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I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 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; Selectmen's Clerk Kathy Clement and School Board Member Gordon Muench. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The evening began with the Fremont Police Department Annual Awards Ceremony acknowledging events and milestones from the 2019 calendar year. Years of Service Awards were presented to ACO Renee King (10 years); Mary Wheaton-Pinder (15 years). Honorable Service Awards Officer Greg Huard (10 years); Officer Joseph Gordon (15 years); Lieutenant Peter Morelli and Chief Jon Twiss (each 5 years). A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Roger Barham for his assistance with firearms instruction. A Life Saving Award was presented to Sergeant Jason Larochelle. An Exceptional Service Award and Officer of the Year Award were both presented to Officer Kurtis Boissonneault.

Following the ceremony at 6:20 pm, the Selectmen left the meeting room, while remaining in session, to take the Town Report Appreciation Award to recipient Jack Downing at his home. Jack and his children Lorry Porter, Theresa Blades, Pam Valley and John Downing Jr were all there. Jack was very pleased with the presentation and asked Selectmen to give him a signed copy of the Town Report when it comes back from the printer.

The Selectmen resumed the meeting at 6:40 pm in the Town Hall basement meeting room.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Signup for Town and School District positions ends tomorrow. The Town Clerk is open from 9:00 am to 12 noon; and will be open with the School District Clerk at the Town Hall for signups only, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.
2. The Town and School Deliberative Sessions will both be held on Saturday February 1, 2020. Both meetings will be posted for 9:00 am, and the School District meeting will begin first; followed by the Town's meeting as soon as officials can change chairs and Town Officers can set up. Weather predictions are such that the meetings will be held this Saturday.
3. Selectmen will meet at 9:00 am on the morning of Deliberative Session at Ellis School, in preparation for the meeting. The Budget Committee meets at 8:30 that morning at the School.
4. All Town Offices are closed on Monday February 17, 2020 for President's Day. There are no delays in trash collections that week.

III. LIAISON REPORTS - None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Janvrin made a motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2020 as amended. Barham seconded and the vote was unanimous 3-0.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. The February Newsletter was mailed out to all households on Monday.
2. Shirkin Road engineering study – There is nothing new to report, Carlson shared the concerns from last week's meeting with the companies concerned. The Board would like to keep this as a weekly reminder of the work to be done.
3. The Selectmen's Town Report was completed and reviewed one final time this evening. Carlson had added additional pictures and information on replacing the roof on the concession stand/garage at the ball field.

Kathy Clement joined the meeting at 7:00 pm.

At 7:00 pm Chief Twiss joined the meeting, and he and Selectman Barham made a presentation relative to Warrant Article 8 which will be given to the Moderator to present at the Deliberative Session. The Board agreed with the information, and discussed that it will also be aired on FCTV and Vimeo for residents to view. This presentation was done to show residents the data about full-time officers, and statistics on Fremont as compared to other towns in the area, documenting a need for another full-time officer. The Selectmen thanked Chief Twiss who left at 7:17 pm

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence that included emails to the applicants for summer camp positions announcing that there would not be a camp program in 2020. There were also several letters received from Comcast this week regarding changes in channels and pricing and a copy of the annual letter that was sent to the Attorney General.
2. Barham made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable manifest of \$140,616.19 dated January 31, 2020. Janvrin seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 3-0. It is noted that just under \$95,000 was a payment to Primex for a full year of the Town's Worker's Compensation and Property Liability insurance coverages.
3. Carlson sent out a draft earlier this week of the Sandown Road Bridge report for the Annual Report and Board members had some discussion on the amount of information which was included in the report. Carlson wanted to be sure and give residents all the pertinent information about the project. It includes background on how the closing came about, how the whole process worked beginning with the letter from the State of NH DOT, the engineering process, how it was funded, planning and the timelines for these events up through construction. The expense summary report is also included. The project stayed within budget and was completed on time. The Selectmen acknowledged the great work done by Fremont PD and the Highway Department to assist as well. Also, they acknowledged all the support received from the Towns of Sandown and Danville for services to the residents of Fremont during this time.
4. Carlson discussed a Land Use Change Tax matter regarding recently subdivided lots on Copp Drive. Carlson stated there are two subdivisions presently on Copp Drive and due to the sale of one lot, two LUCT's were triggered. Now the original owner has indicated that one of those lots will be sold back to him, and has questioned the status of a LUCT. The transfer of that first lot actually triggered two LUCT's due to making them non-contiguous to the parent lot and disqualifying them from Current Use.

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Carlson indicated the Town has 18 months to assess the penalty, and the Assessor's processing of the penalty came at exactly the same time as the owner's request to hold off on the penalty. To make a decision, the Board asked for the owner to provide concrete information ASAP on the date of the return transfer, as the law does provide the initial sale disqualifies it. Carlson will contact the original owner to inform him that once the penalty has been assessed it must be paid and then he would need to reapply for current use. The Board asked for the follow up to be provided next week.

VIII. WORKS IN PROGRESS

Carlson reported that Town Reports from all departments are in, she is now working on the financial reports. The Town Report will be done next week to send to the printer. There was one change to the Parks & Recreation operating budget due to lack of a summer camp this year. This will be reviewed by the Budget Committee at their meeting Saturday morning. Selectmen will need to amend the number on the floor of Deliberative Session, but it is a net zero change as revenue and expenses will both be removed.

Carlson advised that all of the Department Heads are planning to be at Deliberative Session. Carlson has Warrant Articles and other copies done and ready to go.

At 7:37 pm with no further business to come before the Board, Janvrin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barham seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 3-0.

The Selectmen will be meeting Saturday February 1, 2020 at the Deliberative Session at the Ellis School at 9:00 am.

IX. NON-PUBLIC SESSION pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c) and (e) - none

The next regular Board meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday February 6, 2020 at the Fremont Town Hall in the basement meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Clement
Selectmen's Clerk