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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, and Roger Barham; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. Tonight's meeting is a live broadcast by Bill Millios from FCTV.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. All Town services have transitioned to a virtual setup. Please review the most up to date information on the home page of the Town website. Many Town Officials and Employees are working to keep our Town services moving, but it is in a very different way. Please be patient as we all work through this current health crisis and do everything we can stop the spread of the virus.

Town Buildings are currently closed, and virtual services are available for almost everything. Please call or email us to get the services you need.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

The Planning Board meeting scheduled for April 1, 2020 was cancelled. We are working on remote meeting capability and are planning to have the April meeting as scheduled (with virtual participation) on Wednesday April 15, 2020. Just today the Governor's office released temporary modifications of municipal and local government statutory requirements due to Covid-19 that includes Planning Board applications and meetings. We are working on remote capabilities for future meetings.

Waste Management has issued new guidance that all trash must be bagged and tied before going in your toter. Also, a reminder that latex gloves go in the TRASH not recycling.

Mark Deveber submitted the State Emergency Management high level summary:

COVID-19 Summary Report updated April 1, 2020, 9:00 am:

NH Persons with COVID-19: 415

Recovered: 91 (22%)

Deaths Attributed to COVID-19: 4 (1%)

Total Current COVID-19 Cases: 320

Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19: 58 (14%)

Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time): 1,325

Quarantine Status of New Hampshire First Responders

EMS: 7 Fire: 39 Police: 68 Total: 114

12 responders with positive tests

Update from Fremont Emergency Management Director Mark DeVeber:

Continued participation in daily conference calls as for EOC

Continued participation in EMD conference call 3 times per week

Continued participation in Seacoast MACE (Multi-Agency Coordination Entity) once weekly

As required participation in additional conference calls related to municipal activities or legal topics.

Training - Initial training for Law Enforcement and Fire Department on decontamination of reusable PPE completed last week. We will continue with periodic training evolutions to reinforce skills.

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Reviewed current situation during Fremont Fire/Rescue Officer meeting 3/31/2020 - key points were education on WebEOC and accessing State information, review of current situation in Fremont, along with new dispatching protocols to protect first responders, review of decontamination process (approved by state) for any durable/reusable PPE.

The Police Department has purchased an ozone disinfectant machine that will be used to disinfect emergency vehicles and certain areas in the Safety Complex.

The Emergency Management Director will be providing respirator training for Police Department on Friday April 3rd.

Emergency Management Director has been in contact with Fire/EMS, PD, and the Colonial Poplin Nursing home and has facilitated the State requested survey for PPE daily burn rate - this information will be used to allow the State EOC the ability of where PPE is being used most.

Close coordination between the Town Administrator, Emergency Management Director, Police Chief, Fire Chief and Health Officer continues.

The Blood Drive was held as scheduled at Ellis School on Tuesday March 31, 2020 with a great turnout and 39 units collected. This will give as many as 117 patients lifesaving blood! All people entering were screened and due to the success, the Red Cross is looking to do another one. Thank you to the Fremont Community for answering the call at this time when the need for blood is severe.

Based on advice from the NH Library Association and in consult with the Trustees, the Fremont Public Library has discontinued curbside pickup of books. They are transitioning to online and tech support. Contact Eric Abney at ericabney.fpl@gmail.com.

The Superintendent did her first weekly update broadcast on Tuesday March 31 at 6:00 pm via FCTV (and Vimeo upload thereafter) to update the community on School happenings and planning efforts.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Janvrin to approve the minutes of March 26, 2020 as written which was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

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

None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. There are no updates from NH Bridge Aid regarding scope of work for the Martin Road Bridge Engineering. Dan Tatem did respond to an inquiry from NH DOT this week, and the Town has to also do some follow-up in this regard.
2. The Road Agent has not yet heard back from the guardrail company to schedule a visit to the Sandown Road Bridge Overflow bridge for an updated price quote on the damaged rail.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence included: Printed copies Governor's Emergency Order #23; EMD updates on Covid-19; DES correspondence regarding the Galloway alteration of terrain permit application at Parcel 05-035 seeking additional information. Barham stated the Town's application is conditionally approved; resident email regarding trucking concerns on Shirkin Road; individual interest in purchase of Town land on Shirkin Road which the Town is not interested in selling at this time; resident email questioning if the savings in FSD school bus contract funds can be diverted towards Town road work, which there is no statutes to allow the Town to do that; Eversource efforts that are underway for coping with current conditions on bill payments; annual report from NRRA; and the NH DOT Red list report on State and Town owned bridges.

2. A motion was made by Barham to approve the Payroll manifest of \$31,535.40 for the week ending April 3, 2020 and was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

A motion to approve the Accounts Payable manifest of \$32,259.87 for the current week dated April 3, 2020 was made by Barham which was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

3. Carlson advised there are two requested Abatements from the Tax Collector for delinquencies that are less than the amount of money to send the lien notifications out. Janvrin made a motion to approve the abatement of the two listed as follows: 05-072.001.001 John Lopes Ttee \$5.37 and 03-037.000.006 KDR Welding & Machine LLC for \$6.61 which was seconded by Barham. The vote as unanimous 3-0.

4. Selectmen had reviewed the budget report to date for the first quarter of 2020, which includes all monies voted at Town Meeting. Board members had some general discussion. Carlson also noted the inclusion of new 4291 EM account numbers to be able to track Covid-19 expenses separately for accounting reference in the future for FEMA. There is discussion about a FEMA Disaster declaration for the Covid 19 pandemic.

Cordes asked about the January spending exceeding the newsletter budget line and Carlson explained that due to the length of the one print edition for the year, that the printing cost was more than budgeted.

Carlson was happy to report that as of today there are no positive Covid-19 cases in Fremont.

5. A motion to approve the Veteran Credit - Regular Veteran \$750 / Disabled Veteran \$4,000 for Parcel 07-078 owned by Laura Stewart was made by Barham and seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

6. Carlson provided an update on virtual meetings using Teams through the Town's existing O365 accounts, noting she had a virtual meeting with Daystar to discuss the different platforms. Arrangements were made for two of the Town's email accounts to get set up to do Team thru O365 and have conference call capabilities. The Planning Board and Zoning Board will likely plan to move ahead with virtual meetings through this platform as until the Emergency Order is lifted, no more than 10 people can be present at meetings. Land Use Assistant Leanne Miner is familiar with these platforms and will pursue with Carlson these capabilities for future meetings.

7. Carlson reviewed with the Board complaints that came in this afternoon about the Patterson's working in the Shirkin Road ROW. Chief Twiss went out to the site to confirm that Alfred Patterson was bulldozing material within the ROW and did not have Town written permission in accord with the statute.

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The Chief had him clear the pile that was blocking the road and told him it was illegal to do without written permission from the Town, and it was explained to him again what was needed to be allowed to do such work. Patterson indicated to Twiss that he was doing the work in conjunction with Bob Kelly.

Carlson also spoke with Bob Kelly from Seacoast Farms relevant to the resident complaint of work being done by Patterson on the road being widened and wetland issue involvement. Kelly had a different recollection of the conversation, and Kelly was also reminded of the process for approval to do work in the Town's ROW.

Any work in a Town road needs written permission from the Board of Selectmen after consult with the Road Agent, as well as multiple other processes being followed (plans, layout, description of work, and in some cases survey information). Carlson advised the Board that the Inspectors met with Patterson on Monday on site, along with Roscoe Blaisdell for the purpose of digging a test pit. Patterson spoke to the Inspectors in general terms about his plans, and has been repeatedly told the process which needs to be followed. Patterson told Inspectors he wanted to get approval for a septic system and eventually he wanted to do a "security building" out on the site. Carlson said he needs to apply for this improvement and define what it is, along with necessary Site Plan with the Fremont Planning Board. The Town has received inquiries about the property as well from Jones and Beach Engineers and Roscoe Blaisdell. Patterson was spoken to by Chief Twiss to remind him of the statutes, and the Board felt a letter and possibly a cease and desist may be in order. Carlson will check with the Town's Attorney. Road Agent Leon Holmes Jr had not spoken with any of the Patterson's but stated he had a message to call Bernadette Patterson.

VIII. WORKS IN PROGRESS

The next regular Board meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at the Fremont Town Hall in the basement meeting room.

With no further business which may legally come before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm was made by Janvrin and seconded by Barham. This was approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren
Selectmen's AA