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The Fremont Select Board were in session all day during the Town and School Elections at Ellis School, 432 Main Street in Fremont. Polling begins at 7:00 am and the Board remained until after the polling closed at 8:00 pm to assist in the tally and a multitude of end of night duties.

At 7:00 am the Board gathered to open the polling place at Ellis School. Present were Select Board members Gene Cordes and Neal Janvrin as well as several election officials and voters began to arrive. Select Board member Roger Barham joined the Cordes and Janvrin at approximately 7:05 am.

There were no issues with the location or people accessing the building during the day. The setup was done on Monday evening and on Tuesday late afternoon a generator light tower was also set up to provide exterior lighting as darkness fell.

Throughout the day the Board assisted voters and helped in the processing of absentee ballots which began at 1:00 pm.

The Board reviewed and considered further the Finance/HR job description. A concern discussed was that the expectations for the experience and scope of job functions could not be met given the salary range planned. The Board will make some suggested changes to discuss with Carlson at a future meeting. The Select Board views the filling of this position as critical for the administration of the Town.

The Maintenance Supervisor position was discussed. This is a part time position that has not been able to be filled. Again, the Board's discussion focused on the scope of the job description and pay rate that was planned. This position is critical for the routine care and maintenance of Town facilities but also for planning and coordination of facility related matters. The Board will make some suggestions for changes to discuss with Carlson at a future meeting.

After the polls closed the Board assisted in the end of the election day work to include review of and hand-counting of all write-in ballots, and inspection of all ballots inclusive. Retiring Select Board Member Neal Janvrin received a standing ovation when he left the polling location.

There were no appointments or other decisions made during the meeting.

The Board completed their work and left Ellis School at about 9:25 pm.

Notes taken by Gene Cordes.