2014 ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL BUDGET
MINUTES AND ELECTION RESULTS
MARCH 3, 2014 & MARCH 4, 2014

Moderator Hunt explained the rules and procedures of the informational portion of Town Meeting.

Moderator Ceil Hunt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Haven Grade School on March 3, 2014 with approximately 45 people in attendance.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

School Board Members present: Julie Adams, Donald Knapp, Kenneth Jones, Jeff Langmaid, Julie Neary and also Patricia Davenport, Asst Principal, Deborah Smith, Special Services Dir., and Wayne (Skip) Cooke, Principal.

Moderator Hunt began by reading the warning for the Fair Haven Grade School Articles 1 through 4.

Article 1. To act on the report of the Town School District officers. Motion by Ken Jones to accept, seconded by Roy Eckler.. No discussion. All in favor,. Ayes have it. Motion carries.

Article 2. To establish salaries as budgeted and payment of other school related expenses for the Directors and other elected officers of the Town School District. Motion by Greg Knapp to accept as read, seconded by Roseanne Vanlew. No discussion. Ayes have it. Motion carries.

Article 3. To see if the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow money to meet the current expenses of the District until funds can be realized from the State of Vermont . Motion by Greg Knapp to accept as read, seconded by Roseanne Vanlew. No Discussion. Ayes have it. Motion carries.

Article 4. To have presented by the Board of Directors its estimates of the expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public information hearing regarding the budget and other articles (Articles 6 – 11). No Discusison.

Article 5. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting. Neil Robinson discussed issues regarding rebates, global warming and energy. Principal Cooke thanked the boards (school & selectboard) for their collaborations, and Mr. Langmaid for his years of service.

Article 6. To elect a Moderator for a term of one year; two school directors for term of one year each; and one school director for a term of three years to the Fair Haven Town School Board.

School Moderator	Ceil Hunt	445
School Director 1yr	Donald K. Knapp	377
	Julie Neary	424
School Director 3yrs.	To be appointed	

Article 7. To elect one school director for a three year term to the Fair Haven Union High School Board.

Union High School Director To be appointed

Article 8. To see if the voters of the Town School District will vote to authorize the Board of Directors to reserve an amount of $2,000 in a special reserve fund to be utilized for the sole purpose of repairing the roof of the school building when such repairs become necessary.

YES 328 NO 159

Article 9. To see if the voters of the Town School District will vote to authorize the Board of Directors to reserve an amount of $2,000 in a special reserve fund to be utilized for the sole purpose of purchasing school vehicles whenever such becomes necessary.

YES 276 NO 206

Article 10. To see if the voters of the Town School District will vote to authorize the Board of Directors to reserve an amount of $2,000 in a special reserve fund to be utilized for boiler replacement and other capital improvements whenever such becomes necessary.

YES 315 NO 167

Article 11. Shall the voters of the Fair Haven Town School District appropriate $5,224,100 necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2014?

YES 247 NO 239

Motion to adjourn the School Budget portion of meeting by Roseanne Vanlew at 7:27 P.M. seconded by Patricia Stannard.. Until tomorrow to vote on Articles 6 – 11 at Post #49 from 10:A.M. to 7:P.M.

A short break is taken.

The meeting is called back to order at 7:35 PM

Board members present: Chris Cole, Robert Richards, Jeff Sheldon, Claire Stanley, David Ward and also Herbert Durfee, III, Town Manager and Suzanne Dechame, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Moderator Hunt read the warning…

Article 1. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to accept the Town Officers' Report? No discussion.

YES 436 NO 48

Article 2. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to elect Town Officers for the following terms? Moderator for 1 year; Town Treasurer for 3 years; Second Constable for 2 years; two Selectmen each for 1 year; one Selectmen for 3 years; Lister for 3 years; Trustee of Public Funds for 3 years, Trustee of Public Funds for 2 years; Trustee of Public Funds for 1 year; Town Auditor for 3, Grand Juror for 1 year, Town Agent for 1 year; Library Trustee for 3 years; and Library Trustee for 1 year. No discussion.

YES 453 NO 28

Moderator, 1yr	Ceil Hunt	447	
Second Constable, 2 yrs	Andrew R. Reid	391	
Selectmen 1yr Vote for 2	Kenneth Jones	219	
	Robert J. Richards	269	WINNER
	David Ward	314	WINNER
Selectmen, 3yrs	Rod Holtzworth II	352	
Town Treasurer, 3 yrs	Suzanne Dechame	459	
Grand Juror, 1yr	Jay Brown	393	

Town Agent, 1yr	Jay Brown	386
Lister, 3 yrs		
Auditor, 3 yrs	Steven Wolk	397
Library Trustee, 1 yr	Ceil Hunt	438
Library Trustee, 5 yrs	Betsy Birchenough	418
Trustee of Public Funds, 3yrs	Maureen Hall	445
Trustee of Public Funds, 2yrs	Charlotte Capron	393
Trustee of Public Funds, 1yr	Mary A. Phelps	429

Article 3. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate the sum of $68,800 to support the **Library?** No Discussion.

YES 348 NO 135

Article 4. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate the sum of $27,340 as its share of the fiscal year 2014-15 **Fair Haven Rescue Squad** budget? No Discussion.

YES 400 NO 84

Article 5. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for the fiscal year 2014-15, the sum of $26,000 to support **Fair Haven Concerned Inc.,** a program which organizes and coordinates services necessary to meet the needs of the citizens of the Town of Fair Haven? 1 question and it could not be answered.

YES 338 NO 145

Article 6. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2014-15 the sum of **$2,739** for the support of **Rutland Mental Health Services** so that these services can be maintained? No Discussion.

YES 303 NO 180

Article 7. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for the fiscal year 2014-15 the sum **of $2,725** to support the programs and services of **BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont**? No Discussion.

YES 255 NO 224

Article 8. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote for fiscal year 2014-15 to appropriate the sum of **$1,800** for the **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** to help support the Senior Meals Program, Meals on Wheels, Case Management and other services provided by the Council to elder residents of Fair Haven? No Discussion.

YES 368 NO 114

Article 9. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote for fiscal year 2014-15 the sum of **$925** to support **RSVP and the Volunteer Center.** No Discussion.

YES 297 NO 182

Article 10. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2014-15 the sum of **$7,087** to support the **Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice** ($660 to support Rutland Area Hospice and $6427 to support RAVNAH Home and Community Health Services)? No Discussion.

YES 371 NO 115

Article 11. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2014-15 the sum of **$3,500** to support the **Association for Retarded Citizens – Rutland Area** d/b/a ARC – Rutland Area . No Discussion.

YES 298 NO 177

Article 12. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2014-15 the sum of **$3,000** for the support of the ***Castleton Community Seniors, Inc.*** (The Old Homestead) senior bus transportation and wellness programs? No Discussion.

YES 328 NO 155

Article 13. Shall the Town of Fair Haven vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **$2,500** for the support of the partial funding of **Marble Regional Transit District's (The Bus)** public transit service to the residents of the Town? No Discussion.

YES 317 NO 168

Article 14. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate the sum of **$44,218** to support a **Full Time Recreation Director**? Numerous questions and points raised with extensive discussion following. Question called, not passed. Further discussion. Town not ready for this yet.

YES 80 NO 405 **DEFEATED**

Article 15. Shall the voter of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2014-15 the sum of **$2,000** to establish and fund a **Town Park Restoration & Tree Replacement** reserve account? Selectperson Claire Stanley asked for this to keep our Park looking beautiful.

YES 276 NO 206

Article 16. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2014-15 the sum of **$5,000** to the **Recreation Building** reserve fund related to the recreation building and contents lost due to arson? Building insured, contents were not.

YES 240 NO 244 **DEFEATED**

Short Break

Representatives William Canfield and Robert Helm spoke on what was happening in Montpelier. Attendees informed representatives of issues that can be brought back to the legislature for discussion.

Article 17. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to approve the Selectboard's budget of **$1,908,559** minus **$442,747** anticipated revenue of which **$1,465,812** is to be raised by taxes? EXTENSIVE discussion on police, Mechanic St. sidewalk, appropriations, transfer station.

YES 216 NO 267 **DEFEATED**

Article 18. To transact any other business properly to be done at the annual Town meeting.

Motion by Jay Brown to adjourn meeting at10:30 PM seconded by Kenneth Jones.
Meeting adjourned until Tuesday, March 4, to vote by Australian ballot Articles 1 through 17 polls are open from 10 AM to 7 PM at the Fair Haven Post 49 Legion Building. Ayes have it.
Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Dechame
Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: Cecelia "Cece" Hunt
Moderator

Chairman Board of Selectmen