

**FREMONT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Fremont Town Hall, Fremont, NH 03044**  
**December 6, 2017**  
**7PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mary Anderson called the December 6, 2017 Budget Committee meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM at the Fremont Town Hall basement meeting room. Present were: Budget Committee Chair Mary Anderson, Vice Chair Pat Martel, Gene Cordes, Mary Jo Holmes, Joe Miccile, Kathy Miccile, Josh Yokela, and Jennifer Brown. Also present were Heidi Carlson and Susan Perry.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 29, 2017**

*Gene Cordes made a motion to approve as amended the minutes of November 29, 2017. Kathy Miccile seconded the motion. Motion passed 8:0.*

**SCHOOL BUDGET UPDATES/INFORMATION**

The School Board will meet tomorrow night to discuss the Budget Committee's request to reduce the proposed budget to \$12 million.

**TOWN BUDGETS**

The Police operating budget (4210) was distributed, as the default numbers were complete (\$560,246). It was clarified that the Budget Committee's recommended budget total was \$560,602.

The current expense report and revenue estimates were reviewed. The operating budget increase is 4% (\$110,000) - or 10% if all the Warrant Articles pass. There was concern that an increase of \$330,000 is a lot (about \$.80 tax impact). Currently, the 2017 total revenue estimate is \$1,497,593; the MS-4 2017 revised total revenue amount is \$1,506,815; and the 2018 estimated total revenue is \$1,540,470. Ms. Carlson will be fixing/looking again at some revenue lines and reporting information back to the Committee.

**TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES**

*Jennifer Brown made a motion to recommend Warrant Article A (2018 Operating Budget) in the amount of \$2,956,421. Gene Cordes seconded the motion. Motion passed 8:0.*

It was clarified that the Board of Selectmen are not currently the Agents to Expend from the Historic Museum Capital Reserve Fund. Another Warrant Article has been added to address this.

*Mary Jo Holmes made a motion to recommend Warrant Article J (Contribution to the Historic Museum Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$15,000). Gene Cordes seconded the motion. Motion passed 6:2 (nay: J. Yokela and P. Martel).*

*Gene Cordes made a motion to recommend Warrant Article K (designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Historic Museum Renovation Capital Reserve Fund established in 2008). Jennifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed 6:2 (nay: J. Yokela and P. Martel)*

*Gene Cordes made a motion to recommend Warrant Article L (Consider amending the elderly exemption income and asset limits) as presented. Kathy Miccile seconded the motion. Motion passed 7:1 (nay: J. Yokela).*

**PRELIMINARY DRAFT TAX RATE IMPACT SHEET**

There was review of the estimated tax rate changes related to the Town budget and Warrant Articles. Ms. Carlson noted that the Veteran credits are estimated at a \$20,000 increase for the "All Veteran" Warrant Article and there is no way to estimate the potential impact of the elderly tax exemption article changes. As of today, the estimated tax rate impact on the operating budget is \$3.45 plus the obligatory overlay and credits of \$0.33. Each warrant article was listed with the tax rate estimate per article. The Committee discussed the importance of explaining the tax impact of each article to taxpayers. For example, a \$.09 tax impact equals \$9 per \$100,000 evaluation or \$18 on a \$200,000 home. The Budget Committee members offered to help Ms. Carlson with this before the deliberative session.

There was review of the Candidate Declaration and Important Voter Information form.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2017****ADJOURNMENT**

*At 8:48 PM, Gene Cordes made a motion to adjourn. Joe Miccile seconded the motion. Motion passed 8:0.*

Respectfully submitted by, Susan Perry, Secretary