

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. In attendance were Selectmen Gene Cordes and Neal Janvrin, Selectmen's Clerk Kathy Clement, Leanne Miner Conservation Chair, Bill Knee Conservation Vice-Chair and Duane Hyde from the SouthEast Land Trust (SELT). Bruce White of FCTV was live broadcasting this meeting. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectman Roger Barham arrived at 7:05 pm.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Town Clerk Tax Collector is closed on Mondays for the summer.
2. Roadside mowing will take place through August 30, 2019. Please use caution when you see the Road Agent in the tractor along Fremont roadsides.
3. Trash will be delayed by one day during the week of Labor Day, with collections on Friday and Saturday. Town Offices are closed on Monday September 2, 2019.
4. The annual Grassdrag event meeting will take place on September 21 with the event to be held on the north side of town during Columbus Day weekend.
5. The Town's new website will be operational early next week. The host will begin the changeover late in the day on Monday, and it takes approximately 12 hours to fully convert to the new host site. Both websites are very closely mirrored, and Town staff will be working over the next couple of weeks to get everything updated fully. We appreciate the public's patience as we learn the new system and get all of the information online.
6. Household Hazardous Waste Day has been scheduled for Saturday September 21, 2019 from 9 am to 12 noon at the Brentwood Highway Garage at 207 Middle Road in Brentwood. The flyer will be up on the town website shortly and flyers are available at the Town Hall, Safety Complex, and will shortly be at the Library. If you call the Selectmen's Office we can also mail/email you one.
7. The Library will be celebrating the end of their Summer Reading Program Saturday August 17, 2019 at 1:00 pm with the Timberlane Community Band Concert at the Fremont Library on the front lawn. Bring a chair or blanket.
8. The Town of Raymond is closing Prescott Road to through traffic the week of August 19, 2019 to replace three culverts under Prescott Road. It is estimated that the work will be on going for one week.
9. The Red Cross Blood Drive is tomorrow Friday August 16th at the Safety Complex from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

Janvrin reported the FCTV Committee met on Monday August 12, 2019. Bruce White found an engineer in Massachusetts and will be scheduling him to meet the Committee at the Ellis School to review some of the sound issues. The Committee also voted to purchase a Sony wireless microphone for \$528.00 (corrected from the \$585 stated) to greatly improve the sound quality when broadcasting and recording meetings and events. They also reviewed changes made to the Cable Operator Stipend Schedule and Procedure. The only change was to add the stipend for operators filming non-meeting events, the pay will be a mirror of the stipend for meetings. The next FCTV meeting is Monday September 16, 2019.

The Board was updated that Cemetery Trustees met on Tuesday August 13, 2019 they are primarily working on the project list for next year, including some work at Leavitt Road Cemetery. Trustees reviewed the applicant submittal for the open part-time position and asked for Carlson to complete reference checks, which is underway. The candidate will be brought to the Board of Selectmen's meeting for an introduction next week.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Janvrin made a motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2019 as written. Cordes seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 2-0.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS – times subject to change depending on flow of the meeting

At 6:42 pm Selectmen began their appointment with the Conservation Commission and SELT regarding the Brett parcel at 240 Beede Hill Road for conservation/preservation.

Miner introduced everyone and gave a brief overview stating that SELT applied for 2 easements. The first is a wetlands easement which is 100% government funded, the second is an agricultural land easement which needs municipal funds. Cordes welcomed Mr. Hyde and acknowledged that these projects can take months and years. Mr. Hyde had submitted a memorandum to the Selectmen and Conservation regarding these projects and costs. The Brett farm is 49 acres total but will be broken into 2 projects one is wetland the other is agricultural conservation. This is next to Brown Brook Forest which is 343 acres. NRCS will go forward with the Wetland Reserve Easement Program (WRE).

The Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) excludes the house and barn which will not be encumbered. The owner can sell the property, but the easement is in perpetuity and will stay with the property if sold. They will be awarded funds and should be signing with NRCS for the wetlands easement. Total project cost is \$330,953 and they are requesting \$150,000 from Fremont Land Use Change Tax Fund which is about 45% of the total cost. Over the years there has been approximately \$2.2 million in conservation funds in Fremont from a variety of State and Federal sources, so the Town's funding has been a supplement to that, and the Town has received benefits. There is currently \$222,714 in the Land Use Change Tax fund overseen by the Commission. Hyde stated that if the Town puts money into the project, they get a legal attachment. SELT is the easement holder and enforcer and the Town would become an enforcer also with oversight to ensure that SELT is doing its work.

Hyde also stated that he saw lots of moose signs in this area, more than most other areas he is working. The next step in this process is to schedule joint Public Hearing to authorize public expenditure then SELT will raise other money and they will do paperwork and come back to Board of Selectmen to vote to accept legal attachment to the easement.

Miner indicated that the Commission has voted to use some Land Use Change Tax Fund monies toward this easement procurement, and a Public Hearing has tentatively been scheduled for September 12, 2019 at 7:15 pm.

The whole process should be done by the end of 2020 or early 2021. Cordes appreciated the updates and everyone is ready to move to the next step. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Hyde for his dedicated work and he left at 7:02 pm.

Miner and Knee stayed to answer any questions that the Selectmen may have regarding their proposed budget for 2020. Cordes asked about the Projects line relative to the Master Plan. The Conservation Commission has a statutory requirement to maintain the Natural Resources Inventory which is part of the

Master Plan. The Master Plan is a living document and 2008 was the last time it was updated. Miner explained that the NRI explains what natural resources we have, how we want to preserve and protect them, and it supports the Master Plan. The total cost for updates for the Conservation Commission is \$6,000. This year there is \$2,000 for the first part which is map updates. This will be paid with \$1,700 from the CC Budget Residual Fund and \$300 from the operating budget. Next year they will be working with the Planning Board to update a chapter. They would like to work with the Planning Board on a build out plan as well.

Miner explained that they did not ask for any project money in the new budget. The Commission has projects they are currently working on, including an interpretive trail that Knee is currently working on. The Forest Management Fund was replenished this year which will help with forest management projects.

Cordes asked Miner to explain the Land Use Change Fund for anyone that wanted to know. Miner explained that this fund was set up by Statute after a Town Meeting vote, for the purchase of property to conserve and any associated costs (for example a property survey). There is a very strict and rigorous process for anyone interested in conserving their land.

Janvrin questioned not leaving line 950 Conservation Projects Trails and Outreach line open with a budget of \$1. Miner thought it was duplicated and would talk to Carlson about this. There were no other comments from the Selectmen. They thanked the Conservation Commission for their work.

Miner and Knee left at 7:32 pm.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Sandown Road Bridge updates: Work is moving along well, and the bridge is anticipated to be reopened in time for school starting on Monday August 26th. We will post updates on the website as soon as we have more definitive information.
2. FCTV Policy and Procedure 2019 document: The FCTV Committee voted updates in June to their payment schedule to include Town/School Events in the same stipend format as meetings are paid. The Selectmen reviewed the Town's Policy which has been updated by Carlson with the changes. Janvrin moved to approve the FCTV updated Policy and Procedure document for 2019. Cordes seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 2-0.
3. Black Rocks Village Update: Carlson is still working on the information to talk with NH DOT. Tom McCutcheon sent an email indicating that he took a quick polling at the Homeowner's meeting last night regarding the decel lane. He reports the owners do use the lane but because of the depressed catch basin, they go around it and only use the lane afterwards to go to turn right onto Hall Road. If the catch basin was repaired or made higher then residents would use all of the lane. The Selectmen are also concerned with this lane and catch basin, this is a State right-a-way and the town is waiting on a response from the DOT. The Town as also kept some bond funds to get contractor to finish working with NH DOT. The Town wants to keep the decel lane as it is a safety issue.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence. The water tests have been ordered for the PF compounds now that the new standards have been released by NHDES. Mail also included information on the second quarter franchise fee check, and Stantec field reports regarding Hall Road.

2. Barham made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable manifest \$25,381.44 for the current week dated August 16, 2019. Janvrin seconded the motion and the vote was 3-0.
3. The Selectmen reviewed a letter of permission for Kristofer Adams to do grave rubbings in coordination with Shawn Perreault as an Eagle Scout Project at the Hoyt Currier cemetery. The Board also reviewed NH RSA 289:22 outlining how this permission is to be granted. Kris is working with Shawn and the Trustees on this project. This has been reviewed by the Cemetery Trustees. Janvrin moved to approve the letter that allows Kristofer Adams to do rubbings. Barham seconded the vote was unanimous 3-0. A copy of the statute will be sent along with the letter.
4. Selectmen reviewed a letter to the NH DOT Commissioner regarding an access road in Epping to NH Route 101. There is a lot of interest by the public in Fremont, and we continue to work with the Town of Epping. Barham made a motion to approve and sign the letter to the Commissioner to investigate further the use the old access road as a haul road to Route 101. Janvrin seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 3-0.
5. Janvrin made a motion to approve the FCTV Revolving Fund Manifest 2019-18 in the amount of \$79.80 for reimbursement to the Town's general fund for four months of the Comcast static IP address (billed to the Town's phone/internet service invoice). Barham seconded the motion and the vote was 3-0.
6. Stantec Consulting has chosen Fremont as a community service site for an afternoon of free labor donated to the Town. The date will be in September and we are working on a list of projects for their staff to help us with. At the present time, it includes some in sundry painting at various town buildings and assistance with the preparation in moving the Town Line marker signs (by moving the gardening stones, digging up plants, etc.). It is approximately 2-3 hours of about 20 Stantec employees donating their time for these projects.
7. Draft copies of the 2018 audit report were distributed for Board review. The Selectmen will review this week and contact Carlson with any questions. They will sign the management letter next week.
8. Budgets distributed for review

4152 Reappraisal of Property 4583 Patriotic Purposes	4415 Health 4610 Conservation Commission
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VIII. WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. Budget work continues. Consider workshop meeting once a few more have been submitted. Time has been set aside next week solely for budget work. The Library Trustees will be in next week as well.
2. The Budget Committee begins their fall schedule next Wednesday August 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Fremont Public Library.

The next regular Board meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday August 22, 2019 at the Fremont Town Hall in the basement meeting room.

With no further business which may legally come before this meeting, motion was made to adjourn by Janvrin at approximately 7:33 pm. Barham seconded, and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Clement, Selectmen's Clerk