

Constitution of the West Fairlee Congregational  
Norman Association

Agreeable to Chap 83 of the Conn. Statute  
we the undersigned form ourselves into  
an association for the purpose of procuring  
holding keeping in repairs warming  
and lighting a Congregationalist house of  
public worship and become bound by  
the following articles regulations and  
by laws Viz —

Article 1st

The Officers of this of this association  
shall consist of a President & —  
Vice President — a Committee of three  
a Clerk & Collector —

Article 2d

It shall be the duty of  
the President to preside at all meetings  
of the association if present and  
in absence of the President the  
Vice President shall preside.

Article 3d

It shall be the duty of the  
Committee to have the general supervision  
of the concerns of the association and  
shall cause all duties required by the  
laws of the association and not committed  
to the care of any particular officer  
to be duly performed & executed.

In case of a vacancy of any office  
it shall be the duty of the Committee  
to perform the duties of such vacant  
office.

#### Article 4<sup>th</sup>

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of all the <sup>meetings</sup> meetings of the association in a suitable book provided for that purpose which book shall be open for inspection at all times to the members of SD association.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to warn all meetings of the association by pasting at some public place at or near SD house a written notice specifying the business of SD meetings at least 3 days previous to SD meeting - It shall be the duty of the Clerk to warn a meeting at any time when requested by the

Committee - It shall be the duty of the Clerk to warn a meeting when any six members of the association shall present to him a petition in writing specifying the object of SD meeting - The business of any meeting shall be specified in the warning for such meeting - The Clerk shall act a treasurer.

#### Article 5<sup>th</sup>

It shall be the duty of the Collector to collect all taxes committed to him by the Committee and pay the same onto the treasury of the association.

It shall be the duty of the Collector to act as Sexton

#### Article 6<sup>th</sup>

There shall be a meeting of the association holden annually on the first Tuesday of Jan. at which meeting the officers of the association shall be chosen.

## Article 7<sup>th</sup>

Any person who has or may hereafter contribute the sum of twenty five dollars to build S<sup>d</sup> house or may hereafter own a share to that amount in S<sup>d</sup> house & subscribe his name to this Constitution shall be a member of this association as long as he shall own such a share in S<sup>d</sup> house or until he shall erase his name

A majority of the members shall govern except as is herein after provided

## Article 8<sup>th</sup>

No person except a minister of the Congregational order or such persons as the pastor of the Church may invite shall be admitted to the desk (if any of the members shall object) without the consent of a majority of the Committee

## Article 9<sup>th</sup>

The Committee may on week days and on the Sabbath when there shall be no stated preaching admit any lecturers or ministers of any other order to the desk.

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## Article 11<sup>th</sup>

A tax may be raised upon the members of the Association for the purpose of repairing warming & lighting S<sup>d</sup> house at the annual meeting provided an article for that purpose be inserted in the warning for S<sup>d</sup> meeting. S<sup>d</sup> tax shall not exceed fifty cents for each member, see Amendments.

## Article 12<sup>th</sup>

Any number of Committee may be chosen for building S<sup>d</sup> house

## Article 13<sup>th</sup>

The pews may be appraised by a Committee appointed for that purpose and sold at Auction - When ever any money is paid in for pews it shall be divided among the stock holders according to their shares of stock not taken up

## Article 14<sup>th</sup>

No one of the stock holders shall be compelled to advance money for the purchase of any pews until his stock is taken up

## Article 15<sup>th</sup>

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any annual meeting - provided an article shall be inserted in the warning for S<sup>d</sup> meeting.

## Article 16<sup>th</sup>

This association may make any by laws in accordance with this Constitution

Article 17<sup>th</sup>

This association may organize at any meeting wanted for that purpose

Article 18<sup>th</sup>

This house shall be of the same dimensions be finished & furnished in a similar style as the house lately erected in Canton Village Co called with such alterations shall direct to be made.

Article 19

This association shall be called the West Fairlee Congregational Union Association

West Fairlee Feb 21. 1854

We the undersigned agree to pay the sums placed to our names in money to build a new meeting house at Middle Brook at or near the place where the old one now stands. We agree to pay sd money at such times as a committee appointed for that & other purposes may direct. The money to be paid to sd committee sd house to be built finished & furnished similar to the one lately erected in Canton Village.

| Names                   | Amts   | Names                       | Amts |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|------|
| Benj Niles              | \$100. | J H Quimby                  |      |
| Calvin M. Holbrook      | 100.   | <del>C. B. West</del>       |      |
| Elisha Badger           | 50.    | <del>C. B. West</del>       |      |
| F. A. Southworth        | 100.   | J. P. Southworth jr.        |      |
| <del>Joseph Wise</del>  | 100.   | E. W. Perce                 |      |
| Asa Southworth          | 50.    | <del>C. B. Southworth</del> |      |
| Calvin Morse            | 50.    | J. H. Quimby                |      |
| A. D. Page              | 25.    | H. Churchill                | x    |
| A. J. Smith             | 25.    | John N. Kimball             |      |
| J. P. Bassett           | 25.    | A. H. Southworth            | x    |
| R. H. Miel              | 100.   | L. B. Morse                 | x    |
| Ralph M. Mink           | 25.    | Orrin N. Hubbard            |      |
| Harvee Southworth       | 50.    | W. B. Kimball               |      |
| Joseph Sampson          | 75.    | F. Southworth               |      |
| Asa M. Perry            | 50.    | E. W. Perce                 |      |
| <del>Asa M. Child</del> | 25.    | J. W. Munin                 |      |
| Henry Child             | 100.   | Kate M. Kimball             |      |
| J. P. Southworth        | 50.    | Josephine Southworth        |      |
| Asariah Niles           | 30.    | Charles H. Morse            |      |
| Calvin Baldwin          | 25.    | Charles A. Coleman          |      |
| Rufus Whittney          | 25.    | Franco R. Morse             |      |
| Edw. Baldwin Jr.        | 50.    | Waldo Wynn                  |      |
| Harrison Caborn         | 25.    | Chas. G. Cook               |      |

The above is a true copy of the original  
Benjamin Clark

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|---------------------------|-------------------|------|---------|
| Mrs. Minnie Kipper        | paid              | paid | \$ 1.00 |
| Mrs. Nettie A. Sturtevant | "                 | "    | \$ 1.00 |
| Mrs. Fred J. Cook         |                   |      | \$ 1.00 |
| Ed. Kemmer                | Rev. L. E. Zupper |      |         |
| Marion M. Munn            | "                 | "    | \$ 1.00 |
| A. J. Russ                | (M. M. B.)        |      | \$ 1.00 |
| L. Sheldon Miller         |                   |      | \$ 1.00 |
| Mr. John C. Keller        |                   |      | \$ 1.00 |

Jan. 6, 1913