

At 6:00 PM the Board of Selectmen Gene Cordes, Neal Janvrin, Roger Barham, Town Administrator Heidi Carlson, Selectmen's Clerk Jeanne Nygren, Library Trustees Cheryl Rowell and Suzanne Wicks, Library Staff Eric Abney, Cathy Murdock, Nancy Mason and Carole Mitchell met at the Fremont Public Library to make a surprise presentation to Marlene Emery as recipient of the 2017 Town Report Appreciation award. A plaque citing her 33 years of service to the Town of Fremont and additional years to the Ellis School Community, was presented to her by the Selectmen and Carlson, then pictures were taken. The Board then proceeded to the Town Hall.

I. CALL TO ORDER At 6:35 pm the meeting was called back to order in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Neal Janvrin, Roger Barham, Town Administrator Heidi Carlson and Selectmen's Clerk Jeanne Nygren. Bruce White from FCTV was in the control room recording tonight's meeting live. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS were read by Selectman Cordes.

1. The Town's Winter Parking Ban is in effect through April 1st from midnight to 6:00 am.
2. Candidate declaration began yesterday and runs through Friday February 2, 2018. Contact the Town Clerk for more information on signing up, and consult the Town's website and postings in Town buildings for a list of open positions. Contact SAU 83 at 895 6903 for more information on School positions.
3. School Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday February 3, 2018 at 9:00 am with a snow date of Tuesday February 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Ellis School.
4. Town Deliberative Session will be held on Monday February 5, 2018 with a snow date of Wednesday February 7, 2018 both at 7:00 pm at Ellis School.
5. All Town Offices will be closed on Monday February 19th in observance of President's Day. There are NO delays in trash pickup due to the holiday.
6. The front walkway ramp at the Town Hall has been taped off with caution tape due to ice buildup making it unable for the public's safe use. Any resident needing assistance is asked to contact the Selectmen's Office if help is needed, and we will make necessary accommodations.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

Janvrin reported on the January 23, 2018 Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting, where there was discussion on two submitted variance applications. The first was for Kevin and Erin Bolduc to seek a variance for construction of a garage and shed less than the 100' wetland setback required at Parcel 04-002. A site walk has been scheduled for Saturday January 27, 2018 at 9:00 am.

The second was for Scott and Brenda Barthelemy to obtain a variance to hold the New Hampshire Renaissance Fair on Martin Road Peterson Farm property, Parcel 06-034. This is an annual event that will occur over two weekends in May. The Board voted to grant this variance. The applicant's next step is a Planning Board Site Plan Review process.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After review, a motion was made by Janvrin to approve the January 18, 2018 meeting minutes with corrections noted. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

7:00 pm Department Heads-none.

At 7:00 pm Deborah Loiselle from the NH DES MtBE Remediation Bureau came before the Board and gave her presentation on private well sampling that the State is doing. Part of their mission is to sample private wells that may potentially be impacted by MtBE and to provide safe drinking water to those that have concentrations above standard. They are currently considering three (3) sites in Fremont to conduct water quality (VOC including MtBE) sampling. These are in the area of the old Spaulding & Frost Mill, at Ellis School, and near the former L & P Auto on Sandown Road. She noted 250,000 private wells in the State of NH. The sampling standard for MtBE is 13/ppb and the only way to determine if it is present is the water sampling.

In addition to the sampling program, the settlement funds can be used for remediation and site work to construct clean and safe facilities, provide bottled water or public water systems. She mentioned that the State is contracted with Nelson Analytical for this testing and the standard analysis normally costs \$75. Radon can be done for an additional \$20 and Radiological Analysis for \$75.00.

The sampling program is voluntary. Each resident in the targeted sampling district will receive an invitation to sample their well. Residents will likely contact the Town with questions after receiving the invitation. Therefore, they feel it is important that Town Officials understand, in advance, what they are doing and not be caught off guard. They are also looking for the Town's feedback on their process, and insight to the area. Link: [MtBE Remediation Bureau](#). Loiselle handed out pertinent maps and data findings to date completed in Fremont. This information will be placed on the Town website as well as a power point presentation will be done by FCTV for public viewing to explain the process and goals of DES.

Residents who want to take advantage of this program can also contact NH DES and request sampling. Those in the targeted areas will received a mailing from the State outlining the sampling, the base portion of which is free, due in part to a settlement the State has from the gas companies. Other tests can be done at homeowner discretion/cost, and follow-up and site visits will be done by NH DES personnel in the coming months. They are in marked DES white vehicles, will be wearing NH DES logs on their jackets or shirts, and will carry State of NH identification.

She was thanked for her presentation and left at 7:30 pm.

At 7:35 pm Town Moderator Michael Rydeen met with the Board and reviewed the 2018 Town Meeting Warrant in preparation for Deliberative Session with the Board. He also spoke there are a couple of law changes in the discussion process, but not yet approved, regarding who is able to declare an election being suspended (state or local officials) and possible changes to the same day voting registration process. Rydeen was thanked by the Board and he left the meeting at approximately 8:00 pm.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Carlson is waiting for final approval from legal counsel on Town Meeting Warrant Articles on Zoning for a shortened narrative version for the public to help understand their intent and content.
2. Town Hall renovations update – Joe Fitzpatrick here on Wednesday January 24, 2018 to finish up work on drain for HVAC condensate pumps and bathroom fixtures. He needs to return to install the handrail and sink (ADA) bumper.
3. Final review of Board of Selectmen's Annual Report was made with one correction.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the payroll manifest of \$24,909.94 for the current week dated January 26, 2018 was made by Barham. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

A motion to approve the accounts payable manifest of \$1,040,510.16 for the current week dated January 26, 2018 was made by Janvrin. One million of this manifest is payment to the Fremont School District. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

2. The Board then reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence. A motion to approve the request submitted by Heidi Carlson for 8 vacation days in March was made by Barham. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

3. A motion to approve the FCTV Revolving Fund Manifest # 2018-02 in the amount of \$390.90 to K P Electric to cover the cost of additional lighting work done in the meeting room to accommodate FCTV broadcasting (to make a better presentation of head table area) was made by Janvrin. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

VIII. WORKS IN PROGRESS

Carlson reported that the Town's Audit firm was here Monday through Wednesday this week, and all went well. Work on the Town Report continues.

A Board meeting is posted for 6:15 pm on the evening of Deliberative Session (at Ellis School) as a work session prior to Deliberative Session. It is posted for both February 5 and 7, in case the meeting has to be moved for inclement weather.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. This will primarily be a work session to prepare for Deliberative Session.

At 8:04 Janvrin moved to enter into non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3 (c) to discuss a personnel matter. Cordes seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous 3-0; Cordes-yes; Janvrin-yes; Barham-yes.

Nygren left the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren, Selectmen's Clerk

Approved 02/01/2018

At 8:11 pm motion was made by Janvrin to return to Public Session. Barham seconded and the roll call vote was unanimously approved 3-0; Cordes-yes; Janvrin-yes; Barham-yes.

Carlson reported that the preparation for Deliberative Session is underway as well.

There was some discussion about scheduling in the Selectmen's Office as well.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Barham and seconded by Janvrin to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator