2020 Fremont Planning Board 1 **Proposed Zoning Amendments** 2 3 Public Hearings 12/18/2019 – 7:00 PM 4 Fremont Town Hall 5 6 7 Existing language 8 New language 9 Existing language to be removed 10 11 **ZONING PROPOSAL 1** 12 13 Section 701 - Establishment of Districts 14 15 The Town of Fremont is hereby divided into the following Zoning Districts: Main Street 16 17 District, Shirkin Road Commercial District, Residential District Commercial Highway, Corporate/Commercial Flexible-Use Residential, and existing Districts which include the 18 Fremont Village District, Wetlands and Watershed Protection District and the Aquifer 19 20 Protection District. 21 22 Section 702 – District Locations and Zoning Map The Flexible-Use Residential, Main Street District, Shirkin Road Commercial District, 23 24 Residential District Commercial Highway, Corporate/Commercial and the Fremont Village District are shown on the Fremont New Hampshire Zoning District Map dated December 25 13, 2006 March 2019, kept by the Town Clerk as the official Zoning Map. The areas of 26 the districts include tax map parcels as depicted on the Zoning Map. The Wetlands and 27 Watershed Protection District and the Aguifer Protection District are overlay zoning 28 districts. The lands included thereon are as defined in Article 12, Section 1201, Wetland 29 and Watershed Protection District and in Article 12, Section 1203, the Aquifer Protection 30 District. 31 32 Section 704 - Flexible Use Residential District 33 34 35 **704.2** By Conditional Use Permit, the Planning Board may allow commercial operations on lots with frontage on specific roads identified on the Fremont, NH, Zoning District 36 37 Map-38 39 704.3 Conditional Use Permit Requirements: Pursuant to RSA 674:21, the Planning Board is hereby authorized to grant a Conditional Use Permit in the Flexible Use 40 Residential District for commercial operations provided that the following conditions are 41 found to exist: as listed below are met or impacts mitigated to the satisfaction of the 42 Planning Board prior to the granting of a Conditional Use Permit. 43 A. The total maximum square footage of all commercial structures on a single 44 parcel is no greater than ten thousand (10,000) Square Feet. 45

- B. The entire commercial operation shall be located within 500 feet of the lot frontage within the Flexible Use Residential District. The Planning Board may on a case-by-case basis allow commercial operations to be located further than 500 feet from the lot frontage if the impacts of the use on abutting properties are demonstrated to be sufficiently minimized. Impacts include, but are not limited to, noise, odor, visual impacts, traffic, or safety.
- C. The commercial operation shall not result in a change in the essential characteristics of the area or abutting properties on account of the location or scale of buildings, other structures, parking areas, access ways, or the storage or operation of associated equipment or vehicles.
- D. The proposed use complies with all other applicable sections of the Zoning Ordinance.
- E. The permit is in the public interest.
- F. There will be no greater diminution of neighboring property values than would be created under any permitted use in the Flexible Use Residential District.
- G. That there are no existing violations of the Fremont zoning ordinance on the subject property.
- H. That the character of the area shall not be adversely affected in the context of:
 - 1. Architecture

- 2. Transportation
- 3. Scale of coverage
- 4. Scale of building size
- 5. Consistency of uses
- I. That granting the permit will not result in undue municipal expense
- J. That the proposed use will be developed in a manner compatible with the spirit and intent of the ordinance.
- K. That the capacity of existing or planned community facilities and services (including streets and highways) will not be adversely impacted.
- L. That the general welfare of the Town will be protected.
- M. That the following impacts have been mitigated to the extent practical:
 - 1. Noise
 - 2. Light
 - 3. Transportation
 - 4. Visual effects
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- N. Landscaped or other appropriate buffers of sufficient opacity and materials shall be required if deemed reasonably necessary for the welfare of neighboring properties or the Town.

704.4 Within the Flexible Use Residential District the Planning Board may grant a Conditional Use Permit for an Open Space Preservation Development, anywhere in the district, as per Article 13, Section 1302 of this Ordinance.

Section 707 Residential District

707.1 The intent of the Residential District is to provide areas for residential uses of single-family and duplexes that allow for sufficient area to provide necessary water needs and sewage disposal from on-site systems. Multi-family dwellings are also allowed with approved Conditional Use Permit, in areas where the neighborhood character of surrounding residential properties is maintained. This district includes areas where agriculture, agritourism and other open land uses are appropriate and natural conditions make the land unsuitable for intense development.

- **707.2** Conditional Use Permit Requirements: Pursuant to RSA 674:21, the Planning Board is hereby authorized to grant a Conditional Use Permit in the Residential District for multi-family dwellings provided that the following conditions-are found to exist: as listed below are met or impacts mitigated to the satisfaction of the Planning Board prior to the granting of a Conditional Use Permit.
 - A. The proposal meets the additional setback and frontage requirements under Article 9 Lot requirements.
 - B. The multi-family dwellings shall not result in a change in the essential characteristics of the area or abutting properties.
 - C. The proposed use complies with all other applicable sections of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - D. The proposed use complies with all other applicable sections of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - E. The permit is in the public interest.
 - F. There will be no greater diminution of neighboring property values than would be created under any permitted use in the Residential District.
 - G. That there are no existing violations of the Fremont zoning ordinance on the subject property.
 - H. That the character of the area shall not be adversely affected in the context of:
 - 1. Architecture
 - 2. Transportation
 - 3. Scale of coverage
 - 4. Scale of building size
 - 5. Consistency of uses
 - I. That granting the permit will not result in undue municipal expense
 - J. That the proposed use will be developed in a manner compatible with the spirit and intent of the ordinance.
 - K. That the capacity of existing or planned community facilities and services (including streets and highways) will not be adversely impacted.
 - L. That the general welfare of the Town will be protected.
 - M. That the following impacts have been mitigated to the extent practical:
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- 4. Visual effects

5. Odor 138 N. Landscaped or other appropriate buffers of sufficient opacity and materials 139 shall be required if deemed reasonably necessary for the welfare of 140 neighboring properties or the Town. 141 142 **ARTICLE 8 - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT** 143 144 Pursuant to RSA 674:21, the Planning Board is hereby authorized to grant a Conditional 145 Use Permit to allow for a conditional use in accordance with the restrictions and 146 requirements of Article 7 and 8.this section. A Conditional Use Permit may not establish 147 a use specifically prohibited by this Ordinance. 148 149 Section 805 – Standards for Approval 150 All standards conditions as listed in Article 7 and below-must be met or impacts 151 mitigated to the satisfaction of the Planning Board prior to the granting of a Conditional 152 Use Permit. 153 A. The permit is in the public interest. 154 B. There will be no greater diminution of neighboring property values than would 155 be created under any permitted use in the Flexible Use Residential District. 156 C. That there are no existing violations of the Fremont zoning ordinance on the 157 158 subject property. D. That the character of the area shall not be adversely affected in the context 159 of: 160 1. Architecture 161 2. Transportation 162 3. Scale of coverage 163 4. Scale of building size 164 5. Consistency of uses 165 E. That granting the permit will not result in undue municipal expense 166 F. That the proposed use will be developed in a manner compatible with the 167 spirit and intent of the ordinance. 168 G. That the capacity of existing or planned community facilities and services 169 (including streets and highways) will not be adversely impacted. 170 H. That the general welfare of the Town will be protected. 171 I. That the following impacts have been mitigated to the extent practical: 172 1. Noise 173 2. Light 174 3. Transportation 175 4. Visual effects 176 5. Odor 177 J. Landscaped or other appropriate buffers of sufficient opacity and materials 178 shall be required if deemed reasonably necessary for the welfare of 179 neighboring properties or the Town. 180 181 182

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Section 903 – Lot Size

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A. All lots created after 1986 shall be a minimum of two (2) acres (87,120 square feet) in area, except for lots serving two (2) or more dwelling as outlined in Section 903.B below.

B. Any new or legally existing lot serving two (2) or more dwellings shall be a minimum of two (2) acres (87,120 square feet) in area No lot shall be less than two (2) acres in area except that lots on which multiple family dwellings are located and shall be increased by twelve thousand (12,000) square feet per family dwelling unit when less than five (5) units and by twenty thousand (20,000) square feet per dwelling family unit when five (5) or more family dwelling units., ie: two (2) Acres plus twelve thousand (12,000) multiplied by the number of family units or two (2) Acres plus twenty thousand (20,000) multiplied by the number of family units.

Number of	Minimum Lot Size	Acres
Dwelling Units	(square feet)	
1	87,120	2.00
2	99,120	2.28
3	111,120	2.55
4	123,120	2.83
5	187,120	4.30
6	207,120	4.75
7	227,120	5.21
8 or more	247,120 sq. feet,	5.67 plus 20,000 sq.
	plus 20,000 sq. feet for each	feet for each additional
	additional dwelling unit.	dwelling unit.
(See also Article 12, Section 1201.6.C. for additional lot sizing requirements.)		

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C. Lots with two (2) or more legal dwellings units that do not meet the lot requirements under Section 903.B may be allowed to continue under the requirements of Article 5.

D. No lot shall have more than one (1) occupied dwelling structure thereon regardless of the number of dwelling units. (See also Article 12, Sections 1203.6 A and H.)

1203.8 Use Regulations

A. Minimum Lot Size:

1. Minimum lot size within the Aguifer Protection District shall be three (3) acres (130,680 square feet). Lots containing up to four (4) units shall contain an additional eighteen thousand (18,000) square feet per unit.

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Lots containing five (5) or more units shall contain an additional thirty thousand (30,000) square feet per unit. No lot shall have more than one (1) residential structure regardless of the number of dwelling units.

Number of	Minimum Lot Size	Acres	
Dwelling Units	(square feet)		
1	130,680	3.00	
2	148,680	3.41	
3	166,680	3.83	
4	184,680	4.24	
5	214,680	4.93	
6	244,680	5.62	
7	274,680	6.31	
8 or more	304,680 sq. feet,	6.99 plus 30,000 sq.	
	plus 30,000 sq. feet for each	feet for each additional	
	additional dwelling unit.	dwelling unit.	
(See also Article 12, Section 1201.6.C. for additional lot sizing			
requirements.)			

2. No lot shall have more than one (1) occupied dwelling structure thereon regardless of the number of dwelling units.

ZONING PROPOSAL 3

Section 901 – New and Extension Expansion of Existing Structures

number of family units). (See also Article 12, Section 1201.6.D)

Any new structure or extension expansion of existing structure intended for any use shall be set back from the street property line at least fifty (50) feet. In the case of multiple family dwelling structures, the setback shall be increased by an additional five (5) feet per family dwelling unit (Example: 50 feet + ({# of dwelling units} X 5 feet) = front lot line setback.) ie: (50 plus (5 multiplied by the number of family units)). And that any such structure shall be set back from the side and rear lot lines by at least thirty (30) feet except in the case of multiple family dwelling structures, this set back shall be increased by an additional ten (10) feet per family dwelling unit. (Example: 30 feet + ({# of dwelling units} X 10 feet) = side and rear lot line setback.)ie: (thirty (30) plus ten (10) multiplied by the

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Section 501 – Reconstruction

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Any non-conforming structure which is completely or substantially destroyed by casualty loss may be replaced with a similar structure which has the same building footprint dimensions and meets the setbacks of the previously existing structure. The structure may be rebuilt provided such construction is started within one (1) year of the casualty loss and complete within two (2) years of the casualty loss. The provisions of the Town of Fremont Building Code, as amended, shall apply to any reconstruction.

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ZONING PROPOSAL 5

A. Sign: Any material conveying information which is attached to the exterior of a

B. Commercial: Any lot in Commercial Highway District, Corporate Commercial

A. Signs in the Right-of-Way: No signs shall be allowed in the Town or State Right-

C. It shall be unlawful to affix, attach, or display any advertisement upon any object

D. Animated, moving, flashing, intensely lighted signs and signs that emit audible

of nature, utility pole, telephone booth, or highway sign.

F. Visual Story Signs that convey a sequence of messages.

of-Way. B. Highly Reflective and Fluorescent Signs. Signs made wholly or

partially of highly reflective materials and/or fluorescent or day-glow painted

structure, a pole, or some object such as a rope or wire between structures,

poles, or the ground shall be considered a sign and subject to the provisions of

District, Main Street District, Shirkin Road Commercial District, Residential

District, Fremont Village District, and commercial operations in the Flexible Use

Residential District with a Conditional Use Permit laid out as per Article 7,

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ARTICLE 16 – SIGNS

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1600.2 – Definitions

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1600.4 – Prohibited Signs

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1600.5 – Additional Sign Regulations

- A. Setbacks. All signs must be set back at least ten (10) feet from all property lines.

 A sign must not impair a motorist's visibility of oncoming traffic.
- B. Illumination. All external light sources shall be dark sky compliant. Internally lit signs are allowed.