

FAIRFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 42 High Street ,Fairfield, Maine 04937  
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 Hours::Tuesdays, April through November, 10a.m. to 3p.m  
 Or by appointment: 207 453 2998  
 2024 Town Funding Request

The Fairfield Historical Society is a nonprofit Section 501c (3) which owns and runs the Fairfield History House. It serves as a focal point of town history and a safe location for a unique collection of Fairfield memorabilia and artifacts. It serves as a repository for area residents who have period items and family memorabilia that they want preserved,

The History House is also a local destination and brings people to Fairfield. A major responsibility of the society is the maintenance of the history house and barn. Visitors tour the museum with docents explaining the story of each room and the artifacts they contain. Visitors also come to research local history and do genealogical work. School children learn what life was like in the early 1900s and what a rich history this area has.

2023 was a busy productive year for the Fairfield Historical Society. We had a spring and a fall barn and bake sale and held the annual Christmas Open House. We also held a quilt show at the Fairfield Center Grange which was well attended. The scraping, painting and replacing of rotted wood on the house was completed. We received a grant from the Central Maine Garden Club to help with reviving the house gardens. Jennifer Morrissette and Bill Blair have started cleaning, planting and mulching the gardens. The work will continue in the spring. A heat pump was installed in the office of the house. This was donated by Kevin & Kathy Violette. Thank you to the Violettes.

A special display of our doll collection was featured at the house this year. Two young girls, Willow Simpson & Izzy Proud, helped set up the display. We're excited to have some young volunteers. Also on display is a regulator clock which used to hang in the office of the Kennebec Framing Co. It was donated by Alice Brown Hanson.

We thank the following volunteers for continuing the regular maintenance and service work: Bill & Peggy Blair, Derek & Pam Bryan, Paul & Shannon King, Kathy & Kevin Violette, Barbara Gunvaldsen. Shirley Duplessis, and Jennifer Morrissette. We also thank Jeremy Gordon for keeping the dooryard plowed in the winter. Thank you to the Town of Fairfield, our donors, our many volunteers and all who continue to support our work of preserving the history of Fairfield.

**SERVICES**

FEES: by donation

Email & Phone Requests	30
Fairfield Residents Requests	10
There were 4 requests for historical information on properties that people had recently purchased or wanted to purchase.	
Tours	230

**FUNDING**

The Fairfield Historical Soc. does not receive any contributions from other towns or counties.

Dues	\$735.00	2%
Restricted donations	\$8675.00	22%
Restricted donations from board members	\$12,000.00	30%
Donations	\$190.00	1%
Fund Raisers	\$4937.00	12%
Town of Fairfield	\$3000.00	8%
MMK savings	\$10,000.00	25%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39,537.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

TOTAL BUDGET FIGURES

Income:	Budgeted 2023	Actual 2023	Budgeted 2024
Town Appropriation	\$3000.00	\$3000.00	\$3000.00
Donations Restricted	700.00	8675.00	700.00
Sales & Special Events	4500.00	4937.00	4500.00
Dues	2000.00	735.00	1000.00
Fund Raisers			2000.00
Board member donations		12,000.00	
MMK savings		10,000.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,200.00</b>	<b>\$39,347.00</b>	<b>\$11,200.00</b>

EXPENSES	Budgeted 2023	Actual 2023	Budgeted 2024
Advertising	\$80.00	\$ 125.00	\$125.00
Insurance	2300.00	2280.00	2500.00
Supplies ,barn repairs & house repairs & painting	5000.00	10,756.00	5,000.00
State Corp. Filing Fees	50.00	50.00	50.00
Security System	270.00	266.00	270.00
Computer Maintenance	00.00	00.00	00.00
Telephone & internet	1000.00	1200.00	1200.00
Electricity	700.00	1034.00	1100.00
Gas Heating	2300.00	2545.00	2600.00
Sewer	300.00	294.00	300.00
Water District	280.00	304.00	325.00
Website/Domain Fee	99.00	99.00	99.00
Computer Software Security	100.00	00.00	100.00
Fire Inspection	160.00	151.00	160.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$12,639.00</b>	<b>\$19,104.00</b>	<b>\$13,829.00</b>

Capital Improvements completed in 2023

Scraped, replaced rotted wood and painted the last side of the house and the rooftop exit  
 Cost \$8773.00 Paid for by donations, endowment and savings

Future Capital Improvements

- Repair leak in attic
- Regrade lawn on north side of house to prevent water damage
- Replace architectural arch over front window

Estimate \$20,000.00

