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**I. CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Neal Janvrin, Roger Barham, Town Administrator Heidi Carlson and Administrative Assistant Jeanne Nygren. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was School Board member Gordon Muench. Tonight's meeting is live broadcast by Bill Millios from FCTV.

## **II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Candidates declared for office are listed on the home page of the Town's website with other election and Town Report materials. Check there for current updates.
2. Presidential Primary voting will take place on Tuesday February 11, 2020. Polling in Fremont is held at Ellis School, open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Selectmen will meet during the day while manning the polls.
3. All Town Offices are closed on Monday February 17, 2020 for President's Day. There are no delays in trash collections that week.
4. The Fremont Master Plan Survey is available for residents to complete. They are available on the town's website and at Town Hall. This survey will be available until the end of February.

## **III. LIAISON REPORTS**

Barham reported the only business at the Planning Board meeting of February 5, 2020 was the number of responses to the Master Plan Survey is 175 so far. Their next schedule meeting is February 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

## **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Janvrin to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2020 meeting as written and seconded by Barham with unanimous approval 3-0.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

1. To continue moving forward with the Shirkin Road engineering study Cordes stated we need to find money in the budget to get this done which they will address at a later meeting.
2. Deliberative Session went well last Saturday. The only changes to Warrant Articles was the reduction of the operating budget. Carlson circulated the Voter Guide for all to review as this also needs to be part of the Town Report.
3. Carlson reviewed the Legal Activity Report for the 2019 Annual Report that showed the utility case updates on Eversource/PSNH and Ferwerda lawsuit which are both ongoing. This has been reviewed by the Town's Attorney for general matters as well as utility counsel.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence which included: Resident of Governor's Forest concern on a safety matter with road conditions; Waster Management report showing no

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complaints in January; Beede Hill resident having a discussion with one of the businesses regarding trucking problems; complaint of trucks on dirt section of Shirkin Road at 5:30 in the morning; posting notification from Rye of a single pole cell tower proposal on conservation land; email from a resident interested in becoming a member of Park & Recreation Commission; Xfinity updates and information on new channel packages available for residents; BI copy of correspondence to a resident on their septic system application.

2. A motion to approve the Payroll manifest of \$32,604.64 for the current week dated February 7, 2020 was made by Barham and seconded by Janvrin with unanimous approval 3-0. A motion to approve Accounts Payable manifest of \$33,737.97 dated February 7, 2020 was made by Janvrin and seconded by Barham with unanimous approval 3-0.

3. A motion to approve the FCTV Revolving Fund Manifest 2020-04 in the amount of \$61.12 to Staples for office supplies was made by Barham and seconded by Janvrin with unanimous approval 3-0.

4. The Board reviewed updated information on the Copp Drive Land Use Change Tax question from last week. While the original sale did disqualify the lots, the primary (contiguous) one has been deeded back to the original owner already. The Board decided to not send the penalty now.

5. A motion was made to sign the Intent to Cut for parcel 02-020 located on South Road by Barham and seconded by Janvrin with unanimous approval 3-0.

6. At the request of Road Agent Leon Homes Jr. a credit application was completed for future purchases at Carparts Distribution Center (d/b/a Carparts of Epping). A motion was made by Janvrin to sign this application and to have Chair sign on behalf of the Board. This was seconded by Barham with unanimous approval 3-0.

7. Carlson prepared the Budget report through 02/07/2020 and circulated it for Board review. Copies have been distributed to Departments as well. There are no budget numbers until a budget is decided at Town Meeting in March, so only expenses are shown.

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

6:45 pm Public Input - none

At 7:00 pm Police Chief Jon Twiss met with the Board to introduce his recommendation for a part-time position. He introduced candidate Richard Crouse. Officer Greg Huard was also in the audience. Chief Twiss explained that Crouse is currently an officer with New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game who now resides in Fremont. He has worked our grass drag events in the past and is interested in obtaining a part time police officer position. He has attended the full-time Academy and therefore has no restriction on hours worked. His current schedule is six days on, three off, so he could work into the schedule regularly. Chief Twiss advised he has successfully completed a full background check, physical agility and psychological testing. In response to questions, Crouse cited his interests being diverse, including fishing, hunting, gaming, woodworking, working with his sawmill, and logging in his spare time.

The Board welcomed Crouse for his interest and enthusiasm to want to be part of the Police Department. A motion was made by Janvrin to appoint Richard Crouse as a part time police officer for a one-year probation period. This was seconded by Barham with unanimous approval 3-0. Crouse was sworn in by

Carlson and congratulated by all present. Officers Huard and Crouse left the meeting at approximately 7:05 pm.

This week an email was forwarded to Carlson by Dennis Howland from Alexander Hansbury asking if the Town would consider allowing target shooting in the Town Forest. Conversation that followed by the Board had great concerns on safety with the possibility of others walking in the Town Forest not properly dressed in colors to distinguish them, and also this is conservation land which is not the practical location for target shooting to take place. Chief Twiss remained for the discussion and agreed that it was not a safe situation to allow. After consideration by the Board it was unanimous not to approve this in a motion made by Janvrin which was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0. This will be passed on to the Conservation Commission who may also want to consider the matter.

Carlson advised that in response to questions and information submitted, a future meeting to discuss posting status and use of Class VI roads in Fremont will be set up. Some information forwarded by the Pitkin family on Class VI roads and posting/use status was circulated for the Board to review.

### **VIII. WORKS IN PROGRESS**

At 7:06 pm Janvrin moved to enter non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3 II e to discuss a legal matter. Cordes seconded and the roll call vote was unanimously approved 3-0; Cordes-yes; Janvrin-yes; Barham-yes.

Nygren and Muench left the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeanne Nygren  
Selectmen's Administrative Assistant

At approximately 7:15 the Board began their non-public session.

The Board discussed retiree employee filings with NHRS to confirm that all the annual reporting was done, and it is complete with all hours well within standards.

At 7:20 pm a motion was made by Janvrin and seconded by Barham to return to public session. The roll call vote was unanimously approved 3-0; Cordes-yes; Janvrin-yes; Barham-yes.

Chief Twiss was still in the building and was consulted about the complaints about trucking and traffic in the Beede Hill Road / Shirkin Road / Rogers Road area.

The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday February 11, 2020 during polling hours from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm as needed through the day. The Board will also participate in all necessary polling activities through the counting of ballots at the end of the night.

The next regular Board meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday February 13, 2020 at the Fremont Town Hall in the basement meeting room.

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With no further business to legally come before the Board, a motion was made by Janvrin to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Barham seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson  
Town Administrator