

December 7, 2023

Linda Blakslee, Town Clerk
Town of Concord
374 Main St. PO Box 317
Concord, VT 05824



Dear Ms. Blakslee:

The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2024 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 2023, we brought in more visitors and campers to the museum than ever before. Once again our outdoor classroom transformed into a butterfly house for the summer, and Franklin’s Guides led the way to further discovery for our visitors. Campers learned about astronomy, drones, and robots. We debuted new engaging live shows and movies in our planetarium, and we welcomed Rube Goldberg expert Zach Umperovitch for a weeklong residency and Eddy Lecture. 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. Your appropriation this year will support unlimited access to our new Science Annex.

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, as well as contribute to a remarkable quality of life.

Sincerely yours,

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

Adam Kane, Executive Director