

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, Roger Barham and Neal Janvrin; Town Administrator Heidi Carlson and Selectmen's Clerk Kathy Clement. Members of the public included School Board Member Gordon Muench and Stephen Bassett. Bruce White from FCTV was in the control room live broadcasting. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Reconstruction and paving work on Beede Hill Road will begin on Monday morning May 14th. Traffic will be limited to one lane during working hours and delays are expected. Please seek alternate routes whenever possible. Work will last approximately a week and could be delayed by inclement weather. Watch the Town's website (home page notices) for any updates. Please use caution when driving in this area during construction as workers and equipment will be in the road and adjacent right-of-way areas.
2. Make a splash! The Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee is seeking volunteer representatives from Fremont who want to help protect or enhance wildlife, recreation, historical sites, and other water-related resources along the Lamprey River and its tributaries. The committee meets monthly at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday. The rivers of the Lamprey River watershed are designated as protected under the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program and the main river is also protected under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Join colleagues from several towns who are making a difference for our communities and the rivers that connect them. For more information, email Joe Foley, chair, at jmfoley48@comcast.net or visit www.lampreyriver.org.
3. The Renaissance Fair will be held for two weekends, beginning this Saturday May 12, 2018.
4. The Town wide yard sale will take place this Saturday May 12th. The map is accessible from the home page of the Town's website.
5. The Garden Club Plant Sale and Library Book Sale will take place on Saturday May 19, 2018 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on the front lawn at the Fremont Public Library.
6. The Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies will take place on Sunday May 27, 2018. The parade lineup for youth sports teams and scouts is at Spaulding Road, and at the Town Hall for Veterans, the band and emergency services. Lineup is at 8:30 am, with the Parade stepping off at 9:00 am with a tribute to Veteran's at Sandown Road. In case of inclement weather, the Ceremony will begin at 9:00 am and in the gym at Ellis School. Anyone interested in participating (readings, singing, etc.) should contact Jeanne Nygren as soon as possible.
7. The State's 2017 Form DP-8 for the Low and Moderate Income Property Tax Relief is now available. Carlson mailed forms to residents that had requested them. You can get a copy from the Selectmen's Office or download it from the Town website on the home page link. Forms must be filed with the NH DRA no later than June 30, 2018.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

Cordes reported the Budget Committee met last night May 9, 2018. They reorganized and kept Mary Anderson as Chair and Patricia Martel as Vice Chair. There was a review of projects and expenses for the Town, as well as reviewed the School budget and plans for summer and how projects are going. The next meeting is August 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall, in the first floor meeting room.

Janvrin reported that SRRDD 53-B met last night May 9, 2018 in Rye. It was a short meeting. The annual Hazardous Waste collection day is set for September 29, 2018 at the Brentwood Highway Shed from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The Auditors and Treasurers Reports were read and the next committee meeting is Wednesday September 12, 2018.

Barham reported that the Rockingham Planning Commissioners met last night May 9, 2018. There was a GIS presentation by staff to demonstrate the capability of the GIS department and how they can assist towns. A subcommittee presented information relative to the upcoming budget year, and the Commissioners also approved the 2018 budget for \$1.2 million. The Commissioners meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Barham made a motion to approve the minutes as written for May 3, 2018. Janvrin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

6:45 pm Public Input – Steve Bassett told Selectmen that he paid his Timber Yield Tax for last year's cut. He also thanked the Board for approving his new form for the current tax year. He detailed going out to the site to hang his Intent to Cut certificate for the current year and was stopped by Mr Rislove of Fremont Land LLC who stated that he was trespassing. Bassett would like the Selectmen to use RSA's to allow him to walk to his land. Bassett reported that during the recent Planning Board site plan process for Fremont Land LLC, that Fremont Land LLC reported doing a title search back 50 years and said it shows no rights-of-way.

Bassett claims he has paperwork showing he has a right-of-way to access his land. When asked, he said he did not want to provide a copy to the Town. Barham researched and wrote a report regarding rangeways which was provided to Bassett this evening, along with a letter the Selectmen had signed last week. The Selectmen suggested that Bassett follow up with his proof in court to establish his right-of-way. Bassett was asked to provide a copy of the NH Statute he is referencing relative to access to his property. Bassett also said that he could attend a future meeting with the County Forester who could further explain this to the Board if they would like.

Bassett left the meeting at approximately 7:05 pm.

7:00 pm Department Heads - none

At 7:05 pm Selectmen met with Jeanne Nygren who expressed her interest via letter earlier this week, in the vacant Cemetery Trustee position. Carlson explained that the letter had been forwarded to the Cemetery Trustees who met on Tuesday this week. At that meeting, the Trustees voted to recommend Jeanne Nygren based on her interest in the position for the vacant one-year term through the next election in March 2019.

Janvrin made a motion to appoint Nygren for the one-year term as Cemetery Trustee through March 2019. Barham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0 and members signed the appointment form. Carlson stepped out of the room and swore Nygren in.

At 7:15 pm Selectmen met with Suzanne Wicks regarding a missed deadline for the Elderly Exemption application form. Wicks explained that she wanted to apply for the Elderly Exemption based on new qualification amounts passed at the March 2018 Town Meeting. She missed the deadline by 3 days and

spoke to Carlson who stated the law deadlines as outlined in RSA 72 for exemption and credit applications. Wicks spoke to the Selectmen stating that it was a mistake that she missed the deadline, she was retired then went back to work to be able to pay her taxes. Janvrin made a motion to accept the application if it was received at the Selectmen's Office by 4:00 pm Wednesday May 16, 2018 but this does not guarantee she will qualify for the exemption. Barham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Updated contract documents for the summer 2018 road work, including Beede, North and Red Brook Roads have been received. This has all been reviewed by the Road Agent and he did several reports for the Board to review in terms of money and each Warrant Article and the operating budget to arrive at the totals within the contract. Barham made a motion to approve the GMI Asphalt contract and documentation for the 2018 paving in the total amount of \$486,426.50 which is for work on Beede Hill Road, North Road and Red Brook Road. Beede Hill and Red Brook Roads are from Warrant Articles 14 & 15 and North Road is being funded by a line items in the Highway Department operating budget. Janvrin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0. Barham made a motion to approve the Notice to Proceed for GMI paving project. Janvrin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

Barham then moved to approve and sign the Agreement with GMI for this work. Janvrin seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

2. Copies of the May 9, 2018 budget report were distributed to the Selectmen to review and the report as viewed by the Budget Committee last evening at their meeting.

3. Carlson discussed with the Board a Barn Discretionary Easement worksheet for 245 Beede Hill Road. The Public Hearing date is tentatively set for May 31st. Carlson will put together a package for all information to present at the public meeting, including the worksheet to come up with a percentage for the easement for the current tax year.

4. A Fee Schedule Public Hearing is also being planned for May 31, 2018. Carlson is seeking input from Departments on any other fee schedule changes needed this year.

5. Lamprey Energy is planning to do the Safety Complex oil burner conversion beginning Monday May 21st. The Highway Department will be scheduled thereafter to remove the oil tank and compact/repave the parking lot before the new generator work begins. They planned on one day for the work but did schedule for 3 days in case there are any problems. Holmes will work around the installers to remove tanks.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Barham made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable manifest in the amount of \$36,907.72 for the current week dated May 11, 2018. Janvrin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

2. Selectmen reviewed folder of incoming correspondence. One note of correspondence includes notes from a meeting between the Superintendent and Bruce White regarding School Board meetings being held in the new Town Hall basement meeting room starting in September.

3. The first quarter 2018 franchise fee check has been received from Comcast in the amount of \$8,710.94. This has been deposited into the FCTV Revolving Fund.

4. The brochure and registration information for Camp Fremont is being distributed and is posted on the home page of the Town's website. Camp begins with a short week July 2, 3 5, and 6, followed by four full weeks of activities. No before and after care is available this year, and counselor positions are currently being advertised.

5. The School Board held a Public Hearing on Tuesday May 8, 2018 relative to discussion on donating parcel 02-151.001 owned by the Fremont School District, to the Town of Fremont and Conservation Commission for conservation purposes. According to NH RSA 36-A:4 the Commission may receive gifts of real property subject to the approval of the governing body. The Commission voted on Monday night to move forward with acceptance of the donation. The Statute says they must have a Public Hearing if money is used on the purchase; but it was felt by all that it is a good idea to hold a Public Hearing on May 31, 2018 to publicize the activity. The Conservation Commission's expenditure of funds will just facilitate the gift acceptance with anticipated legal expenses and transaction costs.

6. Selectmen reviewed a Yield Tax Warrant for parcels 06-005 and 06-007 for SUSC Trust located on Shirkin Road in the amount of \$298.50. Janvrin made a motion to approve this 2017-2018 Yield Tax Warrant. Barham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

7. Selectmen reviewed the Elderly Exemption application for 79 Main Street, parcel 03-160, with information presented indicating the applicant is not eligible due to the income criteria. Janvrin made a motion to deny the application based on the current review. Barham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

8. Selectmen reviewed an abatement for parcel 06-053.007 at 64 Lynette Lane relative to errors in the listing sheet in terms of how much construction on a new addition was complete as of April 1, 2017. The Assessor's recommendation is a \$19,100 value reduction to \$271,500 after the listing errors were corrected. Bahram made a motion to grant the abatement of \$19,100 in valuation. Janvrin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

9. Selectmen reviewed the annual contract with CAI Technologies for WEBGIS Support. The amount is \$2,400 which is a \$600 increase, planned for in the operating budget. This is the same company that prints and updates the tax maps. This includes continued maintenance of the web site portion only. Barham will speak to CAI Technologies to see about updating and fixing any errors based on the current Rockingham Planning GIS mapping. Barham made a motion to approve the contract with CAI Technologies for \$2,400. Janvrin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

VIII. WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. Additional work on the Town Hall generator will take place next Friday afternoon. This will require a full electric shut down for a couple of hours, so no Town services will be available much of the afternoon. Generator Connection backfilled the trench at the Town Hall yesterday.

2. Veteran's Day preparations continue. Mark DeVeber has been consulted on flags, and the colors will raise from the Cemetery flagpole, with flags displayed on the Meetinghouse building as well as the Color Guards posted there. Carlson said we are still looking for a Grand Marshall and Guest Speaker. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Selectmen's Office as soon as possible.

IX. NON-PUBLIC SESSION NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

At 8:00 pm a motion was made by Janvrin to enter non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

to discuss a personnel matter. Barham seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimously approved 3-0; Cordes-yes; Janvrin-yes; Barham-yes.

Clement left the meeting at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Clement
Selectmen's Clerk

At approximately 8:05 pm Selectmen began their non-public session.

At 8:20 pm motion was made by Janvrin to return to public session. Barham seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimously approved 3-0; Cordes-yes; Janvrin-yes; Barham-yes.

There was follow-up discussion on the MRI study and work still to be done. Carlson indicated that Kevin Zukas had called in to say that the group had worked on the additional six items from the April 14th work session after the regular monthly meeting on Monday May 7th. A report was to be forthcoming on this discussion. Zukas had also reported by phone to Carlson that the group feels that they can step up their response and is not necessarily in favor of per diem coverage. This will be further discussed in the scheduled meeting next week with the Chief Officers.

Later in the evening, an email was received from Zukas with some additional information, but he was delayed due to some family matters. More is expected next week.

The Board discussed their meeting date during the week of June 4th. Due to schedule conflicts, the Board considered holding it on Tuesday June 5th instead of Thursday June 7th. Carlson will post the change and see about getting coverage for the meeting as she cannot due Tuesday nights due to a conflicting meeting.

Selectmen also discussed meeting with Brian Duggan sometime in early June.

It was noted, and will be noted again next week, that Peter LaRoche and PA LaRoche Painting is to be heartily thanked for the beautiful work done repainting the Historic Museum this week! LaRoche has also advised that Crystal and Justin Reese of Treaty Court are to be thanked for donating the paint to get this important work done! This is a wonderful community project so hearty thanks to all involved!

X. ADJOURNMENT by 9:00 pm

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday May 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Fremont Town Hall, basement meeting room.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Janvrin to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Barham seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson, Town Administrator