

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at the Fremont Town Hall Basement Meeting Room. Present were Select Board members Gene Cordes, Roger Barham and Jon Benson; Town Administrator Heidi Carlson and resident Gordon Muench. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting is live broadcast by Bill Millios from FCTV and livestreamed on Vimeo.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Rabies Clinic is scheduled for this Saturday from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Fremont Highway Shed. It is open to the public.
2. Earth Day Cleanup begins April 22 and continues through Bulky Day. Blue bags will be available shortly. Bags can go in your toter or be dropped off at Bulky Day on May 18th at the Highway Shed between 8 am and 12 noon.
3. Spring DRUG TAKEBACK will be held at the Fremont Safety Complex, 425 Main Street in Fremont on Saturday April 27 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Drop off unused and unwanted medications for safe disposal.
4. The Town-wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday May 4. Registration forms are available on the Town website. Registration deadline is Friday April 26 at 12 noon to the Select Board's Office.
5. Bulky Day will be held on Saturday May 18 from 8 am to 12 noon at the Highway Shed. More information will be posted shortly. Danville Road is planned to be one way during the hours of the event. The notice to volunteers has gone out, and anyone wishing to help can email Heidi or call the Select Board's Office and leave their contact information.
6. We currently have vacancies on several boards and committees and are looking for interested residents (and you must be a registered voter). This includes the FCTV Committee, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Parks & Recreation Commission. Reach out to the Board directly, or to Heidi Carlson for more information.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

Road Study update: Steve Keach and Leon Holmes are working on a reschedule of their time to meet to work on the road study. They were not able to meet tomorrow due to Leon's storm cleanup work in Town. Barham has the RFP and KNA proposal for review and discussion with Steve Keach.

The Site Visit on South Road was cancelled for today and rescheduled for Thursday April 18, 2024 at 4:00 pm. A Board meeting has been posted for anyone who can be there, and Mike Weeks of NH DNCR will also plan to be there.

The Retirement Open House for Neal Janvrin went well last Friday night despite the change of location and storm upheaval. Anyone who would like to sign the memory book should stop by the Select Board's Office during office hours to do so. This and the photos will be presented to him once the collection is complete.

Conservation Commission needs to have an expedited wetland permit and prime wetland waiver request form signed for the class VI portion of Tavern Road to allow for road improvements to conduct the timber harvest. Leanne Miner will be in to talk with the Board for a few minutes next week to discuss who the signatory should be (an owner representative is needed).

The Highway Department has completed 90% of the storm cleanup from last week. The bulk of the large tree work was completed today. Tomorrow they will do more with filling potholes in a few areas.

The Emergency Management Director has completed all of the storm input to the State system and made inquiry at the request of the Road Agent as to the potential for FEMA assistance. We are keeping track of expenses in case any reimbursement becomes available.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Barham moved to approve the minutes of 04 April 2024 as written. Cordes seconded. The vote was approved 3-0.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

6:35 pm Public Input - none

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Martin Road Bridge construction bids are due tomorrow at 10:00 am. A Board meeting is posted for this time for the Board to accept bids and open them publicly. Stantec will also be on hand for this, and the bids will simply be opened and read aloud. Stantec will then process them, check calculations, etc before coming back to the Board for follow-up.
2. This week a power problem was discovered at the ballfields and we are in the process of getting it fixed. Water has not yet been turned on, but should happen in the next week. The FAA believes these issues as well as the significant water will preclude their having games this Saturday, but they are looking ahead to next weekend. The porta-toilets were delivered on Wednesday and other work is also in progress. The fields and driveway are extremely wet so travel/use is discouraged until it stops raining and dries out.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Cordes read aloud the items on the Consent Agenda:
 - a. Payroll \$45,066.07 and Accounts Payable \$92,406.58 manifests for the current week dated 04/12/2024
 - b. Department Head timesheets for the pay period ended 04/06/2024
 - c. Vacation request for Heidi Carlson
 - d. Veteran Family letter for announcement of Memorial Day Event on May 26th
 - e. Excavation Tax Warrant for tax year 04/01/2023 through 03/31/2024 in the amount of \$1,812.84 for parcel 02-151.002 owned by Fremont Land LLCBenson moved to approve the Consent Agenda for April 11, 2024 as read. Barham seconded and the vote was approved 3-0.
2. The Board reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence to include: NHEC and Eversource storm update emails; EMD report on activity of last week's storm; letter from Tom Tombarello, candidate for Rockingham County Commissioner; and Planning Board comment sheets on upcoming projects.
3. Carlson is on vacation next week and the office will be staffed during posted hours only by Jeanne Nygren or Kathy Clement. Jeanne will cover the Board's meeting next Thursday night.

4. The Bulky flyer is being prepared for mailing. It will go out in the mail near the end of April. The information is all posted on the website.
5. Usource, an electricity broker is working on our next energy renewal process to include all the Town's Eversource accounts, and the Fremont School District will also be involved. The current contract does not expire until November, but the thought is pricing will be lower right now for the RFP process. The Board needs to discuss a plan on timing for the bids being due.

There was discussion about how to manage the decision when the time came. Muench offered that the Superintendent makes these day to day decisions. Barham will follow up with Bridget Harmon at Usource to get some additional information and this will be on the Board's agenda next week for further discussion and a plan on how the final decision will be made at bid due time.

VIII. WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. The Town's Mosquito Control program began April 1, 2024 when crews from Northeast Vegetation and Mosquito Control will begin surveying for mosquito larvae. Sites include wetlands, marshes, drainage ditches, catch basins and floodwater areas. When found, crews will apply larvicides to control mosquito larvae. Larvicides permitted for use include:

- Cocobear (Coconut & Mineral Oil)-EPA Reg. 8329-93
- EVA-2 (Mineral Oil)- EPA Rev 70589-1
- Vectolex FG (Bacillus sphericus)-EPA Reg. 73049-20
- Vectolex WSP (Bacillus spericus)-EPA Reg 73049-20
- Vectobac G (Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis) EPA Reg 73049-10
- Altosid P35 (Methoprene)-EPA Reg. 89459-95
- Natular G (Spinosad)-EPA Reg. 8329-80

Treatment will depend on surveillance data, weather conditions and precipitation. Surveillance and treatment will continue through November 2024. All residents requesting no treatment on their property can do so in writing to Northeast Vegetation and Mosquito Control, 63 Epping Street, Raymond, NH 03077 or online at <https://www.northeastvmc.com.no-spray>. Residents requesting a survey of mosquito breeding on their property can do so my email at fremont@northeastvmc.com.

In the event of detection of Eastern Equine Encephalitis, West Nile Virus, or other arboviruses in mosquito populations, emergency adulticiding may be performed at schools, parks, and recreation areas. This will be determined by surveillance data, and in consultation with Town officials and NH DHHS. Notification will be given before these properties are treated.

Northeast Vegetation and Mosquito Control 63 Epping Street, Raymond, NH 03077
Phone: 603 255 3782 Email: fremont@northeastvmc.com www.northeastvmc.com

At 7:01 pm Benson moved to recess the meeting until the Fire Chief arrives. Barham seconded and the vote was approved 3-0. Just prior to, and during the recess, Josh Pierga, Carole Viator, Mike Rizzotti, Rich Lounsbury and Vincent O'Connor entered the meeting room.

When Fire Chief Rich Butler arrived at 7:05 pm he introduced new and recently certified members of the Fire Rescue Department. This included new member Rich Lounsbury who is recently retired and moved to Fremont came forward to join the Department. He was a call firefighter in Lebanon NH for 25 years.

Mike Rizzotti finished Firefighter I and then jumped into EMT and has now completed both. Fire I was January through May for two nights a week (4 hours each) and most full weekends. It was acknowledged

that this takes a lot of time. EMT was September – December for two nights a week, and there were a few weekend with clinicals and other practical time.

Carole Viator just finished her EMT class (same schedule as Rizzotti). Josh Pierga did his EMT first and is now finishing up his Firefighter I this spring, hopefully in June.

O'Connor noted that we are up to 21 EMS certified personnel. This is almost double what it looked like five years ago. All were thanked for their immense commitment to the training and the Department.

Noted that there were no open overnight shifts in March, and this is also a notable accomplishment. The Chief reviewed the monthly updates and statistics.

Captain O'Connor discussed the new protocols and how the update works every two years. It was noted the new EMS truck is back from recent repair work and O'Connor said they like the truck a lot.

The Chief noted there is a problem with the 2017 truck with the tank and a shifting that has caused a hole in the tank which is an expensive repair. Butler is talking with the company about whether this is a warranty item.

At 7:30 pm Cordes called to order a Public Hearing to discuss fee schedule changes and read aloud the Public Hearing Notice:

The Public is invited to attend a Select Board Public Hearing on April 11, 2024 at 7:30 pm at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street in Fremont NH, in the basement meeting room to discuss changes to the Town's Fee Schedule. The changes include:

Generators and Fair Ground Electrical Permits \$100.00

Food Permits \$50.00

Tent Permits \$50.00

Change of Tenant Application Form \$40 plus \$65 per inspection as required (formerly called Fit Up Permit Fee)

Written comments can be submitted up until 12 noon the day of the hearing in person (Select Board Office, 295 Main Street, Fremont); by mail (PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120); or email to hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov.

This notice was posted 22 March 2024 and published in the Union Leader on 27 March 2024.

Carlson noted no comments have been received. After waiting a few minutes for anyone else to arrive, Barham moved to adopt the new fees as read. Benson seconded and the vote was all in favor 3-0.

IX. NON-PUBLIC SESSION NH RSA 91-A if needed

The next regular Board meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday April 18, 2024. Some members of the Board will meet for a site visit on South Road next Thursday at 4:00 pm with the Road Agent and Town Engineer. With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Benson and seconded by Barham to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. The vote was approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator