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**Public Budget Hearing – Fremont Town Budget  
13 January 2021  
7:00 pm – Ellis School**

Welcome to the Town portion of the Public Budget Hearing Process.

Discussion this evening will relate to both the Town and School District budgets and Warrant Articles. Following this hearing, the final budget forms and Warrants will be posted in preparation for the **Deliberative Sessions**.

**SCHOOL & TOWN DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS** - Saturday 30 January 2021 at 9:00 am at Ellis School. The snow date is Saturday 06 February 2021 at 9:00 am at Ellis School.

The Deliberative Session is the opportunity for voters to review and amend Warrant Articles in preparation for a final format, which becomes the Official Ballot. Following that session, the Official Ballot will be prepared and available for review. **Voters will then make their decisions on Town matters on polling day, Tuesday 09 March 2021. Polls are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on polling day at the Ellis School, 432 Main Street in Fremont.**

Tonight's Public Budget Hearing is the opportunity for the Budget Committee, School and Town Departments to present budget information. Our focus is the Budget Committee's budget, as that is the final recommended number that goes on the Town Warrant and School District Warrant for voter consideration first at Deliberative Session, and then on polling day in March. The Budget Committee will listen to discussion and information presented tonight and make any final recommendations (if needed) at the conclusion of the public input.

With regard to this package of Town information, it is all of the Town Warrant Articles and budget information organized in order of the Warrant. The Committee will review each article with a Q & A session as applicable. The pages are numbered manually so we can refer to the documents in an orderly manner. The biggest break-out Article is #4 which is the detail of the Town Operating budget for 2021. The spreadsheets include details on historic expenses, proposed 2021 budget and historic and estimated revenue numbers.

These forms are all in draft format tonight and will be available in their final format in the next couple of weeks on the Town website. The State Forms and the Warrant are in the Annual Report, and on the Town's website on Town Report pages. Handouts can also be mailed or emailed to you. Feel free to request any information you cannot locate by emailing or calling Heidi Carlson at [hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov) or 895 2226 x 301.

Any changes made to the budget recommendations as a result of this Public Hearing will be inserted before the final posting of these budget forms.

There is some information ahead of each Warrant Article to try and provide voters with more information on each topic. Much of the language/verbiage of the Warrant is prescribed by statute and is not always user friendly. The full Warrant (in draft form) is provided for voter consideration and information. Articles 1 through 3 are not subject to debate or amendment, but will appear on the official ballot in March. They include the election of Town Officers and two proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments.

This document remains the "Official Warrant." Once the Warrants are finalized, they will then be further debated, discussed, and possibly amended at the Deliberative Sessions on January 30th.

As a result of the Deliberative Session, a document will be prepared from this Warrant, with any amendments to these articles, and that will become the Official Ballot. The Town prepares another Narrative update that will be published following Deliberative Session, and subsequently available on the website. This we call a Voter Guide.

We are required to review all of the Warrant Articles and Forms this evening. While minor language changes may still be made, no new topics or appropriations are added to the Warrant or Budget after this meeting.

There is a spreadsheet at the end of this packet that is an estimate of the tax impacts of the Town Budget and each Warrant Article. This is strictly an estimate, and also provides some information on the past several years of expense and revenue data and the resulting tax rates.

We hope this information is helpful to your understanding of the Town budget process. Please feel free to contact Town Administrator Heidi Carlson if you have any questions (contact information on reverse). We will continue to update the website as more documents become available and are finalized in preparation for the important Deliberative Session; and Town Meeting Voting.

Please forgive any clerical errors, (please let Heidi know if you find any) as we continue to proof and re-proof all of these documents as we prepare them for the printer, for the Annual Town Report and the upcoming sessions. Town Reports will be linked to our website as they are prepared, [www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov); by clicking on the Town Report link on the left side of the page.

Thank you for your attendance!

**TOWN OF FREMONT NH  
2021 TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**To the inhabitants of the Town of Fremont in the County of  
Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:**

Pursuant to NH RSA 40:13 II, the First Session of the 2021 Town Meeting (Deliberative Session) shall be held on Saturday January 30, 2021 at the Ellis School, 432 Main Street in Fremont New Hampshire at 9:00 am. The snow date for this session is Saturday February 6, 2021 at 9:00 am at the Ellis School.

**\*Note that the School District Session will take place first and the Town Deliberative Session will begin at completion of School session, with a brief intermission.\***

The Second Session (Voting Session) shall be held on Tuesday March 9, 2021 at the Ellis School, 432 Main Street in Fremont New Hampshire with polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. All Articles will be voted upon by Official Ballot with any amendments as made at the Deliberative Session.

**ARTICLE 1 INFORMATION: ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS**

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years  
Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years  
Selectman: 1 for 3 years

Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years  
Road Agent: 1 for 3 years  
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years

**ARTICLE 2:** Are you in favor of the proposed amendment to Article 15 submitted by the Fremont Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Existing language                      New language                      Existing language to be removed

**Section 1505 – Assessment of Impact Fees**

**1505.1** Impact fees shall be assessed on new development to compensate the Town of Fremont for the proportional share of the public capital facility costs generated by that development.

**1505.2** Any person who seeks a permit for new development, including permits for new or modified service connections to the public water system or public wastewater disposal system that would increase the demand on the capacity of those systems, is hereby required to pay the public capital facility impact fees authorized under this Section in the manner set forth herein, except where all or part of the fees are waived in accordance with the criteria for waivers established in this Section.

**1505.3** The Public School Impact Fee shall be imposed on all new development, except for accessory dwelling units and residential units that are lawfully restricted to occupancy by senior citizens age fifty-five (55) or over. The fees shall be collected by the Town at or prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy at the rates per unit according to structure type (4 types) as detailed in the related fee schedule.

**Section 1506 - Waivers**

The Planning Board may grant full or partial waivers of impact fees where the Board finds that one (1) or more of the following criteria are met with respect to the particular capital facilities for which impact fees are normally assessed.

~~A. A person may request a full or partial waiver of school facility impact fees for those residential units that are lawfully restricted to occupancy by senior citizens age sixty-two (62) or over. The Planning Board may waive school impact fee assessments on age-restricted units where it finds that the property will be bound by lawful deeded restrictions on occupancy for a period of at least twenty (20) years.~~

A.B. The Planning Board may agree to waive all or part of an impact fee assessment and accept in lieu of a cash payment, a proposed contribution of real property or facility improvements of equivalent value and utility to the public. Prior to acting on a request for a waiver of impact fees under this provision that would involve a contribution of real property or the construction of capital facilities, the Planning Board shall submit a copy of the waiver request to the Board of Selectmen for its review and consent prior to its acceptance of the proposed contribution. The value of contributions or improvements shall be credited only toward facilities of like kind and may not be credited to other categories of impact fee assessment. Full or partial waivers may not be based on the value of exactions for on-site or off-site improvements required by the Planning Board as a result of subdivision or site plan review, and which would be required of the developer regardless of the impact fee assessments authorized by this Section.

B.G. The Planning Board may waive an impact fee assessment for a particular capital facility where it finds that the subject property has previously been assessed for its proportionate share of public capital facility impacts, or has contributed payments or constructed capital facility capacity improvements equivalent in value to the dollar amount of the fee(s) waived.

C.D. The Planning Board may waive an impact fee assessment where it finds that, due to conditions specific to a development agreement, or other written conditions or lawful restrictions applicable to the subject property, the development will not increase the demand on the capacity of the capital facility or system for which the impact fee is being assessed.

D.E. A fee payer may request a full or partial waiver of the amount of the impact fee for a particular development based on the results of an independent study of the demand on capital facility capacity and related costs attributable to that development. In support of such request, the fee payer shall prepare and submit to the Planning Board an independent fee calculation or other relevant study and supporting documentation of the capital facility impact of the proposed development. The independent calculation or study shall set forth the specific reasons for departing from the methodologies and schedules adopted by the Town. The Planning Board shall review such study and render its decision. All costs incurred by the Town for the review of such study, including consultant and counsel fees, shall be paid by the fee payer.

E.F. A person may request a full or partial waiver of impact fees, other than those that expressly protect public health standards, for construction within a plat or site plan approved by the Planning Board prior to the effective date of this Section (November 27, 2001 – Date of Ordinance posting). Prior to granting such a waiver, the Board must find that the proposed construction is entitled to the four (4) year exemption provided by RSA 674:39, pursuant to that statute.

**The Planning Board recommends this article 6-0.**  
(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 3:** Are you in favor of the proposed amendment to Article 17 submitted by the Fremont Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

New language

**Section 1702 – Zoning Board of Adjustment**

**1702.13 - Expiration of Special Exception and Variance**

As authorized by State of NH RSA 674.33.I-a, variances or special exceptions granted on or after August 19, 2013 shall be valid only if exercised within two (2) years of the date of final approval. The Board of Adjustment, at the Applicant's request, may grant a single, twelve (12) month extension. No variance or special exception shall expire within six (6) months of the resolution of a planning board application filed in reliance upon the variance or special exception. Variances before August 19, 2013 shall be null and void unless exercised by April 1, 2024.

**The Planning Board recommends this article 6-0.  
(Majority vote required)**

*ARTICLE 4 INFORMATION: 2021 OPERATING BUDGET – This Article includes all Department operating expenses, exclusive of other Warrant Article requests. The estimated tax impact of the overall total operating budget is \$3.23. As compared to the 2020 total approved budget and tax rate, this would be approximately a \$0.75 decrease in the tax rate as it relates to the operating budget. This is an estimate accounting for the 2020 revaluation changes, as well as other changes that will occur in the coming year to values, exemptions and credits of all types. In 2020 the total Town portion of the Tax Rate was \$3.97 including all Warrant Articles voted in 2020. It is important to note that in sheer numbers, the sole change in the operating budget from 2020 to 2021 (with ups and downs in all areas); can be attributed to the amount of Highway paving projects (money for hottop), which have been included here instead of as a separate Warrant Article. The Budget Committee felt this should be an operating expense, as we spend \$200,000 to \$250,000 annually in paving to try and keep up with road infrastructure.*

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town of Fremont raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,647,861? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,399,845 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Fremont or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Note: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.  
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0.  
(Majority vote required)**

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2021	WA #	Expenditure Category	APPROP 2019	SPENT 2019	APPROP 2020	FINAL SPENT to 12/31/20	Balance Remaining 2020	DEPT REQ 2021	SELECTMNS RECOM'ND 2021	BUD COMM RECOM'ND 2021	DRAFT DEFAULT 2021	BUD COMM NOT REC
4130		Executive - Selectmen	119,484	113,686.70	125,041	112,912.26	12,128.74	129,710	129,710	129,410	127,667	300
4140		Town Clerk Tax Collector	64,175	62,594.45	65,344	68,446.16	-3,102.16	73,627	72,551	71,651	65,744	900
4141		Election & Registration	7,281	6,330.82	19,806	19,730.40	75.60	7,985	7,985	7,985	7,819	0
4151		Fin Admin - Other	21,110	17,490.41	20,750	22,065.99	-1,315.99	21,400	21,400	21,400	20,750	0
4152		Revaluation of Property	43,580	44,292.20	44,080	42,927.75	1,152.25	44,080	44,080	44,080	44,080	0
4153		Judicial & Legal	30,000	45,508.67	40,000	34,801.13	5,198.87	35,000	35,000	35,000	40,000	0
4155		Personnel Administration	383,672	356,972.66	378,995	360,022.12	18,972.88	403,698	403,698	403,698	403,754	0
4191		Planning and Zoning	38,002	37,011.35	51,788	48,618.10	3,169.90	54,992	54,076	47,576	51,788	6,500
4194		Government Buildings	94,931	93,265.99	104,339	104,796.50	-457.50	98,183	99,183	99,183	100,557	0
4195		Cemeteries	23,750	19,857.12	24,772	17,211.75	7,560.25	25,475	25,475	25,475	24,965	0
4196		Insurance	61,694	61,193.96	64,848	63,848.15	999.85	67,110	67,110	67,110	67,110	0
4197		Advertising & Regional Asc	8,860	8,832.00	8,990	8,857.00	133.00	8,997	8,997	8,997	8,997	0
4199		Town Report	2,800	2,723.43	2,900	2,846.95	53.05	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	0
4210		Police Department	621,425	613,452.39	643,879	637,407.99	6,471.01	671,045	660,884	660,884	658,456	0
4215		Ambulance Service	9,500	9,500.00	10,000	10,000.00	0.00	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	0
4220		Fire Rescue Department	265,469	252,603.82	312,551	247,452.93	65,098.07	308,751	308,751	308,751	309,551	0
4240		Building Inspection	39,154	35,679.94	37,692	34,208.23	3,483.77	38,597	38,897	38,897	38,364	0
4290		Emergency Management	4,330	3,419.48	4,330	3,827.81	502.19	5,832	5,832	5,832	4,430	0
4291		EM Weather Emergencies	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
4312		Highways & Streets	561,014	596,878.93	605,529	634,706.50	-29,177.50	622,708	866,568	866,568	610,202	0
4316		Street Lighting	5,700	5,542.31	5,940	6,856.75	-916.75	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	0
4313		Bridges	0	0.00	1,500	1,500.00	0.00	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
4323		Solid Waste Collection	284,740	278,512.61	306,406	308,342.13	-1,936.13	315,510	315,510	315,510	315,510	0
4324		Solid Waste Disposal	116,664	111,982.51	122,243	113,751.42	8,491.58	127,715	127,715	127,715	128,515	0
4414		Animal Control	10,818	10,824.15	10,968	7,645.48	3,322.52	10,920	10,920	10,920	11,005	0
4415		Health	875	948.37	1,435	1,041.10	393.90	1,435	1,435	1,435	1,435	0
4442		Direct Assistance	15,850	19,998.72	20,580	16,153.12	4,426.88	20,580	20,580	20,580	20,580	0
4445		Vendor Payments	30,622	30,497.00	29,242	28,142.00	1,100.00	30,242	30,242	30,242	29,242	0
4520		Parks & Recreation	48,739	27,696.71	36,494	17,203.74	19,290.26	32,772	29,072	29,072	36,494	0
4550		Library	139,667	139,357.01	154,643	129,337.56	25,305.44	153,220	152,720	146,240	148,490	6,480
4583		Patriotic Purposes	3,160	2,791.58	3,005	1,307.63	1,697.37	2,985	2,985	2,985	3,005	0
4610		Conservation Commission	3,564	3,315.22	6,665	6,665.00	0.00	3,494	3,494	3,494	2,665	0

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4711		90,000	90,000.00	90,000	90,000.00	0.00	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	0
4721		17,600	17,600.00	13,450	13,450.00	0.00	9,270	9,270	9,270	9,270	0
4723		1,500	0	1,500	0.00	1,500.00	1	1	1	1,500	0
<b>Operating Budget</b>		<b>3,169,730</b>	<b>3,120,360.51</b>	<b>3,369,705</b>	<b>3,216,083.65</b>	<b>153,621</b>	<b>3,433,234</b>	<b>3,662,041</b>	<b>3,647,861</b>	<b>3,399,845</b>	<b>14,180</b>
<b>Warrant Articles</b>											
4902	8	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	45,402	45,402	45,402	0	0
		100,000	100,000.00	134,528	134,528.00	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
	11	49,550	49,550.00	49,550	49,550.00	0.00	40,000	40,000	40,000	0	0
	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	4,750	4,750	4,750	0	0
	13	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	729	729	729	0	0
4914	5	0	0.00	50,000	50,000.00	0.00	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	0
	6	1	1.00	25,000	25,000.00	0.00	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0
	7	200,000	200,000.00	0	0.00	0.00	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	0
4916	9	4,000	4,000.00	4,000	4,000.00	0.00	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	UFB vote
	10	5,000	5,000.00	5,000	5,000.00	0.00	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	UFB vote
<b>Warrant Articles</b>		<b>358,551</b>	<b>358,551.00</b>	<b>268,078.00</b>	<b>268,078.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>244,881</b>	<b>244,881</b>	<b>244,881</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2018 Encumbered</b>			47,669								
<b>2019 Encumbered</b>					10,918						
<b>2020 Encumbered</b>						103,352					
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>3,528,281</b>	<b>3,526,581</b>	<b>3,528,281</b>	<b>3,489,829</b>	<b>50,269</b>	<b>3,678,115</b>	<b>3,906,922</b>	<b>3,892,742</b>	<b>3,399,845</b>	<b>14,180</b>

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2021	WA	REVENUE CATEGORY	EST 2018	REC'D 2018	EST 2019	REC'D 2019	EST 2020	REC'D 2020 TO 12/31	% REC'D TO DATE	MS 4 Est Rev 2020	EST 2021
3120011		Land Use Change Tax	30,000	26,000	30,000	36,000	50,000	42,750	86%	50,000	50,000
3185011		Timber Tax	3,500	5,395	3,500	7,289	4,000	3,409	85%	4,200	5,000
3187011		Excavation Tax (\$.02)	500	185	500	154	250	326	130%	326	200
3190xxx		Interest & Penalties on Taxes	29,000	24,685	25,000	25,922	25,000	29,026	116%	30,000	30,000
3220xxx		Motor Vehicle Fees	990,000	1,023,010	1,050,000	1,056,000	1,110,000	1,093,973	99%	1,145,000	1,200,000
3230100		Permits & Inspections	45,000	28,245	50,000	40,614	45,000	47,544	106%	45,000	50,000
3290xxx		TC Fees	12,500	13,158	13,500	12,693	13,000	12,439	96%	13,000	13,000
3352010		NH Meals & Rooms	240,674	242,264	244,000	240,736	245,000	241,122	98%	241,122	241,122
3353010		NH Highway Block Grant	117,075	118,231	119,112	120,623	121,930	118,133	97%	118,147	115,624
3351020		HB 3 & HB4 Aid to Municip			0	42,548	42,548	39,240	92%	39,240	0
3401004		Bad Check Fees	250	415	250	350	350	650	186%	700	500
3401008		Cemetery	2,000	1,550	2,000	1,800	2,000	1,600	80%	1,850	1,800
3401010		Conservation Commission	0	0	0	40	0	0.00	#DIV/0!	0	0
3401020		Emergency Management	0	0	16,000	16,645	0	0	#DIV/0!	4,184	80,000
3401040		Energy Committee Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0
3401040		Fire Department	20	20	20	0	20	0	0%	0	20
3401060		Library	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0
3401070		Parks & Recreation	32,000	12,877	17,000	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	12,000	0
3401090		PB Excavation	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	750	75%	750	1,000
3401095		PB Ordinances	0	15	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0
3401100		PB Site Review	2,500	7,611	5,000	6,377	6,000	6,398	107%	5,500	5,000
3401105		PB Subdivision/LLA	2,500	5,486	9,000	6,392	7,000	4,779	68%	5,500	4,000
3401130		PD Office	700	454	400	439	450	348	77%	300	550
3401120		PD Fines / Restitution	300	240	300	110	1,200	2,496	208%	2,000	1,500
3401135		PD Pistol Permits	200	550	420	340	450	650	144%	600	600



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3401125		PD Grants		2,433		2,113		1,435		1,435	1,000
3401150		Recycling	3,500	5,967	5,500	5,143	5,500	3,382	61%	3,281	5,000
3401200		Selectmen's Office	1,000	1,602	1,600	705	1,500	2,680	179%	700	1,000
3401250		Welfare Reimbursement	0	3,674	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0
3401260		Zoning Board of Adj	4,200	4,001	4,200	1,462	3,000	958	32%	1,200	3,000
3409040		Highway Maintenance	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	300	3,500
3409055		PD Witness Fees	300	240	300	120	300	0	0%	0	200
3409070		FD Special Detail	12,000	8,904	9,000	10,308	9,000	0	0%	9,000	10,000
3409075		Treasurer Acct Maint Fees	600	737	700	710	700	756	108%	700	750
3501055		Checklists & Map Lists	100	0	100	0	100	0	0%	100	4,177
3501075		Sale of Property & Equip	0	2,121	500	0	500	0	0%	0	1,000
3501080		Sale of Town History	175	215	105	113	70	105	150%	200	105
3503100		Rent of Property	200	0	100	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0
3502100		Interest on Deposits	10,500	11,559	11,250	8,381	8,500	4,670	55%	5,500	5,500
3504100		Refunds	200	34	15,041	14,942	100	0	0%	309	1,000
3504200		Historical Soc Reimb	240	136	240	248	240	241	100%	241	240
3504400		Insurance Claims	0	0	0	0	0	309	#DIV/0!	0	0
3915100		Income from Capital Res	8,000	8,000	0	0	2,000	0	#DIV/0!	2,000	0
3916100		Income from Trust Funds	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	100%	2,000	2,000
		Bond Proceeds / Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0
		Fund Balance used for tax rate		100,000		50,000		50,000		50,000	50,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>			<b>1,557,734</b>	<b>1,663,012</b>	<b>1,637,638</b>	<b>1,712,318</b>	<b>1,706,708</b>	<b>1,712,170</b>		<b>1,796,405</b>	<b>1,888,388</b>

**ARTICLE 5 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIRE TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND.** This savings account helps fund the cost of replacement fire apparatus to create a more balanced tax rate. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.09.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.  
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 8-0.  
(Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 6 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND.** This savings account helps fund the cost of replacement highway equipment to create a more balanced tax rate. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.05.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.  
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0-1.  
(Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 7 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE BRIDGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND.** This savings account will fund the next bridge replacement the Town needs to undertake. The Martin Road Bridge replacement is partially re-engineered, and the Town became eligible for reimbursement from NH Bridge Aid as of 07/01/2020. If we are unable to raise the amount necessary to get through the next step, we will lose the NH Bridge Aid funding. Bridge Aid covers 80% of the total project cost (meaning taxpayers only fund 20%). If we lose it, we will have to pay for the bridge replacement from tax dollars. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.09.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Bridge Construction and Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.  
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 8-0.  
(Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 8 INFORMATION: HIRE AN ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER.** This article would approve hiring another officer for the Fremont Police Department. This would be the sixth full-time officer for the Town. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.08 for tax year 2021. If this is approved, the cost for a full year of this officer in 2022 would be approximately \$102,206. If passed, this would become part of future operating and default budgets.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand four hundred two dollars (\$45,402) to hire a new full-time police officer. This sum covers five months of wages and benefits and necessary gear, equipment and required testing for the officer. If approved, this funding will remain as part of the operating and default budget in future years.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.  
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 4-3-1. (Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 9 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOWN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR COMPUTER REPLACEMENTS.** *This savings account is used for server replacement so that the periodic five-year cost of replacement of the Town's two servers is not as much of an impact on the annual operating budget. This article has NO impact on taxes.*

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be placed in the Fremont Computer Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1-0.**  
(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 10 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIBRARY BUILDING EXPENDABLE TOWN TRUST FUND.** *This fund is used to fund larger repair/replacement of building maintenance items with funds set aside in savings annually. This article is funded from unexpended Library appropriations in 2020 and has no impact on taxes. The Selectmen have increased the amount to have enough money in this savings account to address the HVAC replacement as the system is near the end of it's useful life. This article has NO impact on taxes.*

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Library Building Maintenance Expendable Town Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0.**  
(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 11 INFORMATION: FUNDING THE MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM.** *This will continue the annual program in Fremont for mosquito control, primarily with larval treatment. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.07.*

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to continue the Public Health Mosquito Control Program.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1-1.**  
(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 12 INFORMATION: FUNDING A NEW SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY.** We have traditionally put any new request for social service funding in a Warrant Article so it can be independently considered. If this article passes, we would include So Rock in our operating budget in years moving forward. The Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth is a community coalition designed to promote wellness and nurture resiliency for the children, youth and families of southern Rockingham County with the goals of preventing substance misuse and reducing the stigma related to mental health issues. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is less than \$0.01.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$4,750) to support a new social service agency, So Rock Coalition. If approved, this agency would be included in future default budgets.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-2-0.**  
(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 13 INFORMATION: INCREASE THE SALARY FOR THE ELECTED POSITION OF TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR.** The estimated tax rate impact of this article is less than \$0.01.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will authorize an increase in the Town Clerk Tax Collector's annual salary by seven hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$729) to be a total of thirty-seven thousand one hundred forty-three dollars (\$37,143); and further to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$729) for this purpose.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-3.**  
(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 14 INFORMATION: AMEND THE ELDERLY EXEMPTION VALUE TO CORRECT A CLERICAL ERROR FROM THE 2020 VOTE AND UPDATE EXEMPTION AMOUNT IN LIGHT OF THE REVALUATION.** This article corrects the income and asset thresholds to what they have been for the past several years. The article also updates again the amount of the actual exemption in light of the 2020 revaluation and what the actual tax dollars were for our most vulnerable residents. Current Elderly Exemptions in Fremont are \$70,000 (65 up to 75 years of age), \$90,000 (75 to up 80 years of age) and \$110,000 (80 years of age and older). This Article would increase the exemption amount to account for increases in valuation from the 2020 revaluation. This vote would result in a reduction of assessed valuation of \$150,000 on the overall \$535,000,000 valuation. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is less than \$0.01.

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town modify the provisions of NH RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Fremont based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years \$80,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years \$100,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$120,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than \$35,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$45,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1-0.** (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 15 INFORMATION: AMEND THE DISABLED EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR FREMONT IN LIGHT OF THE PENDING 2020 REVALUATION.** The current Disabled Exemption in Fremont is \$60,000. This Article would increase the value to account for increases in valuation from the 2020 revaluation. This vote would result in a reduction of assessed valuation of \$35,000 on the overall \$535,000,000 valuation. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is less than \$0.01.

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town modify the provisions of NH RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers, to be \$70,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$35,000 or, if married, a combined income of not more than \$45,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1-0.**  
(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 16:** By Petition: Shall the title of the Fremont NH 'Board of Selectmen' be revised to the: Town of Fremont NH 'Select Board.' And the titles of the Officials be known as: 'Select Board Members'?

**The Selectmen \_\_\_\_\_ this appropriation \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**The Budget Committee \_\_\_\_\_ this appropriation \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(Majority vote required)

Given under our hands and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

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Roger A Barham

**Selectmen ~ Town of Fremont New Hampshire**

Town of Fremont  
Budget Reports

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<b>Estimated Tax Rate Changes</b>				
			<b>2021</b>	<b>TAX RATE ESTIMATED</b>
<b>2021 ESTIMATE</b>				
Net Town Appropriations	<u>BC REC</u>	<u>DEFAULT</u>	\$545,000,000	Op budget
Overlay	\$1,759,473	\$1,511,457	Net AV est	Overlay
Veteran Credits	\$25,000	\$25,000		Vet Credits
Total for tax rate purposes	\$228,375	\$228,375	\$545,000,000	Total
	\$2,012,848	\$1,764,832		

Estimated tax rate comparison \$3.69 \$3.24 between proposed and default budgets.

<b>WA #</b>	<b>2021 Estimates</b>	<b>Approp</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>ESTIMATED Tax Rate Imp in 2021</b>
4	Bud Comm Oper Budget	\$3,647,861	1,888,388	\$1,759,473	
	<b>Warrant Articles</b>				
5	CRF Fire Truck	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	Op budget
6	CRF HW Equipment	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	Overlay
7	CRF Bridges	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	Vet Credits
8	New Police Officer	\$45,402	\$0	\$45,402	Total
9	ETF Computer Servers UFB	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	
10	ETF Library Maintenance UFB	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	
11	Mosquito Control	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	
12	So Rock Social Service Agency	\$4,750	\$0	\$4,750	
13	Town Clerk Salary increase	\$729	\$0	\$729	
14	Modify Elderly Exemption	\$0	\$0	\$0	
15	Modify Disabled Exemption	\$0	\$0	\$0	
<b>Grand Total</b>					
			\$3,892,742	\$1,917,388	<b>Total Estimate \$4.09</b>

Op budget  
Overlay  
Vet Credits  
Each Individual  
Warrant Article  
Tax Rate Impact  
Total Warrant  
Article impact if ALL were to pass is  
\$0.39

PLEASE NOTE: This is the ESTIMATED TOTAL Town portion of the tax rate if everything passes. This would be an approximate \$0.15 change over the 2020 Town portion of the rate, which was \$3.94. The total Fremont tax rate in 2020 was \$23.13.

These estimates remain conservative, and they take into consideration some added valuation expected with the annual pickups.

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Estimated Tax Rate Changes	DRAFT * Voted 2015	DRAFT * Voted 2016	DRAFT * Voted 2017	DRAFT * Voted 2018	DRAFT * Voted 2019	DRAFT * Voted 2020	DRAFT * Proposed 2021	20 to 21 Change
<b>Budget Committee's Budget</b>								
Operating Budget Approp	\$2,548,921	\$2,747,889	\$2,867,057	\$2,965,471	\$3,169,730	3,369,705	\$3,647,861	\$278,156
Warrant Article Approp	\$618,505	\$65,479	\$327,510	\$530,354	\$358,551	268,078	\$244,881	-\$23,197

<b>Totals</b>	\$3,167,426	\$2,813,368	\$3,194,567	\$3,495,825	\$3,528,281	\$3,637,783	\$3,892,742	\$254,959
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Yielded Town Tax Rate of

<b>2015 Tax Rate Information</b>	
Town Net Appropriations	\$1,699,846
Revenues 2015 Tax Rate	\$1,584,790
Town Net Assessed Valuation	\$389,025,519
	\$4.37

<b>2016 Tax Rate Information</b>	
Town Net Appropriations	\$1,556,423
Revenues 2016 Tax Rate	\$1,451,600
Town Net Assessed Valuation	\$399,735,833
	\$3.89

<b>2017 Tax Rate Information</b>	
Town Net Appropriations	\$1,802,526
Revenues 2017 Tax Rate	\$1,505,056
Town Net Assessed Valuation	\$405,960,200
	\$4.44

<b>2018 Tax Rate Information</b>	
Town Net Appropriations	\$1,956,681
Revenues 2018 Tax Rate	\$1,665,902
Town Net Assessed Valuation	\$409,848,930
	\$4.77

<b>2019 Tax Rate Information</b>	
Town Net Appropriations	\$1,946,945
Revenues 2019 Tax Rate	\$1,766,322
Town Net Assessed Valuation	\$410,788,365
	\$4.73

<b>2020 Tax Rate Information</b>	
Town Net Appropriations	\$2,105,553
Revenues 2020 Tax Rate	\$1,744,385
Town Net Assessed Valuation	\$535,327,528
	\$3.94

\* this includes overlay and all credits & exemptions

These are only the TOWN portions of the FY tax rate.

# CANDIDATE DECLARATION AND IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION for Upcoming Town & School Elections and Meetings

Any petition articles, all Town and School budgets and Warrant Articles will be discussed at the Public Budget Hearing on Wednesday January 13, 2021. The hearing begins at 7:00 pm and will be held at the Ellis School in the Gym to allow for social distancing. The meeting will be live broadcast on FCTV Channel 22, and rebroadcast throughout the voting season, until Town Meeting Voting on Tuesday March 9, 2021. Emails will be accepted during the meeting at [hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov) or texts with questions to 603 418 4416 and we will endeavor to offer a Zoom option.

Tuesday January 19, 2021 - Last day for new registrants who want to register prior to Candidate Declaration Period. Supervisors of Checklist will meet from 7:00 to 7:30 pm at the Fremont Town Hall in the basement meeting room. This is the last time to register to vote prior to the Deliberative Sessions. If you are not registered, you cannot vote at either Town or School Deliberative Sessions. No registrations can be accepted at Deliberative Session.

Please bring proper ID and proof of residency to register to vote and to all elections. The State has tightened up the forms, and if you don't have an ID with a Fremont address on it, you will need to bring documentation from form Verifiable Action of Domicile RSA 654:7V (available on the Town's website, from the Supervisors at a sign-up session or from the Town Clerk.)

## TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTIONS - CANDIDATE DECLARATION PERIOD

The filing period for Town and School District Offices begins on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 and runs through Friday, January 29, 2021. You can sign up by making an appointment with the Town Clerk. On Friday January 29, 2021 the Town Clerk and School District Clerk will be available from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for sign-ups only, at the Fremont Town Hall.

## TOWN POSITIONS OPEN in 2021

Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years  
Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years  
Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years  
Road Agent: 1 for 3 years  
Selectman: 1 for 3 years  
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years

## SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITIONS OPEN in 2021

School Board Member: 2 for 3 years  
School Board Member: 1 for 2 years  
School District Moderator: 1 for 1 year  
School District Clerk: 1 for 1 year  
School District Treasurer: 1 for 1 year

Additionally, any interested School District Candidate can contact School District Clerk by contacting SAU 83 at 895 6903 or contacting the Clerk Shawn Perreault by email at [fremont.nh.cem@gmail.com](mailto:fremont.nh.cem@gmail.com) to make other arrangements to sign up during the candidate declaration period.

You must be a Fremont resident and a registered voter to declare Candidacy for Town or School District Office. You can register to vote with the Town Clerk and also with the Supervisors of the Checklist during posted sessions. The LAST TIME to register before the declaration period is Tuesday evening January 19<sup>th</sup> with Supervisors.

To complete the Declaration of Candidacy form, you can see the Town Clerk (Town or School) or contact the School District Clerk (School only) by email at [fremont.nh.cem@gmail.com](mailto:fremont.nh.cem@gmail.com). Other election questions can be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at 895 8693 x 307 or by email: [clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov)

**DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS:** In response to widespread community interest and success in 2020, we are again holding the Town and School Deliberative Sessions on the SAME DAY, Saturday January 30, 2021. The meetings will be posted for 9:00 am and we will begin with the School District session. Once complete, there will be a brief intermission while the Town Moderator and Selectmen set up, and the Town's meeting will then begin. The snow date for these meetings is Saturday February 6, 2021 at 9:00 am, and the meeting will be held at Ellis School in the Gym. We are still in the planning stages of how to conduct these meetings in a safe manner. Please watch for updates as the situation is still very fluid with the increase in Covid cases statewide.

Meetings will be held at Ellis School in the gym and masks are required. We will live broadcast the meetings on FCTV with an email address posted to send questions. We will also try and do a virtual meeting option. Links will be available on the Town's website as the dates draw near.

Please watch for more updates as this is very fluid!

Supervisors of the Checklist will meet for final correction of the checklist before Town Election Day. The date, time and place of this meeting will be set as the day draws near. You can still register on election day, March 9th.

Town Reports will be available in early March 2021. You can pick them up at the Town Hall, Library, or Safety Complex once they are back from the printer.

TBD Feb/March 2021 - Candidates Night at 6:00 pm

Monday March 8, 2021 - Clerk open from 3:00 to 5:00 pm only for Absentee Ballots.

Tuesday March 9, 2021 - Last day for the Town Clerk to accept completed absentee ballots, no later than 5:00 pm. Contact the Town Clerk for ALL ABSENTEE BALLOT QUESTIONS at 895 8693 x 307 or by email to [clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov).

## Tuesday March 9, 2021 - TOWN and SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Polls open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at Ellis School - 432 Main Street in Fremont.

New voters can register with the Supervisors of the Checklist on the March 9th election day.

Friday March 12, 2021 - Last day for any person for whom a vote was cast to apply to the Town Clerk for a recount. Clerk will have special hours from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for that sole purpose.

Tuesday March 16, 2021 - Last day for 10 voters of a town to petition Clerk to recount ballots on any question printed on the official ballot.

Friday March 19, 2021 - Last day for candidates for Town office to remove political advertising.

**The most current dates and information about  
the Town are on the website at  
[www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov)**