

Mary Jo Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street in Fremont with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were members Nancy Murray, Gordon Muench, Gene Cordes, Mary Jo Holmes, Brenda Beauchain, Jon Benson and Steven Bonaccorsi. The meeting is live broadcast by Bill Millios on FCTV and Vimeo.

Everyone introduced themselves around the table. Members circulated a contact list which was updated with current information.

Cordes moved to nominate Mary Jo Holmes as the Committee Chair. Benson seconded and the vote was approved 6-0-1 with Holmes abstaining. Cordes then nominated Jon Benson as Vice Chair of the Committee. Holmes seconded. The vote was approved 6-0-1 with Benson abstaining.

Cordes tabled approval of the January 11, 2023 minutes until the next meeting. Bonaccorsi seconded and the vote was approved 7-0. Carlson will circulate this set of minutes again before the next meeting.

Carlson circulated a current summary and detail of the Town's budgeted revenues and expenses with receipts and expenses through May 12, 2023. The reports will be reviewed more thoroughly by members. Carlson highlighted some of the larger ticket items such as the fire truck which has been ordered and ETF/CRF payments which will be made once the Town has first issue tax monies for cash flow. The Town is recruiting for the new police officer position but has also had two recent resignations. One is filled and the other is also posted.

Holmes asked about the status of the Martin Road Bridge and Carlson provided updates. The State and Federal regulations have further changed and the NH DES Wetlands process is currently underway. Costs for all of the work and State permitting have increased, and NH Bridge Aid has also changed the way the construction engineering is to be handled. The Town has to go through another (new) RFQ process to find a design engineer as the State will no longer allow you to use the design engineer for the project. This work will not be completed this construction season, but the Town is approved for the design and costs through the NH Bridge Aid Program.

Muench explained that SAU Administration was not able to be present tonight, but will plan to be at the next meeting to review the School expense and revenue reports, which will by then be for the completion of the current fiscal year. They will plan to have all of that information ready for Committee review.

The calendar was consulted and August 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm was set for the next meeting date.

The schedule for the fall will be reviewed for then, using the Public Hearing and Deliberative Session as end dates to work back from, trying to stay with the alternating nights when the basement meeting room is available as much as possible.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bonaccorsi and seconded by Cordes to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator