

The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 pm at the Fremont Town Hall, Main Floor meeting room with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Committee Members Mary Jo Holmes, Pat Martel, Josh Yokela, Jon Benson, Gene Cordes, Gordon Muench, Steve Bonaccorsi and Emily Phillips, Town Administrator Heidi Carlson, and Recording Secretary Shawn Perreault.

Motion made to approve meeting minutes of 14 December 2022 as amended by Muench, seconded by Bonaccorsi. Motion passed by a vote of 8 Yes – 0 No.

Carlson thanked the Committee for coming together to review the final Town documents for presentation next week at the Public Budget Hearing. She circulated updated copies of the Town Meeting Warrant, budget expense and revenue forms for 2022 and State MS form 737 and 737D for 2023 for presentation at the Public Hearing next week.

All Warrant Articles have been updated in numbering sequence reflecting the various recommendations. The Warrant has been reviewed by the Town Attorney and they have been uploaded to the DRA budget/tax rate portal, pending their approval. Committee members went through the articles and determined who would present each one at the Public Hearing. Petition Articles are due by Tuesday, January 3rd. The Budget Committee will review them before the Public Hearing on January 4th. Once recommendations have been made, they will also be submitted to DRA for approval. It is noted the Committee has a meeting posted for 6:30 pm prior to the Public Hearing to review all of the Town and School District forms as well as any submitted petitions.

Carlson will have information ready for each of the Town's Warrant Articles and Department Heads will also be present for questions and presentations. After the hearing, Carlson will be working with FCTV to record information explaining each Warrant Article for rebroadcast on FCTV.

The School Budget and forms will be available next week at the Public Hearing. It was noted the School Board may also want to post a meeting for that evening (Select Board is posted) in case they need to review any material and make any decisions.

Holmes questioned a School budget transfer of \$12,308 that was sent today. Muench explained the funds were for a repair to gas piping and a pressure regulator on the boilers. This was an unexpected repair, but presented a safety issue and was taken from the Ellis fuel line.

It is noted that Town petitions are due at the Select Board's Office by 11:00 am and School petitions to the SAU Office by 3:00 pm next Tuesday.

The next meeting will be held at Ellis School in the gym on Wednesday January 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

The final day to register to vote ahead of Candidate Declaration or Deliberative Sessions is Tuesday January 24, 2023. It can be done with the Town Clerk during Office hours, and on that final day the Supervisors of the Checklist will meet from 7:00 to 7:30 pm at the Fremont Public Library.

Candidate Declaration runs from Wednesday January 25 to Friday February 3, 2023. See the Town Clerk to sign up for any positions, or the School District Clerk to sign up for School District positions. Both Clerks are available on the final day, February 3 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Deliberative Sessions will begin at 9:00 am (School meeting following by Town) at Ellis School on Saturday February 4, 2023.

Fremont Budget Committee
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Voting on all Town and School District Warrant Articles will take place on Tuesday March 14, 2023 at Ellis School with polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Perreault
Recording Secretary