

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Fremont Town Hall basement meeting room. In attendance were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Roger Barham and Neal Janvrin; Town Administrator Heidi Carlson and Selectmen's Clerk Kathy Clement. Peter LaChapelle from Waste Management and Sergeant Jason Larochelle were also in attendance. Bruce White from FCTV was live broadcasting the meeting. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Scarecrow Contest is in full swing! Stop by the Fremont Public Library for details, 7 Jackie Bernier Drive.

2. This Saturday, October 27th there are several events going on:

- **Supervisors of the Checklist** - Meet from 11:00 to 11:30 AM at the Fremont Public Library. This is the last time to register to vote until Election Day.

- **Drug Take Back** - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Fremont Police Department, 425 Main Street.

- **Parks & Recreation Halloween Party** - 2:00 to 3:30 pm at the Ellis School Gym. Come in Costume for a Halloween Parade, Games, Crafts, Music, Goodies, Face Painting and more. For all ages! Drinks and Light Refreshments will be served!

- **Pumpkin Decorating Contest:** This year the Fremont Parks & Rec will be hosting a pumpkin decorating contest at our Annual Halloween Party! If you would like to enter a carved and/or painted pumpkin, please drop it at the Ellis gymnasium by 1:30 pm. Voting will be based on age group and three categories: scariest, most creative, and funniest. There will be prizes for each category. Results of the voting will be announced at the end of the party.

3. FREMONT TRICK OR TREAT - Wednesday October 31 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm

4. The Historic Museum will be open the last time for the season! Saturday November 3 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Located at 8 Beede Hill Road, the corner of Beede Hill Road and Main Street.

5. Voting for the November Election will take place at Ellis School on November 6th with polls open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Contact the Town Clerk for absentee ballots or any other election information.

6. A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Ellis School on Wednesday November 7 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Call 1 800 RED CROSS to schedule an appointment.

7. On Wednesday November 7th a School Board public budget forum will be held at the Town Hall, Basement meeting room, from 6 to 7 pm. It will be followed by a regular Budget committee meeting at 7 pm, and the School Board will meet after at 7:15 pm at Ellis School.

8. The Veteran's Open House will be held on Monday November 12, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Fremont Public Library. Bring a dish to share. Contact Jeanne Nygren in the Selectmen's Office for information.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES: All Town offices will be CLOSED:

- Monday November 12 for Veteran's Day
- Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving

- Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25 for Christmas
- The Building Inspectors Office will be CLOSED all day on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 for training.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

Carlson reported that the Budget Committee met last night with members of the Conservation Commission and Open Space (6 representatives), and with all three Cemetery Trustees. Carlson presented the Parks & Recreation budget. A final recommendation was made on the Conservation budget request after a lengthy discussion. The Solid Waste, Insurance, and Personnel Administration budget proposals were circulated and will be further reviewed next week.

Janvrin reported that he and White met with Jay Somers from Comcast on Thursday October 25th. They discussed having HD capability for Fremont cable subscribers and the FCTV channels. It had been mentioned at an FCTV meeting that Bedford would be going with HD for their channel. Somers said that it would not be available for at least 18 months in Bedford. Somers will be presenting a 5-year contract draft with the option to look into the option of HD for FCTV. The contract extension will be similar, but with an annual option to look at HD. Janvrin said that the other rewiring options Fremont wanted are cost-prohibitive. Janvrin also reports that the second channel is now on.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Janvrin made a motion to postpone the approval of the minutes of October 18 and October 22, 2018 until the next meeting. Barham seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 3-0.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

At 6:45 pm Evelyn Ferrell from the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association met with Selectmen and interested parties to review the 2018 Grassdrag event. Also present were Fremont Police Department Patrol Sergeant Jason Larochelle, Fire Chief Richard Butler, Jean Larabee from Raymond Ambulance Inc; and residents Brenda Barthelemy and Gary and Tanice Cloutier.

Selectmen stated the follow-up meeting happens annually to review the event. Ferrell reported that approximately 45,000 people attended over the three day event. The Association thought everything went well although the rain caused problems with the traffic and parking. They brought in many loads of wood chips to help make some areas more passable. The one complaint that was heard was the traffic issue. The rain was a major issue as it caused about 25% of the parking area to be closed and there were two other major events within a mile of the grass drags (in Epping) that helped cause the traffic issues.

Sergeant Larochelle will be speaking to the Town of Epping to try to coordinate on these issues in the future. There has already been some talk about satellite parking and shuttling people in. The Fire Chief reported only one minor incident with a camper leaking gas. Sergeant Larochelle reported that there were 85 calls in the three days which is down a little from last year. There were four incident reports, eight arrests (most for intoxication issues), and complaints about traffic.

Larabee reported there were two transports over the weekend. There were no comments from the landowner or neighbors. Comments were made by those attending that Ferrell is quick to address and solve any problems that come up. Ferrell reported that this is the largest function of its kind in the United States.

With no further comments Cordes thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and they left at 6:55 pm.

7:00 pm Department Heads - None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. A very busy and successful Fall Bulky Day was held last Saturday at the Fremont Highway Shed. The Selectmen and Carlson reported that it was a very busy day and all the dumpsters were filled. Because of the great turnout there were long traffic lines, but Janvrin reported that with all the traffic people were very courteous in allowing cars to pull in and out of the Highway Shed area.

2. The town received two bids last week for Trash and recycling collection, from Waste Management and Casella. Peter Lachapelle from Waste Management was in attendance to answer any question the Selectmen may have. The information from both proposals was put on a spread sheet to compare and review. Waste Management has been doing the town trash pickup for about 10 years. The spread sheet showed total costs for five years for both companies and recycling included.

The base proposals were based on continuing with the same type of service that we currently use (one trash toter, recycling bins, with weekly collection of both). There was a lot of discussion about recycling as this is the biggest change in the market today. There is not much of a market for recycles today although there is a high supply. This should change in the future. The landfills are looking for ways to use the recyclables. China was always the biggest buyer, but they have not been buying much.

Lachapelle gave an updated list of what can be recycled and also a list of some of the different things that other towns are doing for their recycling. The most important thing with recycling is to not contaminate the recycling with items that are not recyclable or that they no longer except, this causes increased prices, including contamination of a full load of recyclables. It is best to have quality over quantity with recycling. The processing fees are going up because there is no place to send it. Janvrin recommends keeping program the same. Selectmen agreed. If markets change can we revisit the program at a later time. Because as the market changes our processing fee will change, and WM has agreed to accept the same tonnage rate for the full year, and will track any overages so they could be budgeted the following year, and will not overspend the budget. The comparison is based on:

Recycling Tons Average: 395

WM Processing cost: \$102.67

Casella Processing cost: \$126.39

WM annual increase fixed at 3%

Casella annual increase for collection fixed at 5%
and processing minimum of 3%

	Waste Management	Casella Waste Systems
Year 1 collection	\$243,816.	\$257,000
BASE BIDS AMOUNTS		
Year 1 processing cost	\$40,554.65	\$49,924.05
Based on 395 tons annually		
Year 1 Total	\$284,370.65	\$306,924.05

Janvrin made a motion to accept the bid from Waste Management for a 5-year contract for MSW and recycling pick up, subject to Town Meeting approval and Town attorney review for one-year contract that shows that it is contingent on funding (voting). WM will send a draft of a contract that will be like the contract with Barrington showing that the contract is contingent on funding.

Carlson explained that approval of the contract must go to the voters for years 2-5 in order that the amount is allowable within the default budget. Bulky day dumpsters will add to the budget, and cost

about \$8,000 and will become part of the Solid Waste budget as well. For the past five years, that cost was included in the Town's contract. Barham seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 3-0. The Selectmen thanked Lachapelle for attending the meeting and answering questions. Lachapelle left at 7:39 pm.

3. Veteran's Open House – The Selectmen's will prepare some remarks for the Veteran's Open House and will be checking schedules as to who will be giving the remarks.

4. Carlson gave the Selectmen the Fire Rescue Department Compensation Plan September 2018 revisions that were submitted by Deputy Chief Nichols this week.

5. Barham made a motion to approve PO 2018-014 to 125 Fence LLC for the Parks & Recreation Commission's proposed fence around the basketball court at Memorial Fields in the amount of \$10,730.99. Janvrin seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 3-0. This was the lowest bid that the Town received for the fence.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Barham made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable manifest for \$37,127.84 dated October 26, 2018. Janvrin seconded and the vote was unanimous 3-0.

2. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence. Carlson explained the email from Petra Paving regarding paving at the Town Hall. Some of this money (\$3,434) was encumbered from 2016 to pave the new walk way behind the building. The other amounts, \$1,250 for the crack sealing and \$1,650 for patches as recommended by the Road Agent, was allocated out of the government buildings budget early in the year. This will be scheduled as soon as possible on the paver's schedule.

3. The 2018 Second Issue Property Tax bills have been prepared and printed. Selectmen reviewed the Warrant in the amount of \$6,009,488. Second issue property taxes are due December 2, 2018. Barham made a motion to approve the Second Issue 2018 Property Tax Warrant. Janvrin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

4. There was discussion about the Boston Post Cane Presentation to Edna Tilley, now 100 years old. The presentation will be done the same day as the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Town Hall, on Saturday December 15th. Ellen Horsburgh was the last Boston Post Cane recipient in Fremont, and moved away earlier this year to be with family.

5. Budget reviews:

4323/4324 Solid Waste – After having made a decision on the award of the Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Contract, the Selectmen looked at the Solid Waste budget. It was decided to put the full amount of the contract in year one in the operating budget. The amount of last year's contract is in the default budget, and if the default budget passes, the Town will not be able to support trash collection for the full year in 2018, and it may also suspend events such as Bulky Day.

The Board felt that the Warrant Article should only be the question of supporting the contract in future years, and should not have any funding associated with it. Janvrin moved to recommend the budget 4323 Solid Waste Collection for \$284,370. Barham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

Carlson then reviewed the Solid Waste Disposal budget, which includes tipping fees on the tonnage for our trash, dues to belong to the 53B collaborative Solid Waste District, and events such as Bulky Day.

The largest change is in bulk recycling as we have to pay for the containers and hauling for the first time in five years. Barham moved to recommend the budget 4324 Solid Waste Disposal at \$116,664. Janvrin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

Public education about the trash bidding process and the changes in the contract are needed so that residents understand the importance of passing the Warrant Article as well as the operating budget. Some of this information will start begin put into the monthly newsletter now. Carlson said that we would get flyers out well before the Town Meeting for the residents to understand the article. The first year could go into the operating budget and the warrant article could be for approval of years 2-5.

4445 Social Service Agencies - Janvrin moved to recommend the budget for \$27,822. Barham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0. Carlson explained that there is still one agency who has not submitted a request

6. Barham made a motion to sign the property tax agreement payment plan for Map 01 Lot 005, Janvrin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

VIII. WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. The Budget Committee schedule for the fall season has been posted and published. It is weekly from now through December 19th on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm, except the week of Thanksgiving. The public budget hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

2. The Board will meet in non-public session with Chris Olsen in Rochester on Friday evening at 7:00 pm.

3. Daystar is working with their project team on the technology improvements for the Fire Rescue Department. The date for installation of the three new computers, printer and new networking has not been set but the ordering and scheduling is underway. Kevin Zukas is the local contact who will coordinate while DayStar is on site.

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

At 8:16 pm motion was made by Janvrin to enter non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A 3 II (e) and (c) to discuss legal, personnel, and insurance claim information. Barham seconded and the roll call vote was unanimously approved 3-0; Cordes – yes; Janvrin – yes; Barham – yes.

Clement left at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Clement
Selectmen's Clerk

At 8:20 pm the Selectmen began their non-public session.

At 9:00 pm motion was made by Barham and seconded by Janvrin to return to public session. The roll call vote was unanimously approved 3-0; Cordes – yes; Janvrin – yes; Barham – yes.

Selectmen facilitated a list of agenda topics for the meeting with Chris Olsen tomorrow. Carlson will send the list to Olsen.

The Board directed Carlson to send the trash agreement (once received) to Town Counsel for review and follow-up.

The Board reviewed and further discussed a complaint from Lisa Marggraf relative to activity by Gristmill LLC within the Gristmill Road / Copp Drive extension subdivision. This will be forwarded to Code Enforcement, and as soon as the budget is under control, Marggraf's will be scheduled to meet with the Board to express their concerns.

It is noted that review of insurance claim data that the Board undertook, is exempt from the Right-to-Know law specifically in NH RSA 91-A:5 (IV). The Board had reviewed claims data requested last week.

Budget review of 4196 Insurance:

Carlson reviewed with the Board the budget proposal for 2018 for the Town's property liability insurance coverage. Understanding the years that are included in the rating period, a motion was made by Janvrin to recommend \$60,175 for 4196 Insurance. Barham seconded and the vote was approved 3-0.

With no further business which may legally come before this meeting, a motion was made by Janvrin to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Barham seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator