



January 6, 2020

Cynthia Gaboriault, Town Clerk
Town of Concord
374 Main St.
PO Box 317
Concord, VT 05824

Dear Ms. Gaboriault:

The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2020 warning for Concord Town Meeting:

"Shall the Town vote the sum of \$1,235 to support the operation of the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all Concord residents?"

The Fairbanks Museum invites Concord residents to take full advantage of their unlimited free general admission to the Museum to explore the nature, beauty, and wonders of our world. Your municipal appropriation provides essential support for the care of the Museum's historic building and the maintenance and exhibition of the most extraordinary educational collections in northern New England. These are among our region's most prized assets. Each year the Museum offers new opportunities for exploration and discovery, so do come for a visit!

In 2019, we installed a lift to bring guests to our Lyman Spitzer Jr. Planetarium, fulfilling a promise to make this unique resource available to everyone. Astronomy was on our minds as we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing. We also established a new STEM Lab with state-of-the-art equipment for middle- and high-schoolers to conduct advanced scientific research! Interest in this hands-on STEM Lab has been tremendous, adding a new dimension to our robust partnership with schools. Support from communities means our year-round calendar of events, programs and exhibits has something for all ages. With community support, the Museum is fully engaged in community economic, educational, and cultural development initiatives and contributes significantly to the attraction of visitors to our region.

The Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers of the Museum are tremendously grateful for the support, encouragement, and collaborative planning that keep our programs relevant and vital. We aim to ensure the Museum delivers services, programs, and a commitment to community development that benefit your town's residents and visitors, and contribute to a remarkable quality of life.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Kane".

Adam Kane, Executive Director