–	–
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 1,983.44</u>	<u>\$ 1,983.44</u>	<u>\$ 1,983.44</u>

Fund established in 2005, per Statue 32 VSA, §4041a (a) and 5405(f), for the purpose of listers' education.

Railroad Station Fund – #58

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 11,683.37	\$ 12,491.84	\$ 13,890.28
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	30.61	32.73	30.00
Transfer From Railroad Station	777.86	1,365.71	1,156.00
TOTAL	<u>12,491.84</u>	<u>13,890.28</u>	<u>15,076.28</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expenses	–	–	8,000.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 12,491.84</u>	<u>\$ 13,890.28</u>	<u>\$ 7,076.28</u>

Fund established in 2012 to enable any funds in excess of spending be carried over to the next year to be used to upgrade and repair the Railroad Station.

Library – Perkins Fund – #80

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 500.86	\$ 502.17	\$ 503.44
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	1.31	1.27	1.00
TOTAL	<u>502.17</u>	<u>503.44</u>	<u>504.44</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expenses	–	–	–
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 502.17</u>	<u>\$ 503.44</u>	<u>\$ 504.44</u>

Fund established by a donation from Homer & Alice Perkins, interest only to be used to purchase nature books.

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Library – Titus Fund – #81

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 4,715.69	\$ 4,728.04	\$ 4,728.04
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	12.35	–	11.98
TOTAL	<u>4,728.04</u>	<u>4,728.04</u>	<u>4,740.02</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expenses	–	–	–
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 4,728.04</u>	<u>\$ 4,728.04</u>	<u>\$ 4,740.02</u>

Fund established by a donation from Isabel Currier Titus, interest only to be used to purchase books.

Library – Bequest Fund – #82

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 26,399.35	\$ 26,468.55	\$ 22,955.59
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	69.20	58.43	60.00
TOTAL	<u>26,468.55</u>	<u>26,526.98</u>	<u>23,015.59</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expenses	–	3,571.39	600.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 26,468.55</u>	<u>\$ 22,955.59</u>	<u>\$ 22,415.59</u>

Fund established by misc. donations/bequests of \$300 or more by Library patrons, interest only transferred to the Book Donations fund annually.



Town Treasurer's Statement of Fund Accounts – 2019

Library – Misc. Expenses Fund – #83

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 6,210.62	\$ 4,604.15	\$ 2,296.00
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	550.00	850.00	700.00
Interest	15.51	5.07	5.00
TOTAL	<u>6,776.13</u>	<u>5,459.22</u>	<u>3,001.00</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Library Improvements	2,171.98	3,163.22	–
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 4,604.15</u>	<u>\$ 2,296.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,001.00</u>

Fund established by misc. donations by Library patrons specifically for misc. library expenses, funds used to help the library cover expenses not budgeted or exceeding budget.

Library – Book Donations Fund – #84

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 1,324.50	\$ 1,262.53	\$ 1,898.43
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	1,341.38	1,466.67	1,400.00
Interest	3.46	3.66	4.00
TOTAL	<u>2,669.34</u>	<u>2,732.86</u>	<u>3,302.43</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Book Purchase Expenses	1,406.81	834.43	800.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 1,262.53</u>	<u>\$ 1,898.43</u>	<u>\$ 2,502.43</u>

Fund established by misc. donations/bequests of less than \$300 by Library patrons, for books only. This fund is also spending \$250/year for purchasing books, to lower the book expense line item in the Library Town budget.

General Fund – Summary Budget

	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Revenues				
Administration	\$ 44,899	\$ 28,275	\$ 27,106	\$ 17,900
Cemetery	–	360	1,260	–
Community Organizations	–	–	–	–
Emergency Services and Buildings	30,855	24,120	24,120	24,120
Fire & Rescue	–	–	–	–
Forestry (moved to Fire & Rescue)	–	–	–	–
Library	1,455	891	1,583	800
Listers	67,556	68,916	72,426	122,038
Milfoil–Lake Morey	47,457	51,368	52,858	77,182
Other	2,375	–	–	–
Police	3,677	3,701	1,035	3,000
Railroad Station	4,800	5,700	5,200	11,442
Recreation Council	3,565	2,583	3,368	7,300
Town Hall & Parks	169	250	31,402	1,200
Trash & Recycling	2,004	2,368	3,690	1,950
Tri-Town Commission	–	–	–	–
Zoning	4,481	35,141	6,504	127,552
Total Revenues	<u>213,292</u>	<u>223,673</u>	<u>230,552</u>	<u>394,484</u>
Expenses				
Administration	275,924	280,348	293,045	337,849
Cemetery	9,049	16,020	10,418	11,360
Community Organizations	24,750	25,000	25,500	26,700
Emergency Services and Buildings	52,453	59,186	63,706	71,124
Fire & Rescue	57,814	55,783	50,986	73,414
Forestry (moved to Fire & Rescue)	–	–	–	–
Library	81,786	86,246	90,764	94,394
Listers	36,037	37,039	40,525	94,565
Milfoil–Lake Morey	60,652	60,636	97,987	67,262
Other	72,068	60,833	63,701	70,500
Police	43,383	41,598	43,495	44,375
Railroad Station	4,800	5,700	5,200	11,442
Recreation Council	19,816	14,054	21,829	28,408
Town Hall & Parks	41,265	62,348	93,239	66,778
Trash & Recycling	23,743	25,476	25,918	35,025
Tri-Town Commission	420	1,412	759	1,405
Zoning	63,346	50,500	58,562	177,883
Total Expenses	<u>867,306</u>	<u>882,178</u>	<u>985,633</u>	<u>1,212,485</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (654,014)</u>	<u>\$ (658,506)</u>	<u>\$ (755,081)</u>	<u>\$ (818,001)</u>

General Fund – Summary Budget

	<u>2017 Taxes As Billed</u>	<u>2018 Taxes As Billed</u>	<u>2019 Taxes As Billed</u>	<u>2020 Taxes (Estimated)</u>
General Fund (Income)/Expense	\$ 725,455	\$ 735,793	\$ 791,183	\$ 818,001
Capital Budget to be Raised by Taxes	227,933	239,522	181,105	147,500
Cash Available/Carry Forward	(73,159)	(31,492)	(13,000)	–
Town to be Raised by Taxes	<u>880,229</u>	<u>943,823</u>	<u>959,288</u>	<u>965,501</u>
Highway Revenues	(35,000)	(64,600)	(69,416)	(57,310)
Highway Expenses	219,997	243,138	232,944	278,337
Highway to be Raised by Taxes	<u>184,997</u>	<u>178,538</u>	<u>163,528</u>	<u>221,027</u>
Water Bond to be Raised by Taxes	<u>17,879</u>	<u>17,879</u>	<u>17,879</u>	<u>–</u>
Veteran's Local Agreement Rate	<u>735</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>735</u>
Lake Fairlee Dam Loan Payments	<u>22,000</u>	<u>21,603</u>	<u>21,205</u>	<u>21,000</u>
Town Hall Loan Payments	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>56,573</u>	<u>56,573</u>
Total Municipal Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$ 1,105,840</u>	<u>\$ 1,162,578</u>	<u>\$ 1,219,208</u>	<u>\$ 1,264,836</u>
Total Tax Rate – Actual	<u>\$ 0.5313</u>	<u>\$ 0.5613</u>	<u>\$ 0.5817</u>	
Total Tax Rate – Estimated	<u>\$ 0.5321</u>	<u>\$ 0.5594</u>	<u>\$ 0.5826</u>	<u>\$ 0.6025</u>
Difference from last year				\$ 0.0208
Percentage increase over last year				3.58%



*Russ and Ernest Sargent – Valentine's Day 2015
"A rose between two thorns"*

General Fund – Department Budgets

ADMINISTRATION	2018 <u>Actual</u>	2019 <u>Actual</u>	2019 <u>Budget</u>	2020 <u>Budget</u>
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$ 1,154,777.12	\$ 1,160,715.33	\$ –	\$ –
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	5,663.88	8,870.04	–	–
Delinquent Tax Fee	8,619.08	3,627.33	6,000.00	3,000.00
Town Clerks Fees	9,599.84	9,149.48	8,000.00	10,000.00
License Fees – Marriage/Dog	1,603.50	1,534.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Vehicle Registration Fees	329.00	279.00	250.00	250.00
Copier Fees	479.23	481.40	200.00	400.00
Large Format Copies	43.00	113.70	50.00	50.00
Misc. Income	543.97	4.75	–	–
Interest Income	1,393.68	3,046.45	700.00	2,500.00
Total Revenues	1,183,052.30	1,187,821.48	16,900.00	17,900.00
Less Property Taxes	(1,154,777.12)	(1,160,715.33)	–	–
Total Revenues Less Property Taxes	28,275.18	27,106.15	16,900.00	17,900.00
Expenses				
Selectboard's Office				
Salaries & Wages – Selectboard	2,650.00	2,650.00	2,650.00	2,650.00
Salaries & Wages – Town Administrator	43,259.11	49,431.76	47,324.00	48,740.00
TA/Selectboard Expense	3,265.17	1,564.07	2,550.00	2,550.00
Town Clerk's Office				
Salaries & Wages – Town Clerk	44,595.66	48,015.97	46,653.36	48,056.32
Salaries & Wages – Asst. Clerks	9,700.18	10,933.48	10,309.23	12,390.56
Town Clerk Expense	804.90	1,335.85	1,000.00	1,000.00
Clerk's Supplies	977.94	1,261.66	1,200.00	1,200.00
Treasurer's Office				
Salaries & Wages – Treasurer	42,497.68	48,051.38	46,347.80	48,153.60
Salaries & Wages – Treasurer Asst.	–	–	–	12,784.20
Treasurer Expense	–	539.78	400.00	500.00
Auditor's				
Salaries & Wages – Auditor	200.00	–	300.00	300.00
Auditors Expense	–	5,310.00	4,160.00	11,000.00
Town Report	2,610.52	2,236.03	3,150.00	3,150.00
Salaries & Wages – Minutes Clerk	6,284.16	6,610.91	6,800.00	6,800.00
Salaries & Wages – Tech Asst.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Delinquent Tax Commission	8,003.04	4,289.34	6,000.00	3,000.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	12,827.07	13,919.56	13,796.35	13,737.46
Unemployment Insurance	3,263.00	1,863.00	2,542.00	688.00
Vt. League of Cities & Towns	2,138.00	2,192.00	2,138.00	2,281.00
Advertising	464.78	568.25	1,500.00	1,000.00
Postage	2,847.88	3,893.27	3,445.00	4,000.00
Office Supplies	3,198.72	3,663.03	3,000.00	3,000.00
Training	1,515.00	1,275.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Computer & Internet Expense	15,664.18	16,498.07	16,100.00	33,366.00
Website	1,245.34	1,096.50	1,400.00	1,400.00
Equipment – New	570.69	2,297.50	1,500.00	1,500.00
Equipment – Repair	–	–	500.00	500.00
Equipment Maintenance/Contracts	11,649.47	9,290.07	10,660.00	5,273.00
Travel/Mileage Expense	1,686.50	2,077.94	1,300.00	2,000.00

General Fund – Department Budgets

ADMINISTRATION	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
General Liability/Workers' Comp Insurance	9,777.75	3,917.25	5,127.00	3,535.00
Health/Dental/Eye Insurance	36,347.45	34,913.43	38,743.20	44,209.44
Retirement Plans	6,315.00	7,056.18	7,100.00	7,584.00
Telephone	2,109.05	3,090.69	2,600.00	3,000.00
Emergency Telephone	1,970.00	460.00	325.00	500.00
Professional Fees – Other	300.00	1,195.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Lake Fairlee Dam Loan	17,996.98	21,172.72	21,205.38	–
Town Hall Renovation Loan	26,448.30	56,573.40	56,573.40	–
Water Bond – Town Portion	–	17,879.00	17,879.00	–
Misc. Expense	109.38	47.55	–	–
Reimbursable Expenses	–	–	–	–
Total Expenses	<u>324,792.90</u>	<u>388,669.64</u>	<u>394,278.72</u>	<u>337,848.58</u>
Less Lake Fairlee Dam Bond	17,996.98	21,172.72	21,205.38	–
Less Town Hall Renovation Loan	26,448.30	56,573.40	56,573.40	–
Less Water Bond – Town Portion	26,448.30	17,879.00	17,879.00	–
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$280,347.62</u>	<u>293,044.52</u>	<u>298,620.94</u>	<u>337,848.58</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (252,072.44)</u>	<u>\$ (265,938.37)</u>	<u>\$ (281,720.94)</u>	<u>\$ (319,948.58)</u>

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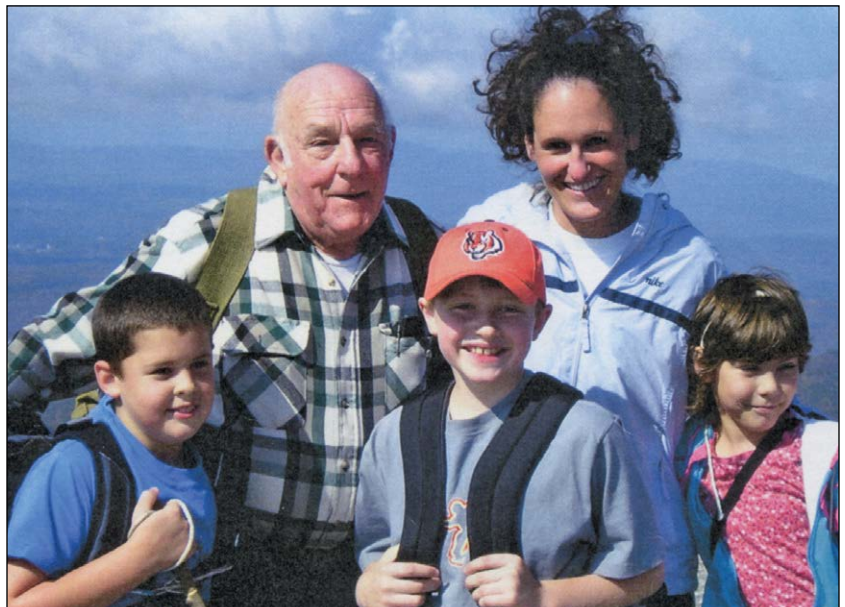
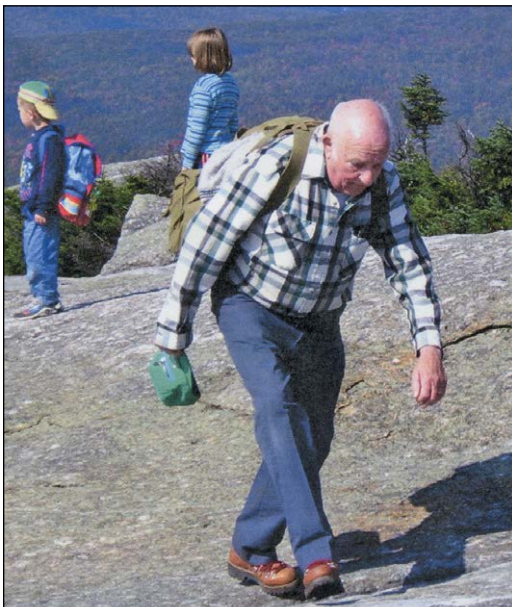
Salaries & Wages 2020: All salaries and wages include 3% cost of living (COL) increase. Asst. Clerk's position increasing from 12 to 14 hours per week. Treasurer's office adding a new position for Asst. at 15 hours per week due to increased workload.

Auditor's Expense 2020: Increased for the entire expense of the professional review to be performed by outside auditors, and was previously partially funded through the Capital Budget.

Computer & Internet Expense 2020: Includes IT contract, software licensing and support, IT replacement, increase in operating budget as no longer part of Capital Budget.

Equipment Maintenance/Contracts 2020: Includes contract maintenance for copiers only. Previous years also included some software, which is now all under Computer & Internet Expense.

Loans 2020: Now included as part of Capital Budget.



Russ, 70 years young, on his last hike up Mt. Cardigan with Samuel Morey students and Tracy Martel – September 2002.

General Fund – Department Budgets

CEMETERY

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Revenues				
Sale of Lots (60%)	\$ 360.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ –	\$ –
Interest Income – Fund	–	–	–	–
Interest Income – CD	–	–	–	–
Total Revenues	<u>360.00</u>	<u>1,260.00</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
Expenses				
Cornerstones	145.00	300.00	150.00	150.00
Monument Repair/Maintenance	–	639.85	1,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance	39.75	26.25	35.00	25.00
Water	602.22	632.92	710.00	710.00
Contracted Services	14,910.00	8,800.00	9,075.00	9,075.00
Flag Expense	297.65	–	300.00	300.00
Association Dues	–	–	25.00	–
Misc. Expense	25.00	19.07	100.00	100.00
Total Expenses	<u>16,019.62</u>	<u>10,418.09</u>	<u>11,395.00</u>	<u>11,360.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (15,659.62)</u>	<u>\$ (9,158.09)</u>	<u>\$ (11,395.00)</u>	<u>\$ (11,360.00)</u>



Former facilities director, George Smith (center) and assistant, Gary Collins (right) present Russ with a “Thank you” plaque for his service to the children of Samuel Morey Elementary School.



Russ waiting to present the first “Russ Smith Award for Community Service” in June 2000 to graduating 8th grader, Nicole Ordway, at Fairlee Elementary School. This award continues to be presented each year to Fairlee students attending Rivendell Academy.

General Fund – Department Budgets

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Revenues				
Misc. Income	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Total Revenues	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Expenses				
American Red Cross	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
The Mentoring Project	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Capstone Community Action	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Central Vermont Adult Basic Ed, Inc.	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
CVCOA	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Clara Martin Center	1,545.00	1,545.00	1,545.00	1,545.00
Cohase Chamber of Commerce	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Little Rivers Health Care	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Lake Fairlee Assoc. Milfoil	5,250.00	5,250.00	5,250.00	5,250.00
Orange County Diversion Program	200.00	200.00	200.00	350.00
Orange East Senior Center	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	3,000.00
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Rivendell Trails Association	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
Rivendell Rec Association	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Safeline	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
Stagecoach Transportation	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Vermont. Assoc. for the Blind & Vis. Impaired	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	155.00	155.00	155.00	155.00
Vermont Family Network	—	—	—	250.00
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
VNA/Hospice	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Total Expenses	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,500.00</u>	<u>25,500.00</u>	<u>26,700.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (25,000.00)</u>	<u>\$ (25,500.00)</u>	<u>\$ (25,500.00)</u>	<u>\$ (26,700.00)</u>

Notes:

Orange County Diversion Program: Requested increase.

Orange East Senior Center: Requested increase.

Vermont Family Network: New request

(The Public Health Council of the Upper Valley submitted a new request for 2020, but was denied due to budget increases.)

General Fund – Department Budgets

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BUILDINGS

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Revenues				
Emergency Building Rent	\$ 24,120.00	\$ 24,120.00	\$ 24,120.00	\$ 24,120.00
Total Revenues	<u>24,120.00</u>	<u>24,120.00</u>	<u>24,120.00</u>	<u>24,120.00</u>
Expenses				
Equipment – Repair	357.57	–	400.00	1,500.00
Building Repairs	1,161.84	1,254.66	8,000.00	10,000.00
Building Repairs – Old Fire Station	–	3,250.00	1,800.00	–
Contracted Services	911.50	828.54	1,000.00	800.00
Upper Valley Ambulance	42,011.00	42,988.00	43,428.00	43,428.00
Insurance	2,874.78	2,889.38	3,074.88	2,846.20
Electric	5,536.05	5,789.60	5,200.00	5,800.00
Fuel	4,655.88	4,631.62	5,000.00	5,000.00
Water	429.74	451.25	500.00	500.00
Rubbish	1,248.00	1,248.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Septic Pumping	–	375.00	600.00	–
Total Expenses	<u>59,186.36</u>	<u>63,706.05</u>	<u>70,252.88</u>	<u>71,124.20</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (35,066.36)</u>	<u>\$ (39,586.05)</u>	<u>\$ (46,132.88)</u>	<u>\$ (47,004.20)</u>

Notes:

Building Repairs 2020: Repairs to window sashes, ventilation system, and ceilings in bays.

Contracted Services 2020: Furnace maintenance (\$500) and generator maintenance (\$400).



General Fund – Department Budgets

FIRE & RESCUE

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Revenues				
Misc. Income	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Total Revenues	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages – Fire	5,505.00	5,880.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Salaries & Wages – FAST	1,290.00	2,185.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Salaries & Wages – Forestry	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	481.60	485.03	1,013.50	1,013.63
Advertising/Recruitment	—	—	—	500.00
Supplies – Fire	814.18	45.93	1,250.00	1,250.00
Supplies – FAST	243.01	1,838.55	3,000.00	3,000.00
Office Supplies	68.95	62.00	100.00	100.00
Training – Fire	635.45	914.70	1,000.00	1,000.00
Training – FAST	—	—	1,500.00	1,500.00
Computer/Internet	1,636.19	2,592.87	1,659.00	2,038.00
Equipment – New Fire/Forestry	18,239.53	13,447.11	13,000.00	13,500.00
Equipment – New FAST	294.63	450.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Equipment – Repair/Maintenance	337.00	3,452.50	5,000.00	5,000.00
Vehicle Operation/Maintenance	4,934.03	2,175.93	5,500.00	5,500.00
Insurance – Fire	9,518.57	8,990.84	9,796.55	9,610.78
Insurance – FAST	1,951.15	1,929.28	1,969.57	1,928.02
Telephone & Dispatch	9,583.54	6,286.33	11,724.00	11,724.00
Total Expenses	<u>55,782.83</u>	<u>50,986.07</u>	<u>72,262.62</u>	<u>73,414.43</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (55,782.83)</u>	<u>\$ (50,986.07)</u>	<u>\$ (72,262.62)</u>	<u>\$ (73,414.43)</u>

Notes:

Telephone & Dispatch 2019: Due to new billing system, only billed new fee structure for half the year.

*Forestry now included in Fire & Rescue budget.

General Fund – Department Budgets

HIGHWAY	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
Revenues				
State Highway Funds	\$ 40,241.35	\$ 40,601.60	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 41,000.00
Grant Income – Misc.	13,844.94	26,122.19	29,416.00	–
Grant Income – Better Roads (MR Hwy)	–	–	–	6,710.00
Grant Income – Better Roads (LMR)	–	–	–	9,600.00
Misc. Income	305.00	410.00	–	–
Total Revenues	<u>54,391.29</u>	<u>67,133.79</u>	<u>69,416.00</u>	<u>57,310.00</u>
Expenses				
Winter Roads	125,817.15	131,497.50	97,000.00	125,000.00
Sand/Salt/Aggregate	32,770.74	37,475.79	28,000.00	32,000.00
Summer Rd – Resurfacing	2,556.27	23,831.80	20,000.00	20,000.00
Summer Rd – Maintenance	22,785.00	41,410.75	30,000.00	30,000.00
Summer Rd – Ditching	2,210.00	4,680.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
Summer Rd – Mowing	6,375.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Summer Rd – Culvert Maintenance	614.42	8,684.38	10,000.00	7,600.00
Tree Removal/Trimming ROW	4,550.00	6,838.20	7,000.00	7,000.00
Guardrail – Maintenance & Repair	–	–	7,000.00	7,000.00
Street Signs – Maintenance & Repair	187.91	319.80	750.00	750.00
Summer Rd – Sweeping	1,100.00	2,030.00	1,200.00	2,000.00
Street Lighting	7,164.29	6,996.93	7,500.00	7,500.00
Special Projects	–	1,628.41	5,000.00	4,900.00
Municipal Roads General Permit	1,140.00	–	1,800.00	1,800.00
Highway Advertising	–	35.75	400.00	200.00
Insurance	335.50	220.50	294.00	199.00
Grant Expense – Better Roads (MR Hwy)	1,174.16	11,803.96	–	8,388.00
Grant Expense – Better Roads (LMR)	–	–	–	12,000.00
Misc. Expense	–	–	–	–
Total Expenses	<u>208,780.44</u>	<u>284,453.77</u>	<u>232,944.00</u>	<u>278,337.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (154,389.15)</u>	<u>\$ (217,319.98)</u>	<u>\$ (163,528.00)</u>	<u>\$ (221,027.00)</u>

Notes:

Grant Income/Expense – Better Roads (MR Hwy) 2020: VT Better Roads grant applied for to do ditching on Maurice Roberts Highway.

Grant Income/Expense – Better Roads (LMR) 2020: VT Better Roads grant applied for to replace culverts near girls' camp on Lake Morey Road.

General Fund – Department Budgets

LIBRARY	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Revenues				
Book Income	\$ 11.74	\$ 29.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Program Income	82.05	145.05	50.00	50.00
Computer Income	358.31	274.40	200.00	200.00
Copier Income	117.80	136.40	100.00	100.00
Postage Income	120.92	347.96	200.00	200.00
Grant Income	200.00	650.00	200.00	200.00
Total Revenues	<u>890.82</u>	<u>1,583.31</u>	<u>800.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages – Librarian	35,395.27	37,946.09	36,499.08	37,583.00
Salaries & Wages – Sub. Salary	808.25	911.57	1,201.55	1,238.00
Salaries & Wages – Cleaning	2,464.18	2,534.48	2,813.51	2,898.00
Salaries & Wages – Seasonal Asst.	1,238.86	718.69	1,374.01	1,416.00
Salaries & Wages – Grounds	868.68	903.11	845.00	871.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	3,119.23	3,290.66	3,269.09	3,429.50
Automation System Maintenance	546.22	894.34	896.24	600.00
Books	3,930.61	4,125.68	4,000.00	4,000.00
Books – Juvenile	1,758.58	2,832.78	2,800.00	2,800.00
Media (DVD's, audio books etc.)	1,337.24	1,287.65	1,400.00	1,400.00
Subscriptions	463.59	373.31	460.00	460.00
Inter-Library Loan for Lost Books	–	–	50.00	50.00
Audio/Visual Co-ops	492.68	449.84	595.00	595.00
Prizes	167.43	193.19	175.00	175.00
Programs	1,370.47	1,569.96	1,400.00	1,400.00
Public Relations	62.40	75.00	75.00	75.00
Computer Expense	3,763.17	3,952.84	4,000.00	4,000.00
Copier Expense	191.19	200.77	250.00	250.00
Annual Cleaning Expense	495.00	495.00	550.00	550.00
Postage	885.45	976.32	1,000.00	1,000.00
Supplies	793.55	825.68	800.00	800.00
Custodial Supplies	350.00	304.10	350.00	350.00
Conf., Dues & Workshops	209.12	920.68	800.00	500.00
Equipment – New	1,434.13	741.29	750.00	675.00
Equipment – Repair/Maintenance	216.90	455.18	500.00	425.00
Building Repairs	2,678.00	2,524.34	3,500.00	2,500.00
Mileage	541.86	907.64	450.00	550.00
Insurance–Contents/Building	3,612.50	2,662.50	3,550.00	2,685.00
Health/Dental/Eye Insurance	9,614.42	9,936.60	9,929.28	11,303.16
Retirement	–	–	–	1,879.00
Telephone	389.15	294.72	400.00	400.00
Computer Telephone	1,847.88	1,847.88	1,848.00	1,848.00
Electric	2,471.43	2,192.43	2,600.00	2,500.00
Security	288.00	288.00	288.00	288.00
Fuel	2,010.47	1,790.63	2,500.00	2,400.00
Water	429.74	451.25	500.00	500.00
Septic	–	890.00	900.00	–
Total Expenses	<u>86,245.65</u>	<u>90,764.20</u>	<u>93,318.76</u>	<u>94,393.66</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (85,354.83)</u>	<u>\$ (89,180.89)</u>	<u>\$ (92,518.76)</u>	<u>\$ (93,593.66)</u>

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2020: All salaries and wages include 3% COL increase.

General Fund – Department Budgets

LISTERS	2018 <u>Actual</u>	2019 <u>Actual</u>	2019 <u>Budget</u>	2020 <u>Budget</u>
Revenues				
State of Vermont – Current Use	\$ 68,249.00	\$ 71,888.00	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 71,000.00
State of Vermont – PILOT	667.13	537.60	538.00	538.00
Transfer from Reappraisal Reserve Fund	–	–	–	50,500.00
Total Revenues	<u>68,916.13</u>	<u>72,425.60</u>	<u>68,538.00</u>	<u>122,038.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	29,242.13	34,101.90	33,753.00	49,689.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	2,351.77	2,728.04	2,582.10	3,801.21
Map Maintenance	2,550.00	2,650.00	2,806.00	2,700.00
User Assoc. Fees	60.00	160.00	140.00	160.00
CAMA/MICROSOLVE	716.50	465.00	715.00	965.00
Reappraisal Contract	–	–	–	35,000.00
Postage	184.27	24.44	–	200.00
Supplies	–	9.98	150.00	250.00
Mileage	320.78	385.70	500.00	500.00
Telephone	283.13	–	–	200.00
Professional Fees	1,250.00	–	1,000.00	1,000.00
Misc. Expense	80.00	–	100.00	100.00
Total Expenses	<u>37,038.58</u>	<u>40,525.06</u>	<u>41,746.10</u>	<u>94,565.21</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ 31,877.55</u>	<u>\$ 31,900.54</u>	<u>\$ 26,791.90</u>	<u>\$ 27,472.79</u>

Notes:

Transfer from Reappraisal Reserve Fund 2020: All expenses related to the reappraisal (extra 15 hours per week, contract with VT Appraisal Co., postage, supplies, and telephone) will be covered by the transfer of funds from the Reappraisal Reserve Fund #53. Reappraisal will continue into 2021.

Salaries & Wages 2020: Includes 3% COL increase.



*Fairlee/Orford
Bridge Rededication – 2003*

General Fund – Department Budgets

MILFOIL	2018 <u>Actual</u>	2019 <u>Actual</u>	2019 <u>Budget</u>	2020 <u>Budget</u>
Revenues				
Grant Inc – State of VT	\$ 18,769.00	\$ –	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 22,000.00
Grant Inc – State of VT (Previous Yr.)	–	–	–	22,582.00
Misc. Income – In-kind	27,620.00	22,434.00	27,738.00	27,600.00
Misc. Income – Donations	4,979.40	30,424.25	38,270.00	5,000.00
Total Revenues	<u>51,368.40</u>	<u>52,858.25</u>	<u>94,508.00</u>	<u>77,182.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages – Boat Greeter	7,626.00	11,180.00	9,290.00	10,000.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	583.40	855.25	710.00	765.00
In-kind Expense	27,620.00	22,434.00	27,738.00	27,600.00
Gasoline/Oil	33.35	60.41	100.00	60.00
Contractual	21,500.00	59,574.00	78,000.00	25,000.00
Equipment – Repair/Maintenance	170.00	49.00	400.00	100.00
Equipment – Storage	725.75	775.45	750.00	800.00
Insurance	528.75	866.25	1,155.00	1,037.00
Misc. Expense	148.90	492.74	120.00	150.00
Misc. Expense – TA Salary	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,750.00
Total Expenses	<u>60,636.15</u>	<u>97,987.10</u>	<u>119,963.00</u>	<u>67,262.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (9,267.75)</u>	<u>\$ (45,128.85)</u>	<u>\$ (25,455.00)</u>	<u>\$ 9,920.00</u>

Notes:

Grant Inc – State of VT (Previous Yr.): Grant income from 2019 was not received until January 2020.

Contractual 2020: Annual milfoil harvesting (no treatment) and SOLitude Lake Management reports, which are offset 25% by grant.



Postage cancellations for both Fairlee and Orford commemorating the rededication of the Fairlee/Orford Bridge – 2003.

General Fund – Department Budgets

OTHER	2018 <u>Actual</u>	2019 <u>Actual</u>	2019 <u>Budget</u>	2020 <u>Budget</u>
Revenues				
Misc Income	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Total Revenues	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Expenses				
Board of Civil Authority	113.04	35.61	500.00	500.00
Elections	3,211.85	990.46	1,000.00	3,000.00
County Tax	47,344.63	55,260.52	53,000.00	58,000.00
Memorial Day/July 4th	1,904.57	1,584.99	2,000.00	2,000.00
Land Records Restoration	350.00	297.60	1,000.00	500.00
Fireworks	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	6,000.00
Emergency Management	377.50	31.32	1,000.00	500.00
Lake Fairlee Dam	2,031.50	—	—	—
Total Expenses	<u>60,833.09</u>	<u>63,700.50</u>	<u>64,000.00</u>	<u>70,500.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (60,833.09)</u>	<u>\$ (63,700.50)</u>	<u>\$ (64,000.00)</u>	<u>\$ (70,500.00)</u>

Notes:

Elections 2020: Increased due to three elections not counting Town elections this year. They are the Presidential Primary, August Primary, and the General Election. Additional funds needed for programming tabulator cards. Town elections are Town Meeting and the Town Plan vote.



*Ada Ross, right, during the presentation of the “Cane for Oldest Fairlee Resident”
at the Fairlee 250th Celebration – July 2011.*

General Fund – Department Budgets

POLICE	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
Revenues				
Fines & Fees	\$ 1,730.50	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Grant Income	1,970.00	–	–	2,000.00
Total Revenues	<u>3,700.50</u>	<u>1,035.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	10,292.22	10,951.15	12,000.00	12,000.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	799.23	849.66	918.00	918.00
Subcontractors	13,496.50	13,847.00	18,300.00	18,300.00
Uniforms	–	263.50	150.00	150.00
Grant Expense	4,350.00	–	–	2,000.00
Postage	0.46	–	–	–
Supplies/Forms	99.49	86.00	100.00	100.00
Training	70.00	65.00	150.00	150.00
Computer/Internet	491.47	1,047.07	500.00	750.00
Equipment/Fees	384.25	7,864.70	2,000.00	1,000.00
Mileage	122.63	–	100.00	–
Vehicle Expense	1,941.31	1,048.92	2,000.00	1,500.00
Insurance	6,395.25	3,621.75	4,829.00	3,507.00
Dispatch PD	3,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Animal Control	155.00	350.35	500.00	500.00
Total Expenses	<u>41,597.81</u>	<u>43,495.10</u>	<u>45,047.00</u>	<u>44,375.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (37,897.31)</u>	<u>\$ (42,460.10)</u>	<u>\$ (43,047.00)</u>	<u>\$ (41,375.00)</u>

Notes:

Grant Income/Expense 2020: Grant being applied for to get an in-cruiser printer ticket system.

Salaries & Wages 2020: Increase to \$25.00 per hour (bringing hourly rate to within average range of Patrol Officer salaries in Vermont).

Subcontractors 2020: Orange County Sheriff's Dept. contract will be level funded and patrols will be between 7 AM to 7 PM.

General Fund – Department Budgets

RAILROAD STATION

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Revenues				
Grant Income	\$ 500.00	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 6,242.00
Railroad Station Rent	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
Total Revenues	<u>5,700.00</u>	<u>5,200.00</u>	<u>5,200.00</u>	<u>11,442.00</u>
Expenses				
Grant Expense	1,200.00	–	–	6,242.00
Insurance	2,271.50	1,471.50	1,962.00	1,319.00
Electric	463.39	546.70	560.00	600.00
In-kind Expense	374.22	–	–	–
Property Improvement/Maintenance	–	293.17	500.00	500.00
Water	613.03	392.92	500.00	425.00
Contracted Services	–	1,130.00	625.00	1,200.00
Transfer Income to RR Fund	777.86	1,365.71	1,053.00	1,156.00
Total Expenses	<u>5,700.00</u>	<u>5,200.00</u>	<u>5,200.00</u>	<u>11,442.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ –</u>

Notes:

Grant Income/Expense 2020: Grant anticipated for EV charger installation with electrical hook-up.



Russ and his preschool friends at Samuel Morey School – 2014.

General Fund – Department Budgets

RECREATION COUNCIL

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Revenues				
Swim Lesson Fees	\$ 495.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00
Swim Lesson Fees – Non-Resident	105.00	780.00	400.00	800.00
Beach Pass – Resident	1,882.50	802.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
Beach Pass – Non-Resident	45.00	1,080.00	800.00	800.00
Beach Pass – Day	55.00	205.00	–	200.00
Grant Income	–	–	–	4,000.00
Total Revenues	<u>2,582.50</u>	<u>3,367.50</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>7,300.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages – Beach Staff	2,123.00	9,553.75	7,500.00	9,600.00
Salaries & Wages – Beach Manager	3,815.00	4,155.00	5,500.00	5,000.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	454.22	1,048.75	995.00	1,116.90
Red Cross	–	2,047.50	1,000.00	500.00
Beach – Operations/Maintenance	1,607.86	1,372.43	1,000.00	1,250.00
Beach – Buildings/Grounds	535.92	26.45	1,000.00	2,000.00
Special Activities	1,147.62	573.47	1,000.00	1,250.00
Advertising	656.99	200.20	700.00	–
Postage	–	–	25.00	–
Equipment – New	196.07	388.84	275.00	5,000.00
Insurance	2,139.25	1,068.75	1,425.00	1,241.00
Telephone	373.32	287.30	375.00	300.00
Electric	252.55	263.37	300.00	300.00
Water	582.22	792.90	650.00	850.00
Misc. Expense	170.00	50.00	–	–
Total Expenses	<u>14,054.02</u>	<u>21,828.71</u>	<u>21,745.00</u>	<u>28,407.90</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (11,471.52)</u>	<u>\$ (18,461.21)</u>	<u>\$ (18,745.00)</u>	<u>\$ (21,107.90)</u>

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2020: Changed in 2020 to reflect actual wages paid in 2019. Overbudget in 2019 due to Beach being fully staffed for the first time in several years.

Red Cross 2020: Reimbursement went to lifeguards for certification, as promised upon hiring.

General Fund – Department Budgets

TOWN HALL & PARKS

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Revenues				
Town Common Rent	\$ —	\$ 475.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Town Hall Rent	200.00	800.00	500.00	1,000.00
Vendor Permit Fees	—	80.00	—	—
Grant Income – Misc.	—	250.00	—	—
Grant Income – Comm. Arts	—	13,500.00	13,500.00	—
Misc. Income – Donation	—	16,296.85	13,500.00	—
Misc. Income	50.00	—	—	—
Total Revenues	<u>250.00</u>	<u>31,401.85</u>	<u>27,700.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	4,447.58	7,837.89	5,500.00	8,000.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	340.23	599.59	420.75	612.00
Parks	691.41	1,781.18	1,000.00	1,000.00
Grant Expense	—	29,608.21	27,000.00	—
Custodial Supplies	1,291.39	727.67	1,500.00	1,500.00
Equipment – New	711.89	903.00	1,500.00	2,500.00
Equipment – Repair	—	411.56	250.00	250.00
Building Repairs, Maint. & Improv.	1,909.27	14,322.23	14,000.00	14,000.00
Town Hall Renovations	17,422.51	—	—	—
Insurance	7,167.00	4,962.00	6,616.00	5,946.00
Electric	6,813.60	13,922.93	5,000.00	12,000.00
Heating Fuel/Propane	4,810.69	1,143.73	5,000.00	2,000.00
Rubbish Removal	—	637.50	650.00	650.00
Water	745.83	827.01	825.00	870.00
Septic Pumping	—	425.00	—	425.00
Contracted Services	15,996.46	15,129.97	17,025.00	17,025.00
Total Expenses	<u>62,347.86</u>	<u>93,239.47</u>	<u>86,286.75</u>	<u>66,778.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (62,097.86)</u>	<u>\$ (61,837.62)</u>	<u>\$ (58,586.75)</u>	<u>\$ (65,578.00)</u>

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2019/2020: Overbudget in 2019 due to additional time required for cleaning from increased traffic in the building some of which is offset by Town Hall Rent above. Increased staff hours per week for 2020 and a 3% COL increase.

Equipment New 2020: Increased to purchase new stove.

Building Repairs & Maint. 2020: Floors refinished in foyer, grange room, and kitchen, water filters, plus normal repairs.

Contracted Services 2020: Mowing contract for all properties (except pump house), elevator maintenance, HVAC maintenance, fire sprinkler maintenance, rug cleaning, and water filtration machine.

General Fund – Department Budgets

TRASH & RECYCLING

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Revenues				
Trash Income – T & R	\$ 35.00	\$ 5.00	\$ –	\$ –
Dump Pass	892.50	807.50	700.00	700.00
Scrap Metal	1,317.03	1,066.29	900.00	900.00
Aluminum	123.50	181.00	125.00	150.00
Grant Income – Waste Mgmt.	–	402.00	–	–
Grant Income – CVSWD	–	1,014.00	5,000.00	–
Grant Income – Green Up	–	214.15	–	200.00
Total Revenues	<u>2,368.03</u>	<u>3,689.94</u>	<u>6,725.00</u>	<u>1,950.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	4,875.34	5,096.03	6,872.00	7,078.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	372.84	389.90	525.71	541.47
Recycling	15,996.00	15,996.00	15,996.00	15,996.00
Facility Maintenance	1,565.06	526.79	2,000.00	2,000.00
Metal Dump	100.00	355.00	100.00	350.00
Brush Dump	170.00	–	500.00	5,000.00
Membership Fee – CVSWD	987.00	987.00	987.00	980.00
Composting	276.00	1,210.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Green-Up Expense	–	–	200.00	200.00
Workers Comp. Ins.	1,133.75	788.25	1,051.00	1,055.00
Grant Expense Waste Mgmt.	–	569.00	–	–
Contracted Services	–	–	625.00	625.00
Total Expenses	<u>25,475.99</u>	<u>25,917.97</u>	<u>30,056.71</u>	<u>35,025.47</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (23,107.96)</u>	<u>\$ (22,228.03)</u>	<u>\$ (23,331.71)</u>	<u>\$ (33,075.47)</u>

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2020: Increased hours to add greeter program on Saturday mornings, and a 3% COL increase.

Brush Dump 2020: Increased for annual grinding of brush dump due to no longer being able to burn debris piles.

General Fund – Department Budgets

TRI-TOWN COMMISSION

(Fairlee's 34%)

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Revenues				
Misc. Income	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Total Revenues	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Expenses				
Stipend – Maint.	170.00	—	170.00	340.00
Stipend – Treasurer	136.00	—	136.00	272.00
VLCT Dues	290.36	299.88	297.50	299.88
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	680.00	391.00	408.00	425.00
State of VT Fee	136.00	68.00	68.00	68.00
Other Misc. Exp	—	—	170.00	—
Total Expenses	<u>1,412.36</u>	<u>758.88</u>	<u>1,249.50</u>	<u>1,404.88</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (1,412.36)</u>	<u>\$ (758.88)</u>	<u>\$ (1,249.50)</u>	<u>\$ (1,404.88)</u>



Russ with his friend, Adam Stewart, at the reception in the Grange Room celebrating Russ' Boy Scout Beaver Award – the highest award given to a boy scout volunteer.

General Fund – Department Budgets

ZONING	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
Revenues				
ZA Permit Fees	\$ 3,181.15	\$ 2,682.60	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Grant Income – Park and Ride @ RR	27,200.00	–	–	30,000.00
Grant Income – Planning Grant	4,760.00	2,040.00	–	–
Grant Income – Better Connections	–	1,781.82	54,000.00	94,051.51
Total Revenues	<u>35,141.15</u>	<u>6,504.42</u>	<u>57,500.00</u>	<u>127,551.51</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages – Planner/ZA	33,415.73	36,384.69	35,010.00	35,552.40
Salaries & Wages – E911 Coordinator	179.21	304.89	500.00	250.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	2,562.20	2,806.69	2,716.52	2,738.88
ESRI Software Update	400.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Regional Planning Commission	1,417.00	1,456.00	1,456.00	1,495.00
Green Mtn Economic Development	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
VCDA Membership Dues	–	–	50.00	50.00
Grant Expense – Park and Ride @ RR	6,643.89	–	–	30,000.00
Grant Expense – Planning Grant	2,978.19	3,821.81	–	–
Grant Expense – Better Connections	–	2,059.58	60,000.00	100,797.20
Better Connections Non-reimbursable Exp.	–	–	–	3,000.00
Town Plan – Consultant	–	8,500.00	8,500.00	–
Advertising	185.57	468.76	500.00	500.00
Postage	74.60	–	–	–
Supplies	180.09	389.85	750.00	500.00
Equipment	–	–	200.00	200.00
Training/Mileage	1,130.68	1,019.26	1,000.00	1,000.00
Telephone	283.13	–	–	–
Professional Fees	50.00	50.00	500.00	500.00
Total Expenses	<u>50,500.29</u>	<u>58,561.53</u>	<u>112,482.52</u>	<u>177,883.48</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (15,359.14)</u>	<u>\$ (52,057.11)</u>	<u>\$ (54,982.52)</u>	<u>\$ (50,331.97)</u>

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2020: Includes 3% COL increase.

Grant Income/Expense – Better Connections 2020: Amounts remaining on Better Connections (Route 5 Corridor) grant.

Better Connections Nonreimbursable Expense: To cover expenses not allowed under grant.

General Fund – Department Budgets

WATER	2018 <u>Actual</u>	2019 <u>Actual</u>	2019 <u>Budget</u>	2020 <u>Budget</u>
Revenues				
Annual Water Rent	\$ 118,380.21	\$ 132,125.69	\$ 126,434.18	\$ 132,755.89
Metered Water Rent	23,810.67	17,908.99	11,093.70	11,648.39
Seasonal Water Rent	17,309.20	14,273.80	18,090.67	18,995.20
Late Fees	578.78	836.45	500.00	500.00
Misc. Income	–	(5.46)	–	–
Town Portion of Loan Payment	17,879.00	17,879.00	17,879.00	–
USDA Anticipation Loan Proceeds	981,037.53	278,409.09	–	–
Litigation Settlement	–	900,000.00	–	–
Litigation Loan Proceeds	300,000.00	–	–	–
Total Revenues	1,458,995.39	1,361,427.56	173,997.55	163,899.48
Less Town Portion of Loan Payment	17,879.00	17,879.00	17,879.00	–
Less Water Users Portion of Loan Payment	34,108.04	34,108.04	34,108.00	–
Total Revenues for Operating	<u>1,407,008.35</u>	<u>1,309,440.52</u>	<u>122,010.55</u>	<u>163,899.48</u>



Celebrating 86 years young with friend, Grace Bagley.

General Fund – Department Budgets

WATER	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 10,441.50	\$ 9,098.66	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	795.65	691.28	918.00	918.00
Advertising	41.40	60.78	250.00	250.00
Discounts Allowed	3,727.67	3,876.79	3,800.00	3,800.00
Dues and Subscriptions	265.00	350.00	300.00	375.00
Insurance	3,289.00	2,394.00	3,192.00	2,603.00
Mileage/Travel Reimb	613.61	629.18	500.00	750.00
Office Supplies	60.95	2,072.50	100.00	100.00
Postage	245.29	250.00	200.00	300.00
Professional Fees	–	–	–	5,000.00
Professional Fees – Water Tank	–	3,132.75	6,000.00	–
Professional Fees – USDA	884,119.09	378,781.21	–	–
Professional Fees – Litigation	317,246.71	695,837.51	–	–
Pump House Repairs & Maintenance	12,544.15	32,160.36	33,000.00	25,000.00
Water Lines Repair & Maintenance	18,561.17	3,469.24	17,000.00	17,000.00
Special Projects	9,146.19	414.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Gate Valve/Hydrants	103.50	2,938.78	5,000.00	5,000.00
State of Vermont	1,031.87	888.19	1,000.00	1,000.00
Telephone	1,437.33	1,578.35	1,500.00	1,500.00
Training	64.00	173.47	200.00	200.00
Treasurer/TA Salary	4,571.00	4,837.00	4,837.00	4,982.00
Testing Water/Well Head	1,333.00	1,905.00	1,500.00	2,500.00
Electric	8,412.70	7,535.03	8,500.00	8,500.00
Propane	410.55	685.19	500.00	750.00
Other Expenses	(332.93)	(291.31)	–	–
Interest Expense – Litigation Loan	–	–	3,000.00	–
Water Bond Payment – Peoples Bank	51,987.04	51,987.04	51,987.00	–
Total Expenses	1,330,115.44	1,205,455.00	166,284.00	103,528.00
Less Water Bond Payment	51,987.04	51,987.04	51,987.00	–
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,278,128.40</u>	<u>1,153,467.96</u>	<u>114,297.00</u>	<u>103,528.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ 128,879.95</u>	<u>\$ 155,972.56</u>	<u>\$ 7,713.55</u>	<u>\$ 60,371.48</u>

Notes:

Water rents are based on a 5% increase in water rates.

No Water Bond payment is due in 2020 since it was paid off with the litigation settlement in 2019.

The net revenue will be used to increase the Fund Balance to be used for future projects.

Capital Budget

TOWN BUILDINGS AND LANDS RESERVE

	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 109,156.13	\$ 162,006.09
RECEIPTS:		
Annual Appropriation	89,949.00	40,000.00
Debt Service Appropriation	—	56,573.00
Additional funding	—	8,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>199,105.13</u>	<u>266,579.09</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Town Hall windows		28,000
RR Station – sills & renovation		8,000
Town Hall – generator		40,000
Transfer Station pole barn		80,000
EMS facility		10,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>37,099.04</u>	<u>166,000</u>
Debt – Town Hall	—	56,573
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND DEBT	<u>37,099.04</u>	<u>222,573</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 162,006.09</u>	<u>\$ 44,006.09</u>

Notes:

Town Hall windows: Replace windows in the first floor of the Town Hall

RR Station – sills & renovation: Additional funds to be used from the Railroad Station Reserve fund to correct drainage issue.

Town Hall – generator: Purchase and install generator at the Town Hall.

Transfer Station pole barn: Build Maintenance shed with trusses from water tank.

EMS Facility: Repair exhaust evacuation system.

Reserve fund established in 2019. Based on the 10-year Capital Plan for major repairs, upgrades and expansion of all Town buildings and lands. Normal repairs and maintenance are budgeted in the General Fund.

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT RESERVE

	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$150,179.00	\$162,679.00
RECEIPTS:		
Annual Appropriation	12,500.00	10,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>162,679.00</u>	<u>172,679.00</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Police Cruiser		25,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>—</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Debt – Emergency Equipment	—	—
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND DEBT	<u>—</u>	<u>25,000</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 162,679.00</u>	<u>\$ 147,679.00</u>

Notes:

Police Cruiser: Purchase gently used cruiser as current cruiser is rusting out, begin 5-year replacement plan.

Reserve fund established in 2019. Based on the 10-year Capital Plan for major purchases or repairs for the Emergency Services.

Capital Budget

TOWN HIGHWAY RESERVE

	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 204,014.04	\$ 179,282.75
RECEIPTS:		
Annual Appropriation	75,656.00	90,000.00
Grant	130,727.80	227,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>410,397.84</u>	<u>496,282.75</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Lake Morey Road		332,189
General Paving		53,000
Culverts/bridges/structures		65,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	231,115.09	450,189
Debt – Highway	–	–
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND DEBT	<u>231,115.09</u>	<u>450,189</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 179,282.75</u>	<u>\$ 46,093.75</u>

Notes:

Lake Morey Road: Class 2 grant of \$175,000 in 2020 to continue working on Lake Morey Road East. Total project cost \$332,189.

General Paving: Based on yearly paving schedule.

Culverts/bridges/structures: Better Roads grant of \$52,000 in 2020 for Lake Morey Hylander culvert project. Total project cost \$65,000.

Reserve fund established in 2019. Based on the 10-year Capital Plan for any major repairs or upgrades of all Town highways. Normal repairs and maintenance are budgeted in the Highway General Fund.

LAKE RESERVE

	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 29,786.00	\$ 31,799.82
RECEIPTS:		
Annual Appropriation	3,000.00	7,500.00
Debt Service Appropriation	–	21,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>32,786.00</u>	<u>60,299.82</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Beach House Roof		9,500
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	986.18	9,500
Debt - Lake Fairlee Dam	–	21,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND DEBT	<u>986.18</u>	<u>30,500</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 31,799.82</u>	<u>\$ 29,799.82</u>

Notes:

Beach House Roof: Replace roof on beach house.

Reserve fund established in 2019. Based on the 10-year Capital Plan for major improvements to the lakes and lakes properties.

WATER SYSTEM RESERVE

NO ACTIVITY IN THIS RESERVE ACCOUNT

Reserve fund established in 2019. Based on the 10-year Capital Plan for major improvements to the lakes and lakes properties.

TOTAL ALL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

TOTAL ALL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 535,767.66</u>	<u>\$ 267,578.66</u>
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Please note: 2019 was a transition year from the old forming of the Capital Budget to the new. The detail above is based on the 10-year plan beginning in 2020, which can be viewed in its entirety on the website or by picking up a hardcopy at the Town offices. Copies will also be available at Town Meeting.

Town of Fairlee

Combined Statement of Assets, Liability and Fund Balances

	(CORRECTED) December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
General Fund Checking – Merchants	\$ 180,009.83	\$ 338,858.34
General Fund Checking – Union Bank	1,719,069.66	1,836,042.15
USDA Water Checking – Union Bank	6.72	–
Petty Cash	50.00	50.00
Prepaid Expense	40.64	–
Due to/From	(1,183,150.85)	(1,368,493.32)
Total Current Assets	<u>716,026.00</u>	<u>806,457.17</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 716,026.00</u>	 <u>\$ 806,457.17</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Current Liabilities		
Due to School	\$ 499,506.00	\$ 510,223.60
Due to State for School	163,232.57*	330,839.85
Prepaid Property Taxes	16.14	19.44
Security Deposits	400.00	400.00
FWT Payable	–	–
Social Security Payable	–	–
Medicare Payable	–	–
State W/H Payable	–	–
Health Insurance Payable	53.75	662.74
457(b) Empower Payable	(70.00)	–
State Lic Fees – Marriage	–	5.00
State Lic Fees – Dogs	15.00	–
State Lic Fees – Hunt/Fish	150.00	–
Total Current Liabilities	<u>663,303.46</u>	<u>842,150.63</u>
 Fund Balances		
Fund Balances – Prior Years	(28,334.58)*	52,722.54
Fund Balances – Current Year	81,057.12*	(88,416.00)
Total Fund Balances	52,722.54	(35,693.46)
 Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	 <u>\$ 716,026.00</u>	 <u>\$ 806,457.17</u>

2018 numbers changed due to a professional audit performed by Fothergill Segale & Valley CPAs in June of 2019 for the calendar year 2018. All asset, liabilities and fund balances were audited and adjusted accordingly to reconcile the Town's fund balance.

* indicates numbers changed from last year's Town Report.

Fairlee Water Department

Combined Statement of Assets, Liability and Fund Balances

	<u>December 31, 2018</u>	<u>December 31, 2019</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Due from Town	\$ 246,646.91	\$ 402,619.47
Total Current Assets	<u>246,646.91</u>	<u>402,619.47</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 246,646.91</u>	 <u>\$ 402,619.47</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Fund Balances		
Fund Balance – Prior Years	\$ 117,766.96	\$ 246,646.91
Restricted Fund Balance – Reserve	–	–
Fund Balance – Current Year	<u>128,879.95</u>	<u>155,972.56</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>246,646.91</u>	<u>402,619.47</u>
 Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	 <u>\$ 246,646.91</u>	 <u>\$ 402,619.47</u>

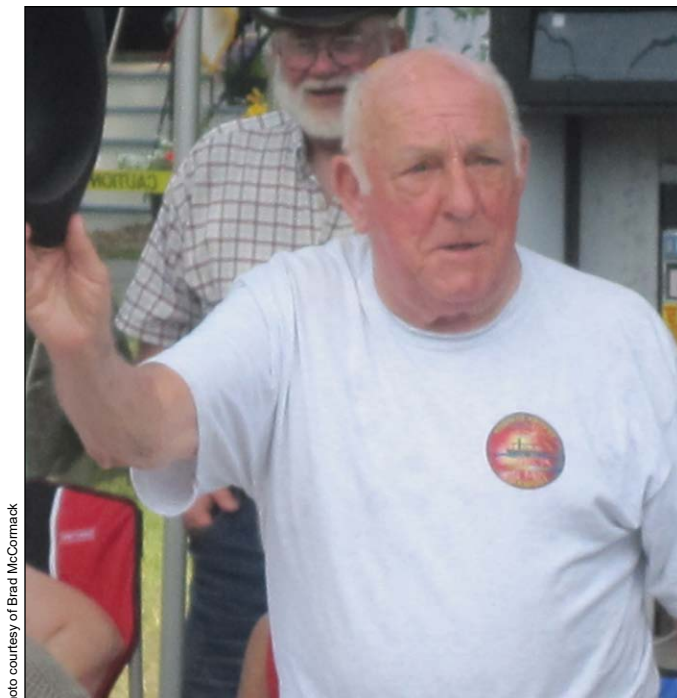


Photo courtesy of Brad McCormack

Russ participating in the July 4th, 2011 250th festivities.



Georgette Wolf-Ludwig and Russ waiting for the 4th of July parade – 2015.

Annual Fairlee Town Meeting

MARCH 5, 2019 MINUTES

Town Meeting was held for the first time since 1986 in the Auditorium at the Fairlee Town Hall on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. 73 voters registered at the door. Total number of voters on the checklist was 752.

Moderator Bruce Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator.

Dan Ludwig nominated Bruce A. Taylor for Moderator for one year. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Bruce A. Taylor, Moderator for one year.

The Moderator then continued on with the meeting by asking Town Administrator Tad Nunez to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. He then suspended the rules for some housekeeping items. He announced a parking dilemma by Chapman's store and asked voters to move their cars, refreshments were being provided by the Fairlee Community Arts Council and that following Town Meeting there would be a potluck in the Grange Room. He welcomed the Samuel Morey Elementary School 6th graders who were observing democracy in action from the balcony. He explained that the balcony would only be used for non-voter observation because as Moderator he wasn't sure if he could see or hear voter participation from the balcony. He informed the voters that the Selectboard had a survey that was being distributed and they would appreciate voter input. He announced his delight in being back in the Town Hall after all these years and hoped that everyone could hear better than they could in the school gym.

The Moderator then recognized his predecessor Russ Smith who had recently passed away and who had always sat in the front row to help him. He read a quote from Abraham Lincoln who had times of despair and when things were pretty bleak for him wrote: "How hard, oh! How hard it is to die and leave one's country no better than if one had never lived for it! He then added that this was not the case for Russ, he left Fairlee in a much better place.

With no objections from the voters the Moderator then introduced Sarah Copeland-Hanzas, Fairlee's Representative to the Vermont State Legislature, who gave a legislative update. She made available to the voters her town meeting legislature newsletter. She updated the voters on her current assignments in dealing with education as Chair to the Government Operations Committee. She encouraged the voters to please contact her with any of their concerns.

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

Clyde Blake made motion to accept Article 2. The motion was seconded. Being that there was no discussion, the question was called. The motion carried. Article 2 passed with no additions or corrections.

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

Timothy Danen nominated Joshua Hickman for Selectboard Member for three years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Joshua Hickman, Selectboard Member for three years.

Clyde Blake made the motion to table the vote for First Constable until Article 11 was discussed and voted on. As there was no second, the motion was not considered.

Dan Ludwig nominated Sylvia Brown for First Constable for one year. There was no second. Nomination was withdrawn.

Charles (Chaz) Hinsley nominated Dan Ludwig for First Constable for one year. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Dan Ludwig, First Constable for one year.

Dan Ludwig nominated Noël Walker for Lister for three years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Noël Walker, Lister for three years.

Dan Ludwig nominated Richard (Rick) Walker for Auditor for three years. Ann Walker and Larry Martin spoke on behalf of Richard Walker that he did not want to hold the office of Auditor again. Dan Ludwig withdrew his nomination.

Sandra Smith-Ordway nominated Angelia Rorison for Auditor for three years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Angelia Rorison, Auditor for three years.

Dan Ludwig nominated Stephen Bentley for Budget Committee Member for three years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Stephen Bentley, Budget Committee Member for three years.

Dan Ludwig nominated Miranda Clemson for Planning Commission Member for three years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Miranda Clemson, Planning Commission Member for three years.

Dan Ludwig nominated Timothy Danen for Planning Commission Member for four years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Timothy Danen, Planning Commission Member for four years.

Dan Ludwig nominated Charles (Chaz) Hinsley for Cemetery Commissioner for five years. Charles (Chaz) Hinsley declined the nomination stating his term was not up.

Charles (Chaz) Hinsley nominated Eric (Ric) Sleeper for Cemetery Commissioner for five years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Eric (Ric) Sleeper, Cemetery Commissioner for five years.

Clyde Blake nominated William (Bill) Dunnack for Grand Juror for one year. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for William (Bill) Dunnack, Grand Juror for one year.

Dan Ludwig nominated Clyde Blake for Grand Juror for one year. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Clyde Blake, Grand Juror for one year.

Clyde Blake nominated Horace (Hod) Palmer III for Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits for one year. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Horace (Hod) Palmer III, Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits for one year.

Samantha Hickman nominated Jennifer Johnson for Library Trustee for five years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Jennifer Johnson, Library Trustee for five years.

Kenneth Champagne nominated Samantha Hickman for Recreation Council Member for four years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Samantha Hickman, Recreation Council Member for four years.

Samantha Hickman nominated Amanda Rochon for Recreation Council Member for five years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Amanda Rochon, Recreation Council Member for five years.

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) One Thousand dollars (\$1,000) to Green Mountain Economic Development (Z)
- h) Fifty dollars (\$50) to Green Up Vermont (CO)
- i) Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$5,250) to the Lake Fairlee Association for milfoil eradication program (CO)
- j) Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000) to Little Rivers Health Care for insurance and medical assistance including mobile dental van (CO)
- k) Five Hundred dollars (\$500) to the Mentoring Project for young persons (CO)
- l) Two Hundred dollars (\$200) to the Orange County Court Diversion Program, a cost-effective alternative to the criminal court system for eligible offenders (CO)
- m) Two Hundred dollars (\$200) to Orange County Parent Child Center (formerly known as Kids Place) for parenting and family support programs (CO)
- n) Two Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$2,200) to the Orange East Senior Center for providing meal and social services at the center (CO)
- o) Three Hundred dollars (\$300) to the Oxbow Senior Independence Program Inc. for adult day care services (CO)
- p) One Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$1,500) to the Rivendell Recreation Association to provide elementary sports and recreational activities (CO)
- q) Four Hundred Fifty dollars (\$450) to the Rivendell Trails Association for trail maintenance, hikes and education (CO)
- r) Seven Hundred dollars (\$700) to Safeline for a hotline for crisis support and referral services (CO)
- s) Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$2,500) to Stagecoach Transportation for transportation of seniors, persons with disabilities and commuters (CO)
- t) Forty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Eight dollars (\$43,428) to Upper Valley Ambulance for emergency services (EMS)
- u) 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)
- v) One Hundred Fifty-Five dollars (\$155) to the Vermont Center for Independent Living to help Vermonters with disabilities by providing the Meals on Wheels
- w) Program, Peer Advocacy Counseling Program and information and referral services (CO)

- x) One Hundred dollars (\$100) to Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force to support Rural Fire Protection Program (CO)
- y) 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)

Moderator Bruce Taylor ask the voters if they would like him to read Article 4 in its entirety. Walter Frey made the motion to dispense with the reading of Article 4 in its entirety. The motion was seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Larry Martin made the motion to move Article 4. The motion was seconded. Article 4 was opened for discussion. Sandra Smith-Ordway questioned whether the amounts listed were the amounts requested by the community organizations or if the amounts had been changed. Selectboard Member Peter Berger confirmed that the amounts had not been changed. Being there was no other discussion. Dan Ludwig made the motion to pass Article 4 in its entirety. The motion was seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried. Article 4 passed in its entirety.

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

Larry Martin made the motion to move Article 5. The motion was seconded. Article 5 was opened for discussion. Being there was no discussion, the question was called. The motion carried. Article 5 passed in the affirmative.

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.

Budget Committee Member Dan Ludwig made the motion for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$232,944.00 for Highway Expenses. The motion was seconded. Article 6 was opened for discussion. Discussion ensued regarding Lake Morey Rd, special projects, and culverts on class 4 roads. Cameron (Cami) Buster made the motion to move Article 6. The question was called. The motion carried. Article 6 passed in the affirmative.

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, 2019 and shall be due and payable on or before October 1, 2019. Interest shall be at a rate allowed by law and shall be payable on all past due taxes.

Cameron (Cami) Buster made the motion that the Town raise by taxes \$163,528.00 for the Maintenance and Improvements of the Town Highways and to authorize collection of same by the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA 4791. Property taxes shall be billed on or before September 1, 2019 and shall be due and payable on or before October 1, 2019. Interest shall be at a rate allowed by law and shall be payable on all past due taxes. The motion was seconded. Article 7 was opened for discussion. Being there was no discussion, the question was called. The motion carried. Article 7 passed in the affirmative.

Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee create the following capital reserve fund categories?

- Emergency Reserve Fund *for future purchases of emergency equipment and vehicles;*
- Town Buildings and Lands Reserve Fund *for improvements or repairs to town owned buildings and lands;*
- Town Highway Reserve Fund *for capital improvements to town roads, bridges and culverts;*
- Lake Reserve Fund *for water quality and invasive treatments for Lake Morey and Lake Fairlee, as well as the town beach and beach equipment;*
- Water System Reserve Fund *for up-grades and improvements to the water system.*

Cameron (Cami) Buster made a motion to open Article 8. The motion was seconded. Article 8 was opened for discussion. Selectboard Member Peter Berger explained to the voters that the Town has had a Capital Budget since the mid to late 1990's which appears on page 83 of the Town Report. The State has revisited capital budgets in statute in 2003 and 2010. He went on to explain that last year the Town applied for a Municipal Planning Grant to look at the capital budget and financial planning for the town and voting on this article is the first part of it, the Town needs to create the five reserve funds that basically protect the moneys and keep them separate from the general fund. Over the next year a committee will continue to work on a ten-year capital plan. Cameron (Cami) Buster questioned if we are sorting what we already have into these new categories? Selectboard Member Peter Berger replied yes and added that State statute requires that towns place funds and assets in reserve funds for infrastructure and town assets. Cameron (Cami) Buster added that we are now simply naming these categories not putting money in right now. Treasurer Lisa Hinsley confirmed that this article is to create these reserve funds. Being there was no further discussion, Cameron (Cami) Buster made the motion to move Article 8. The motion was seconded. The question was called. All were in favor. Article 8 pass in the affirmative.

Article 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee authorize the Selectboard to transfer any remaining funds allocated from previous capital budgets into the relevant reserve funds according to their purpose as outline in Article 8?

Cameron (Cami) Buster made the motion to open Article 9. The motion was seconded. Treasurer Lisa Hinsley explained that we created the capital reserve fund categories in Article 8 and that Article 9 will allow us to transfer the funds in the capital budget into the new capital reserve fund categories. Charles (Chaz) Hinsley made the motion to move Article 9. The motion was seconded. The question was called. All were in favor. Article 9 pass in the affirmative.

Article 10. 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:

- a) \$10,000 towards Fire/Rescue (Emergency Reserve Fund)
- b) \$2,500 towards Police Department (Emergency Reserve Fund)
- c) \$13,000 towards Town Hall (Town Buildings and Lands Reserve Fund)
- d) \$40,000 towards Transfer Station (Town Buildings and Lands Reserve Fund)
- e) \$20,000 towards Exterior Building Maintenance (Town Buildings and Lands Reserve Fund)
- f) \$8,449 towards Computer Plan (Town Buildings and Lands Reserve Fund)
- g) \$5,000 towards Library-Facility (Town Buildings and Lands Reserve Fund)
- h) \$1,000 towards Vault Expansion (Town Buildings and Lands Reserve Fund)
- i) \$2,500 towards Village Enhancement Center (Town Buildings and Lands Reserve Fund)
- j) \$75,656 towards Highway Rebuilding (Town Highway Reserve Fund)
- k) \$3,000 towards Milfoil (Lake Reserve Fund)

Charles (Chaz) Hinsley made the motion to open Article 10. The motion was seconded. Article 10 was opened for discussion. Budget Committee Member Dan Ludwig made the motion to raise by taxes \$181,105.00 for the Capital Budget. The motion was seconded. Cameron (Cami) Buster asked what the plan was for the transfer station funds. Selectboard Member Cathy McGrath explained the funds would be used to build a maintenance shed at the transfers station with the recycled trusses from water tank project. Clyde Blake questioned the Village Enhancement Center funds. Selectboard Member Peter Berger explained that the funds would be used for the town common trees, town beautification projects and could also be used at the railroad station. Being there was no more discussion Budget Committee Member Dan Ludwig made the motion to move Article 10 in its entirety. The motion was seconded. All were in favor. Article 10 passed in the affirmative.

Article 11. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee change the position of First Constable from an elected position to an appointed position, and if needed a Second Constable to be appointed by the Selectboard in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651?

Charles (Chaz) Hinsley made the motion to move Article 11. The motion was seconded. Article 11 was opened for discussion. Concerned discussion ensued about changing the First Constable position from elected to appointed as well as the need for a Second Constable. Selectboard Peter Berger explained that by making the First Constable position appointed the Selectboard could appoint someone from another town but if it was left as an elected position it must be a registered voter in Fairlee. He added that this was similar to when the Town voted to change the Delinquent Tax Collector from elected to appointed. He also added that the Selectboard saw no need at this time for a Second Constable but this way, if needed, they could appoint one. He went on to explain that the First Constable position was not a law enforcement position. Charles (Chaz) Hinsley called the question. This was seconded. The question was called. The Moderator was in question and called a division of the house. He asked for a show of hands. 42 votes in favor to 16 votes opposed. Article 11 passed in the affirmative.

Article 12. 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.

Cameron (Cami) Buster made the motion to move Article 12. The motion was seconded. Article 12 was opened for discussion. Being there was no discussion. Budget Committee Dan Ludwig made the motion for the Town to appropriate the amount of \$1,098,174.00 for Town Expenditures. The motion was seconded. The question was called. The motion carried. Article 12 passed in the affirmative.

Article 13. 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, 2019 and shall be due and payable on or before October 1, 2019. Interest shall be at a rate allowed by law and shall be payable on all past due taxes.

Cameron (Cami) Buster made the motion to move Article 12. The motion was seconded. Article 12 was opened for discussion. Being there was no discussion, Budget Committee Member Dan Ludwig made the motion that the Town raise by taxes the sum of \$1,055,680.00 for Town Expenses and Indebtedness and to authorize collection of same by the Town Treasurer per 32 VSA 4791. Property taxes shall be billed on or before September 1, 2019 and shall be due and payable on or before October 1, 2019. Interest shall be at a rate allowed by law and shall be payable on all past due taxes. The motion was seconded. Article 10 was opened for discussion. The motion was seconded. The question was called. The motion carried. Article 10 passed in the affirmative.

Article 14. To transact any other proper Town business that may come before this meeting.

The Moderator read aloud the list of those deceased from the town report in 2018 and recent deaths in 2019 and asked for a moment of silence to be observed for those who had passed.

The Moderator then recognized to Frank J. (Jay) Barrett, Jr.

Frank J. (Jay) Barrett, Jr. began by remembering Russ Smith for his years of volunteer service to Fairlee's kids and public service to the Town of Fairlee. He added that Russ made Fairlee a better community. A round of applause was given in Russ's honor.

He then continued by giving a detailed history of the Town's Water System issues. He explained how in 2002 the State of Vermont required the Town to expand its water system for more fire protection. In 2004 a new storage tank was built to last 75 years but, in the summer of 2014, divers found chunks of concrete on the floor of the tank from the concrete ceiling planks that had started to delaminate. He went on to explain since then the Town has spent 1.6 million to deal with this problem. A new tank has been built and the water system is whole again but the Town's legal suit against five defendants which includes engineers Forcier Aldrich and Elliot and Engineering Ventures, Paragon Construction from Orford, NH which is no longer in business but had insurance, and the concrete manufactures Key Mount Concrete and Newstress Inc. is not resolved. He added that he had hoped this legal issue would be resolved before he left office but the twelve hours of mediation in February did not end well with only \$750,000.00 on the table for restitution and with the engineers refusing to take any responsibility. He concluded that the new Selectboard will have to take up this issue next week and were hoping in the end to make the Town whole.

Blakeney Bartlett addressed the voters by introducing Lynn Fitzhugh who has created a trail map for Fairlee with descriptions and has built signage along the trails system. She added that the Fairlee trail maps are for sale in the Town Clerk's Office, Chapman's Store and the trail map is available online. <http://www.fairleeforest.org/trails.html>.

The Moderator then recognized Selectboard Member Catherine McGrath who read out loud and presented the following Proclamation to Frank (Jay) Barrett, Jr.

In the Town of Fairlee, Orange County, Vermont
By the Town Clerk, Town Administrator, and Selectboard

A Proclamation

Whereas: The decisions our citizens make concerning town leadership, management, and funding are critical in determining our quality of life and economic viability for generations to come; and

Whereas: The Town of Fairlee's decisions on such matters are guided by its duly elected Selectboard; and

Whereas: Over the last 24 years, Frank. J. Barrett, Jr. has served as a Selectboard Chair, Vice Chair, or member and fulfilled his position with grace, intelligence, and passion; and

Whereas: Through his efforts, the Town Under the Cliff is a better place.

Now, Therefore, the Town Clerk, the Town Administrator, the Selectboard and community members do hereby extend our gratitude and appreciation to Frank J. Barrett, Jr.

Given this fifth day of March 2019

Peter B. Berger
Selectboard Vice Chair

Catherine H. McGrath
Selectboard Member

Georgette Wolf-Ludwig
Town Clerk

Tad Nunez
Town Administrator

Selectboard Peter Berger then presented Frank J. (Jay)Barrett, Jr. with a plaque recognizing his 24 years of service.



With Grateful Appreciation To
FRANK J. "JAY" BARRETT, JR.
For his 24 years of dedicated service
as a
SELECTBOARD MEMBER
March 1995 to March 2019
to the
TOWN OF FAIRLEE, VERMONT
Our "Town under the Cliff"

Selectboard Member Catherine McGrath then announced that The Town of Fairlee along with the Fairlee Historical Society was establishing the Frank J. Barrett, Jr. Lecture Series and then read the following;

On the fifth day of March 2019
and on behalf of the
Town of Fairlee and the Fairlee Historical Society,
we announce and proclaim the

Frank J. Barrett, Jr.
Lecture Series

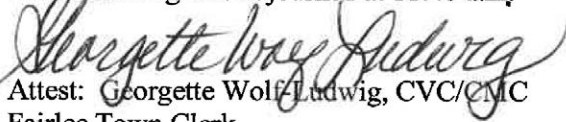
The Frank J. Barrett, Jr. Lecture Series will
have an orientation toward history,
honor Mr. Barrett's service to our community,
promote a love of history, and
remind us that decisions for the future must be founded upon an understanding of our past.

The Town of Fairlee and the Fairlee Historical Society
do hereby extend our gratitude, appreciation and affection.

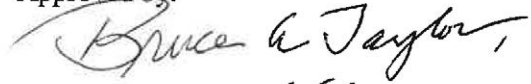
Frank J. (Jay) Barrett, Jr. with deep emotion thanked his fellow Selectboard Members, the Town Staff and the Voters of the Town of Fairlee for their goodness and support to him through the years.


Being there was no other business, the Moderator declared the Town Meeting adjourned.

Town Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.


Attest: Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, CVC/CMC
Fairlee Town Clerk

Approved by:


MODERATOR


Selectboard/JP



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- Cooperative Extension Service
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- Water and waste disposal systems for rural communities

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