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Fairlee Selectboard
PO Box 5
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Dear Selectboard Members,

On behalf of Stagecoach Transportation Services, I am writing to thank you for the Town of Fairlee's generous support last year. **In FY17, your support helped us provide 89,000 rides including 169 door-to-door trips for Fairlee Residents on our Dial-a-Ride Service. Additionally, 4,268 one-way trips were provided for passengers boarding and alighting at Fairlee Bus Stops to access commuter and shopping routes to the Upper Valley.**

The state and federal grants which primarily fund these rides require us to raise up to 20% of the cost of the programs through "local match" dollars. Stagecoach's requests of towns account for less than 1/4 of the 20% requirement. **To help us meet this requirement, we respectfully request funding of \$2,000 for FY19 to be placed before the Fairlee voters for consideration.**

We are requesting this contribution because:

1. Fairlee residents can use the park-and-ride lot on Route 5 to access bus services to employment, shopping, and other services in White River Junction, and Hanover-Lebanon NH;
2. Fairlee residents can utilize transportation alternatives that Stagecoach provides for seniors, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable populations to access a variety of destinations including grocery shopping, medical appointments, errands, and social events.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request – we greatly appreciate it!

Sincerely,


Jim Moulton,
Executive Director

REPORT TO FAIRLEE ON STAGECOACH SERVICES
November 2017

Thank you for your support of community transportation services. **In the past year, Stagecoach's Dial-A-Ride System directly provided 169 door-to-door rides for Fairlee residents** either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. **Additionally, 4,268 one-way trips were provided for passengers boarding and alighting at Fairlee Bus Stops.** Stagecoach's Bus, Dial-a-Ride, and Partners Systems provided a total of **89,000** rides. All of Stagecoach's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services. Thank you for your past support of community transportation services.

Dial-A-Ride System –Focuses on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. **In Fairlee, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to medical treatments, social services, pharmacies, and food shopping.**

Bus System – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. **Fairlee residents can use the Park and Ride lot on Route 5 to access bus services to employment and shopping centers in White River Junction, and the Hanover-Lebanon NH. Fairlee residents can access the Circulator, a deviated fixed-route bus service, Monday-Friday between 8:30 and 3:15 to access to local destinations in Bradford, Newbury, Wells River, and Woodsville.**

Volunteer Driver Program – Stagecoach uses an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers to provide coordinated and caring rides throughout our rural service area. Volunteer Drivers are essential in providing cost effective and community driven services, and are the foundation of our Dial-A-Ride Program. *Volunteer Drivers connect friends, support independence and promote healthy living.*

If you are interested in becoming a Stagecoach Volunteer Driver, please contact our office.

Information-- Please feel free to contact us with questions or to request additional information on Stagecoach services at 802-728-3773.

Please include this in your town report as space allows. Thank you!