

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:08 pm in the basement meeting room. Present were Selectmen Leon Holmes Sr, Brett Hunter, and Gene Cordes; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS / REMINDERS

1. The Public Budget Hearing will be broadcast on Comcast Channel 22 every night at 7:00 pm; and on Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 pm for the next couple of weeks.

2. 2015 DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS

TOWN: Monday February 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm Snowdate: Wednesday February 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm.
SCHOOL: Saturday January 31, 2015 at 9:00 am. Snowdate: Tuesday February 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm.
Both Deliberative Sessions will be held at Pettengill Hall in the Ellis School, 432 Main Street in Fremont.

3. **TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTIONS:** The filing period for Town and School District Offices began on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 and runs through Friday, January 30, 2015. You can sign up during any Town Clerk Office hours. On Friday January 30, 2015 the Town Clerk and School District Clerks will be available from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for sign-ups only, at the Fremont Town Hall.

TOWN POSITIONS OPEN in 2015

Selectman: 1 for 3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years
Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years
Library Trustee: 1 for 1 year
Road Agent: 1 for 3 years
Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years
Budget Committee: 1 for 2 years
Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years

SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITIONS OPEN in 2015

School Board Member: 2 for 3 years
School District Treasurer: 1 for 1 year
School District Clerk: 1 for 1 year
School District Moderator: 1 for 1 year

Additionally any interested School District Candidate can contact School District Clerk Patricia Coulombe by email at dantric4@yahoo.com to make other arrangements to sign up within the candidate declaration period. You must be a Fremont resident and a registered voter to declare your candidacy for Town or School District Office.

To complete the Declaration of Candidacy form, voters should see the Town Clerk during regular office hours, or contact the School District Clerk for School filings only. Other election questions can be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at 895 8693.

4. The last day to register to vote to be able to participate in the Deliberative Sessions was Tuesday January 20, 2015 with the Supervisors of the Checklist. The last day to register to vote prior to Town and School Voting on March 10th is Saturday February 28, 2015 from 11:00 to 11:30 am at the Fremont Public Library. You can register on election day, but not on the days between March 1 and March 9th.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

01/20/2015 Energy Committee – The Committee finished their Town Report. They did a tentative meeting schedule for the year and discussed other current projects.

01/21/2015 Planning Board – The Board reviewed the Jacob’s Cove subdivision and recommended the engineer’s proposed bond reduction, and did a lot line adjustment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectmen reviewed the minutes of 15 January 2015. Motion was made to accept them as written by Hunter. Cordes seconded and the vote was approved 2-0-1 with Holmes Sr abstaining.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

6:15 pm Non-public session re: tax hardship matter – Cancelled via phone call this afternoon.

At 6:30 pm Town Moderator Michael Rydeen met with the Board to review the 2015 Town Meeting Warrant in preparation for Deliberative Session. Budget Committee Chair Mike Nygren was also present. Rydeen discussed some information he learned at the Moderator’s Workshop last weekend. This deals primarily with the 10% rule.

Rydeen asked for someone from the Planning Board to be at the meeting so that they could answer any questions and explain the Zoning articles on the Warrant. The meeting will be taped for television and also rebroadcast on YouTube. Planning Board Chairman Roger Barham was contacted by email and asked to attend the Deliberative Session.

The Warrant was reviewed article by article with discussion about the order of the meeting. Each article was discussed in terms of who would explain it and answer any questions, as well as what additional information needs to be available.

There was discussion about the handouts and setup for the meeting. Rydeen will forward the updated Rules of Order for the meeting early next week, for inclusion in the Town Report. Rydeen and Nygren left the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Roger Barham came in to the Board’s meeting and indicated he would be at Deliberative Session. The details and a copy of the Town’s Warrant were given to him. He will be asked to address any questions that arise regarding the three zoning articles.

6:45 pm Public Input - none

7:00 pm Department Heads

At 7:25 pm Fire Chief Richard Butler came in to the meeting. Motion was made by Hunter to enter non-public session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Cordes seconded and the roll call vote was unanimously approved – Hunter –aye; Holmes Sr – aye; Cordes – aye. At 7:30 pm motion was made by Hunter to return to public session. Cordes seconded and the roll call vote was unanimously approved – Hunter –aye; Holmes Sr – aye; Cordes – aye. No decisions were made.

Chief Butler then updated the Board on some pending Fire Rescue matters. He submitted some invoices for payment. He will get back to the Board by next Thursday evening with answers to some questions regarding a call in December.

Butler left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. The signed 2015 Warrant and Budget Form MS 737 were posted 21 January 2015 in several locations throughout Town. They are available on the website and copies are at the Town Hall as well.
2. Selectmen signed the default budget cover page to send to NH DRA. This was posted with the budget, and a new signature page will replace the unsigned page in the postings.
3. Selectmen had not all read the Vision Appraisal contract yet, so it was tabled for completion next Thursday evening.
4. Selectmen discussed the Road Agent position and the possible need for job description changes if the newly elected Road Agent does not have equipment. The Board recognizes the amount of administrative work involved with the position. No decisions were made.
5. January repeat water tests at the Fremont Library were free of any bacteria. The next test will be a quarterly one in March.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the accounts payable manifest \$32,288.92 dated 23 January 2015. The final invoices for 2014 total \$4,759.95 within this manifest. Motion was made by Holmes Sr to approve the manifest of \$32,288.92. Cordes seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.
2. Selectmen reviewed bills and invoices for payment.
3. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence. This included an anonymous complaint submitted to the Building Inspector about the lean-to addition being constructed at the home of Selectman Leon Holmes Sr. Meade noted in his weekly report that this work has all of the proper permits and has been inspected by the Building Inspector.
4. Selectmen reviewed an updated appointment form for Andy Kohlhofer as a Planning Board member, with his term ending 2017. This corrects an earlier form that was dated in 2016. Motion was made by Cordes to appoint Andrew Kohlhofer to the Planning Board for a term to expire in 2017. Hunter seconded and the vote was approved 3-0. Selectmen then reviewed an appointment for Phillip Coombs as a full member of the Planning Board (from current Alternate status) for a term ending 2015. This was recommended by the Planning Board at their meeting last night. Motion was made by Hunter to appoint Phillip A Coombs to the Planning Board as a full member to expire in March 2015 (with the intent that he will be appointed for a regular three year term as of March). Cordes seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.
5. Selectmen reviewed proposals from Second Wind Water Systems regarding Library and Safety Complex water systems annual maintenance. No decisions were made.

6. Selectmen reviewed a new Health Trust *Certification to Protect Information* form presented by the Local Government Center Health Trust. Motion was made by Cordes to have Chairman Hunter sign the form on behalf of the Town. Holmes Sr seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.
7. Selectmen voted to sign a letter to Trustees of Trust Funds requesting release of \$1,957.37 from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for payment of invoice # 866646 from Stantec Consultants for work to date on the Martin Road Bridge Engineering.
8. Selectmen reviewed the Warrant Article Narrative and made adjustments. This will be published as part of the February Newsletter which will go in the mail next week.
9. The balance of the February Newsletter was reviewed and approved. The final WA Narrative will be added.
10. Selectmen reviewed and approved the Town Report cover and appreciation pages. Selectmen will make a presentation at Deliberative Session regarding the appreciation page.

VIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION NH RSA 91-A

The next regular Board meeting will be a work session, to be held on Thursday 29 January 2015 at 6:00 pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made by Holmes Sr to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator