



NOVEMBER 2012

THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 6TH

The 2012 General Election will be held on Tuesday November 6, 2012. Polling will be at Ellis School, 432 Main Street in Fremont with polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Contact the Town Clerk's Office at 895 8693 or by email at FremontClerk@comcast.net for information on registering to vote.

New registrants may register the day of the election with the Supervisors of the Checklist. Positive proof of ID is required to register, and to vote on November 6th. Please bring your ID. See the Secretary of State information on VOTER ID in this newsletter.

TEMPORARY TOWN CLERK HOURS

Monday Oct 29 and Tuesday Oct 30 - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Wednesday Oct 31 – CLOSED

Thursday Nov 1 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for absentee ballots ONLY

Friday Nov 2 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Monday Nov 5 - 3:00 to 5:00 pm for absentee ballots ONLY

Tuesday Nov 6 – CLOSED for elections

Wednesday Nov 7 – 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Thursday Nov 8 – 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Friday Nov 9 – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Monday Nov 12 – Closed for Veteran's Day Holiday

Tuesday Nov 13 – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Wednesday Nov 14 – Friday Nov 16 – CLOSED for TRAINING

Monday Nov 19 - 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Tuesday Nov 20 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Wednesday Nov 21 – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Thurs Nov 22 and Fri Nov 23 – CLOSED for Thanksgiving

Tuesday Nov 27 – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Wednesday Nov 28 – 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Thursday Nov 29 – 4:00 to 8:00 pm

These hours are temporary for November. For the most up to date information, check the calendar on the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov. If we are able to add more hours, they will be shown on the calendar. **Thank you** for your patience through this transition process. Please contact the office at 895 8693 if you have any questions or need information.

OFFICE CLOSURES

All Town Offices will be **CLOSED** on **Monday November 12, 2012** in observance of Veteran's Day.

Tax Collector and Town Clerk offices are **CLOSED** on **Wednesday October 31st**. Please plan accordingly.

TOWN WEBSITE

The Town website is up and running. Our address is www.Fremont.nh.gov. Check it out and see what is new. You can also subscribe to several items (currently minutes for Selectmen, Budget Committee and Planning Board); and news items, as well as the Town Newsletter.

If you would like to receive the monthly Newsletter in your email box, please click on "Subscribe to E-Alerts" to sign up! You can sign up for several items, and then must reply to the confirmation email to ensure your address is placed on the requested distribution lists. We only mail the newsletter a couple of times per year, so sign up today to receive it electronically!

HONOR OUR VETERANS

PLEASE JOIN US on Sunday November 11th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street, for the annual **VETERAN'S OPEN HOUSE**. Welcome home returning soldiers and offer thanks to the many Men and Women of our Armed Forces for their service and dedication. All are welcomed to come and share thoughts, remembrances, and respect for our soldiers. Refreshments will be served. Our new quilt will be on display, and available for Veterans to sign. Contact Jeanne Nygren at 895 2226 x 11 or by email at FremontTownHall@comcast.net for more information or to help with this important tribute.

2012 FREMONT GIVING TREE

The Fremont Giving Tree is an annual community event at Christmas to help brighten the holidays for Fremont residents in need. This event has been successful over the years because of the generosity of our close knit community. The gifts distributed have included toys, games, new winter jackets, snow boots, snow pants, hats/gloves/mittens, winter clothing, stocking stuffers, wrapping paper, tapes and bows! We have also provided gift baskets to some of our senior residents in need containing, gift cards to local stores & gas stations, stationary w/stamps, plants, chocolates and many different goodies to make the holiday special.

We know that these economic times continue to be difficult for everyone, but if you are able to help us this year it would be greatly appreciated. There are many ways to help by sponsoring a child, purchasing a toy off his/her list, gift cards, donating wrapping paper or a monetary donation made out to the Peoples UMC Fremont Giving Tree. There is never a gift too small in the eyes of a child on Christmas morning! This event is run solely on the support and donations from our community and volunteers.

If you are family that needs some assistance that the Fremont Giving Tree can provide, or you would like to help the Giving Tree by donating, please call Fran at work at 642-9150.

**** Please note that the deadline for signing up is Monday November 12th. PLEASE plan ahead as we are on a much tighter deadline for the 2012 program. ****

MARK YOUR CALENDARS IMPORTANT DATES

November 6, 2012 – Town Clerk Closed
General Election Voting – Ellis School – Polling open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

November 12, 2012 – Town Offices Closed

January 8, 2013 – Petition warrant articles due. Town petition articles due by 12 noon at the Selectmen's Office. School District petition articles due by 4:00 pm at the SAU Office.

Town Public Budget Hearing will be held in the evening.

February 2, 2013 – School Deliberative Session

February 5, 2013 – Town Deliberative Session at 7:00 pm at Ellis School

February 7, 2013 – Snow date for Town Deliberative Session at 7:00 pm at Ellis School

February 9, 2013 – Snow date for School Deliberative Session

March 12, 2013 – Town and School District Elections – Polling held at Ellis School from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

The Fremont Food Pantry will be sponsoring our annual Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets to any Fremont resident who is in need of one. If you need to sign yourself and/or your family up to receive a basket, kindly do so no later than Wednesday November 14th to Stephanie at 895 4454.

If you would like to help the Food Pantry by donating items, the following is a list of items needed to fill each basket:

Turkey	Rolls and Butter
Stuffing	Holiday Dessert
Turkey Gravy	Onions
Fresh Potatoes	Cider or Egg Nog
Fresh Squash	Cranberry Sauce
Fresh Carrots	Fresh Fruit
Canned Corn & Green Beans	Pickles/Olives
Disposable Roasting Tin	
Gift Card to Hannaford, Market Basket or Walmart	

Food can be dropped off at the Fremont Town Hall during normal business hours. If you would like more information on how you can help, please contact Stephanie at 895 4454. All calls to the Fremont Food Pantry are completely confidential.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

The Fremont Food Pantry will also be sponsoring annual Christmas Holiday Food Baskets to any Fremont resident who is in need of one. Kindly sign yourself and/or your family up to receive a basket no later than Wednesday December 12th by calling Debbie at 895 3825 or Stephanie at 895 4454.

If you would like to help the Food Pantry by donating items, the following is a list of items needed to fill each basket:

Turkey or Ham	Rolls and Butter
Stuffing	Holiday Dessert
Turkey Gravy	Onions
Fresh Potatoes	Cider or Egg Nog
Fresh Squash	Cranberry Sauce
Fresh Carrots	Fresh Fruit
Canned Corn & Green Beans	Pickles/Olives
Disposable Roasting Tin	
Gift Card to Hannaford, Market Basket or Walmart	

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SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Saturday, November 10th is our annual "Scouting for Food" day for the Town of Fremont. On November 3rd, the Cub Scouts will drop off door hangers as reminders for our event the following Saturday. Donations can be left on mailboxes or front steps before 8:30 am on NOVEMBER 10th and the scouts will be around to collect them to bring to the Fremont Food Pantry. The Girl Scouts of Fremont will be at the Pantry helping to sort and stock all of the donations. The Fremont Food Pantry supplies many families in our community with their weekly vitals and Scouting for Food is one of the biggest food/supply drives in our town. Highly desirable items include mayonnaise, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, pasta and sauce, macaroni and cheese, rice, beans, cereals, diapers, paper products, feminine hygiene products, baby products and general hygiene supplies. Please make sure that your food has not expired.

If you would like to participate and you did not receive a door hanger during the week, please email Brittany Thompson at Brittany.joan.thompson@gmail.com to schedule a pickup.

Please join us in our efforts to aid the families in our community who are in need.

Thank You, Fremont Pack 1

POLITICAL ADVERTISING SIGNS

NH RSA 664:17 Placement and Removal of Political Advertising:

"No political advertising shall be placed on or affixed to any public property including highway rights-of-way or private property without the owner's consent. The candidate shall remove all political advertising no later than the second Friday following the election unless the election is a primary and the advertising concerns a candidate who is a winner in the primary. Signs shall not be placed on or affixed to utility poles or highway signs. Political advertising may be placed within State-owned rights-of-way as long as the advertising does not obstruct the safe flow of traffic and the advertising is placed with the consent of the owner of the land over which the right-of-way passes.

No person shall remove, deface, or knowingly destroy any political advertising which is placed on or affixed to public property or any private property except the owner of the property, persons authorized by the owner of the property, or a law enforcement officer removing improper advertising. State, City, or Town Maintenance or Law Enforcement Personnel may remove political advertising placed on or affixed to any public property. Political advertising removed prior to election day by state, city, or town maintenance or law enforcement personnel shall be kept for one week at a place designated by the state, city, or town so that the candidate may retrieve the items.

As it pertains to the highway right-of-way provision, the Fremont Board of Selectmen, after consultation with the Fremont Town Clerk and Moderator, has outlined the following guidelines:

1. No political signs shall be placed on Town Property outside of the road right-of-way.
2. Within the road right-of-way [generally 13 feet from the edge of pavement or travel way], signs may only be placed with the direct abutter's permission. This refers to the abutter on that side of the street.
3. At the polling entrance, unattended political signs may be placed only on the actual polling day during open polling hours [7:00 am to 8:00 pm]; and only in the designated area as determined by the Moderator. The designated area will be appropriately marked and placed in an area that will not obstruct or hinder the safe flow of traffic. (This designated area allows the Town of Fremont to abide by the Attorney General's rules). Signs shall be removed immediately following the election.
4. A candidate or the candidate's representative must attend all other signs which will be permitted in an area designated by the Moderator in accordance with RSA 659:43.

The Town of Fremont designates the Fremont Safety Complex as the storage location for any political advertising signs removed for improper placement; or those found after having been displaced by wind or weather conditions. Contact the Town Clerk for further information.

TOWN CLERK INFORMATION

Shannon Bryant has been appointed to replace Town Clerk Lori Holmes following her last day in office on 10/30/12. Lori has resigned from the position after serving Fremont for the past 14 years. We wish Lori well in her new position.

There will be other towns assisting Fremont in the interim while Shannon is trained. We appreciate your patience during the next few weeks.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS

When renewing your vehicle registration or boat registration in person, you **MUST** provide the Clerk's office with the current registration or the "courtesy" renewal notice that you received in the mail. This is a State law. If you do not provide either of these documents, the Clerk's office **CANNOT** process the registration renewal without first printing a certified copy of the previous registration that will cost \$18.00.

ID FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

When registering a vehicle with the Town Clerk's office you **MUST** present a valid photo id or driver's license in order for your transaction to be completed. This requirement has been issued by the NH Department of Safety – Fraud Unit.

NEW VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

When registering a newly acquired vehicle you **MUST** provide a bill of sale. The Clerk's office is required to make a photo copy of that bill of sale and submit it to the DMV. Also, when registering a newly purchased vehicle, whoever is listed as the owner or owners on the paperwork **MUST** appear in person at the Clerk's office to complete the transaction.

250TH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Fremont 250th Anniversary Committee will take place on Wednesday November 28th, at 6:00 pm in the Community Room at the Fremont Safety Complex.

Anyone interested in helping to organize Fremont's 250th Anniversary Celebration is most welcomed to join this dedicated committee. Refreshments will be served. For more information please call Fremont 250th Anniversary Committee Chairman Matthew E. Thomas at 895 4032.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS 11/13

The Fremont Historical Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, November 13, at 7:30 pm in the Community Room of the Fremont Public Library. There is no admission fee and the public is cordially welcome to attend.

The program of the night will be "FREMONT PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS IN OLD PHOTOS." The presentation will be made by FHS President Matthew E. Thomas who will show numerous interesting old photos of Fremont from his collection of 4000 photos that he has collected over the past 40 years. A few of these photos date back to before the Civil War (1861 to 1865).

For such a small, rather isolated old town located off the beaten path for most of its history, Fremont has been extremely fortunate to have been so well photographed during the 19th & 20th Centuries. Mr. Thomas devoted much of his youth and life to collecting these old local photographs from numerous longtime senior citizens of Fremont and former Fremonters so that Fremont's photographic heritage would not be lost. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to see how Fremont has, or hasn't changed, during the past 150 years. Refreshments will be served. For more information please call the FHS at 895 4032.

HONOR EARLY AMERICAN HEROES

American Revolutionary War heroes and Civil War heroes are buried in Fremont's and East Kingston's cemeteries. Other than on Memorial Day with the placement of American flags, many of their gravesites are rarely visited. Their service created and grew liberty, justice, freedom, and equality. Our country would not be a democratic nation without their commitment and sacrifice.

This holiday season we would like to place a Wreath of Remembrance on these Early American veterans' gravesites and on all of the veterans' gravesites in East Kingston and Fremont. Sponsors in these towns and from the surrounding communities are needed.

The Wreaths Across America Program provides wreaths for \$15 each. Ten dollars pays for the construction and delivery of the wreath. The remaining five dollars will be used to support two local veterans' centers that provide food, shelter, clothing, and training to our homeless veterans.

The Fremont and East Kingston Selectmen and Cemetery Trustees have approved this fundraising effort that was organized in association with the Peoples United Methodist Church in Fremont and the East Kingston Community United Methodist Church.

Please consider adopting an American Revolutionary War hero or a Civil War hero and honoring them with a Wreath of Remembrance. For further information, please call Gerry Tilley at 603 895 6658.

By honoring the past, you provide for the needs of present veterans. Please sponsor a wreath today.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee meets weekly to review Town and School District budget submissions for the upcoming 2013-2014 fiscal years. The Committee meets at 7:00 pm in the main floor meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall on Wednesdays

November 7, 14, and 28

December 5, 12, and 19, 2012.

The Town and School Public Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday January 8, 2013 at 7:30 pm. Wednesday January 9 and Thursday January 10 will be held open for any necessary recess or snow date rescheduling of the meeting.

FREMONT POST OFFICE

The Postal Service has announced their POST PLAN Implementation for the Fremont NH Post Office. The Fremont PO will have new hours effective 01/12/2013. The Fremont PO will provide 6 hours of window service each weekday. The retail hours will be from 8:00 to 11:30 am and 2:00 to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and from 8:30 to 11:00 am on Saturday. Customers will have access to their mail receptacles from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and from 8:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday. Post Office Box mail will be available daily for pickup by 10:00 am.

SUPPORT THE FREMONT PTA

Hannaford Supermarket is running their "Hannaford Helps Schools" program again this year! From September 9th - December 1st you can receive \$3, for Ellis School, each time you purchase 4 qualifying items. There are more than 700 participating products and they are clearly marked in the store. Upon checkout, in addition to your register receipt, you will receive a printout of a voucher for the school program.

There will be a collection tower in the **Raymond** Hannaford store marked for Ellis School. If you shop in Raymond, you can deposit your voucher right there in the tower marked Ellis School! If you shop at the Hannaford in Hampstead or elsewhere (or have family that shops outside of the local area and will save them for you) they can also be brought into the school for collection in a container marked in the lobby or deposited in a container at Town Hall. It doesn't cost anything extra to participate, if you purchase 4 eligible items the voucher will automatically print. You don't have to "sign up" or fill out any forms, just shop and drop the slip either in the Raymond store or one of the marked containers listed above.

The PTA has received generous checks from Hannaford Supermarket in the past as a result of this program. The funds received go toward supporting all PTA projects including: the mini-grant program, artist in residence and scholarships. Thank you to all who support our school and students!

FREMONT PLAYGROUP

The Fremont Playgroup 2012-2013 season is here. We meet on Friday mornings at the People's United Methodist Church here in Fremont from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Join us play, snack, story time, and caregiver to caregiver chat! (We are a non-denominational group and do not practice religion.) There is no registration or membership, just come and play when you can make it!

For questions and information regarding dates and other locations contact Nicole Cloutier via email at: nicolecloutier725@yahoo.com; call 244 2755 or visit us on Facebook under Fremont Playgroup.

2012 TAX RATE

We are in receipt of the 2012 tax rate. The Selectmen's Office, with input from the Superintendent's Office, has prepared this information for you in an effort to assist in your understanding of the 2012 rate. The new tax rate, set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration on October 21st is \$27.80 per thousand. This breaks down as follows:

	2010	2011	2012
Town	3.58	3.36	3.41
Local School	19.42	20.54	20.99
State School	2.52	2.37	2.35
County	1.03	1.00	1.05
Total	\$26.55	\$27.27	\$27.80

Major changes took place in 2010 as we undertook the first recertification process following the 2005 revaluation. That tax year was a new cycle in terms of looking at prior years as a landmark. The recertification lowered overall property values due to the current market conditions. A key component to the annual setting of the tax rate is the total amount of town-wide assessed valuation. This is the total value of all taxable land and buildings in Fremont. The values have changed as follows:

Year	2010	2011	2012
Total Assessed Valuation	\$358,837,557	\$363,266,248	\$365,787,834

The Town has received a default budget in three of the past four years. In 2011 Town overall expenses decreased given the various voter decisions, and increased slightly in 2012. The Selectmen used some of the Town's unreserved fund balance to reduce the tax rate. Overall, municipal revenue is down slightly. If you have specific questions about the Town's portion of the tax rate, they can be directed to the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall at 895 2226 x 10 or x 11.

The School District originally forecasted an estimated tax rate increase of approximately \$0.90. Through extreme conservative spending by the School Board, the District was able to return \$143,379 (unaudited) in fund balance, thereby reducing the tax rate by one-half. Included in the fund balance of \$143,379 was \$59,224 in EdJobs Funding. If you have specific questions about the school expenses, you should contact the Superintendent's Office, SAU #83 at 5 Hall Road, Unit 1, Fremont NH at 895 6903.

The State School tax portion remained relatively flat; the rate changed from \$2.37 to \$2.35 per \$1,000 in 2012. In an effort for the State to raise \$363 billion in education funding through property taxation, the statewide rate is determined by the NH Department of Revenue Administration. Once established, it is multiplied by the Town's equalized value of the Town's property.

As in all years, the local tax rates (Town and School) are a direct reflection of the action and votes taken by the voters of Fremont at the annual Town and School District Deliberative Sessions, following by March ballot voting.

The portion of the Rockingham County budget attributable to Fremont increased by \$18,719 to a total of \$383,458. Veteran Credits increased by \$1,500 to \$98,000. Elderly, disabled and blind exemptions increased by \$141,667 to \$1,755,000.

Current use values did not change significantly, due to the slight variation in the Town's equalized valuation. There was new value attributable to new homes, garages, sheds, and other property value improvements and the expiration of the telephone exemption. Additions to the tax base help to offset expenditures increases and more evenly balance the tax rate. The State again deleted Shared Revenues to offset town and county expenses, resulting in a revenue reduction as well.

The Tax Collector's Office at the Town Hall will be open the following dates for payment of taxes:

Wednesday November 7 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 Wednesday November 14 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 Tuesday November 20 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 Wednesday November 28 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 Saturday December 1 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Monday December 3 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**SECOND
 ISSUE TAX
 BILLS DUE
 12/03/12**

*You can drop your bill off while the Selectmen's Office is open, or in the drop box, but can not get a receipt unless you see the Collector, or leave a stamped return envelope with your payment. *

If you have questions about your assessment, please feel free to stop by the Selectmen's Office and review the records. All property assessing records are public information. You can access the information online at the Vision Appraisal website at www.visionappraisal.com. We send updates in several times a year to the Vision site, and you can see the most recent date of updates when you log on. The Selectmen's Office is open Monday and Friday 8:00 am to 12 noon; Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm; and Thursday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. We will also be glad to mail you out your property card if you call and make that request.

If you feel that your property is disproportionately assessed, or there are listing errors on your card, you can file an abatement. Our abatement information sheet is available at the Town Offices and on the town website at www.fremont.nh.gov. Abatement forms are available at the Selectmen's Office, or can be downloaded from the NHBTLA website at <http://www.nh.gov/btla>; and there is also a link on the Town's website. You need Form Taxpayers 76:16 Abatement Application to Municipality. You can also call or email the Selectmen's Office and we will send one out to you. Abatement forms are DUE no later than Friday MARCH 1, 2013 by 12:00 noon. Items left in the drop box after noon will not be accepted as timely. A postmark of March 1, 2013 will also be accepted.

You can drop off tax payments with a stamped self-addressed returned envelope, and the Collector will mail out your receipt. The Selectmen's Office and Tax Collector's Office are located at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street; on the main floor.

Fremont Selectmen's Office	Fremont Tax Collector
PO Box 120	PO Box 120
Fremont NH 03044-0120	Fremont NH 03044
603 895 2226 x 10 or x 11	603 895 3200 x 14
FremontTownHall@comcast.net	FremontTax@comcast.net
FremontTA@comcast.net	

ROADS & THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Obstructions in the Town's right-of-way are not permitted. Plantings, mulch, trees, rocks, and decorative pavers ARE NOT PERMITTED. These structures of any size obstruct drainage from the roadway and cause other road problems. The high amounts of winter snow will cause added drainage and runoff issues this spring. Please help keep the ROW area clear.

RSA 236:15 states that any building, structure or fence within or over any highway is a public nuisance. Please do not place any such items in the right-of-way as they are subject to being removed by the Highway Department. In general, the Town right of way is 13 feet on either edge of the paved surface. If you have any questions, please contact Road Agent Mark Pitkin at 300 7429.

Please also remember that a permit is required prior to paving of any driveway on a Town road. Forms and additional information are available on the Town's Website at www.Fremont.nh.gov.

The Winter Parking Ban is in effect November 1 through April 15th.

NEW TOWN FOREST PROPERTY

Fremont residents, along with folks from Kingston and Brentwood, gathered to officially celebrate the Town's purchase of an additional 76 acres from the Smith brothers. Mother Nature did her part and Saturday, October 13th was a glorious, sunny, and crisp New Hampshire fall day. The Fremont Conservation Commission provided coffee and donuts to insure everyone was well nourished before the group ventured out for a tour of the new property.

Special guests included Mike Speltz, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and Digit Taylor, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). Ms. Taylor presented Fremont with a check that will be used to partially fund the purchase. Besides LCHIP, other key partners include NH State Conservation Committee's License Plate Program (Moose Plate Program), the William P. Wharton Trust, the Davis Conservation Foundation, the Cricket Foundation, and the Fields Pond Foundation. The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests holds the conservation easement on this parcel as it does with Glen Oaks.

Dennis Howland, Chairman Fremont Open Space Committee, then led the group on a 2 1/4 mile hike so everyone could get a firsthand look at this valuable addition to the Town's conservation lands. Mike Speltz provided a wealth of information about the forest that was seen along the hike. Bill Knee, Chairman of the Fremont Conservation Commission and a biologist, also provided insight into the sights and sounds along with a joke or two! Of particular note were an approximately 150-year-old pine tree and a series of glacial erratics.

More information about the Glen Oaks Town Forest, the new Smith property and Fremont's other Town Forest, Oak Ridge, can all be found on the Town's Website at:

http://fremont.nh.gov/Pages/FremontNH_Bcomm/Conservation/InDeX.



FREMONT TOWN FORESTS ON FACEBOOK

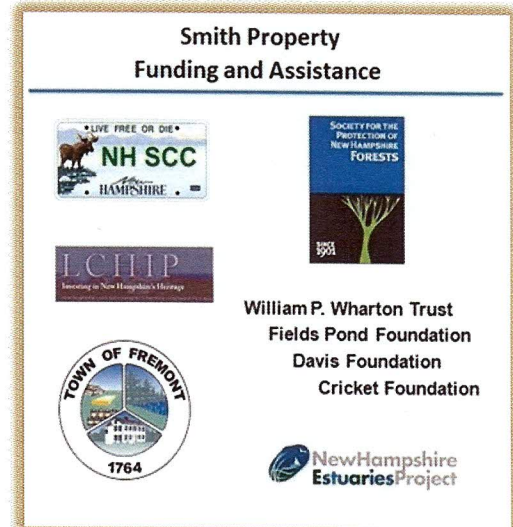
The Fremont Town Forests have a new presence on Facebook. It is not necessary to be a Facebook member to view the Page because it is public. You will see a window asking you to log in or join however you can also continue browsing without logging in or joining. There are photos, upcoming events, news, and links to important information. We hope you will enjoy it and visit often. <http://www.facebook.com/FremontTownForests>

FREMONT ACQUIRES LAND TO PROTECT SPRUCE SWAMP

The Town of Fremont recently purchased 76 acres of land from Richard and Robert Smith. The Smiths turned down offers from developers in order that the property could be conserved and enjoyed by residents of Fremont and of the surrounding communities. The Society for the Protection of NH Forests assisted

with the acquisition and will hold the Conservation Easement that insures the property will be held permanently in conservation. Protecting Spruce Swamp is a high priority of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests and of the Fremont Conservation Commission.

The purchase and protection of this property has been made possible with funding from Town of Fremont taxpayers, the State Conservation Committee grant program through the sale of Conservation License Plates (Moose Plates), the State's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership, and several private foundations including: the Cricket Foundation, the Davis Conservation Foundation, Fields Pond Foundation and the William P. Wharton Trust. The Fremont Conservation Commission would like to thank each of these funders for their assistance with this project. The Commission would also like to thank the Society for the Protection of NH Forests for their assistance. The Town would also like to thank Pat deBeer for her vast work on grants for the project.



The property abuts Spruce Swamp and the Glen Oaks Town Forest. It is primarily upland forest that provides shelter, food for animals such as nuts, cones and fruit, and seeds for new trees. There are wetlands on the property and good views of Spruce Swamp. The property sits between Route 125 and Spruce Swamp and insulates the Swamp from runoff and pollution that would otherwise flow into it. Without the forested landscape to provide and protect a reliable flow of clean, acidified ground water, the Swamp will die, or at least become a much more common meadow. The property drains into tributaries of the Exeter River. Since the Exeter River flows into Great Bay, protecting the property helps to maintain the water quality of the River and the Bay. There will be no increase in the nitrogen levels, pollutants, and sediments that would have occurred had this property been developed.

Spruce Swamp is one of the few wilderness areas left in southern New Hampshire. This 824 acre wetland is nestled within a large 1706 acre forest that is not segmented by roads and buildings. This forest and wetland combination is one of the highest quality wildlife habitats in the state. At the Bioblitz in May 2011, biologists identified 104 animal and 152 plant species in the Glen Oaks Town Forest. Of those, at least thirteen species of plants and animals are endangered or threatened in New Hampshire. There are vernal pools located throughout providing habitat for amphibians and food for turtles.

Along the northern border of the Smith forest are many dense shrub thickets that provide shelter for birds. The berries provide food for a wide variety of animals. Away from the edges and into the center of the Smith property are trees that have not been harvested for 100 years or more. The property has large oak trees that probably date from the very early 1900s. An unusual large red pine was found. Red pines are extremely rare in southern NH. There is a

120-year-old white pine. There are indications that a small amount of wood has been taken out, probably for firewood. The 1938 hurricane blew down many trees in NH forests. There is no evidence that the Smith property was hard hit by this hurricane. It is known that Glen Oakes and the Smith property were both open pasture in the past. The terrain is too rocky for farmland. The stone walls were likely animal pens, pasture fences, and garden walls.



The expanded Town forest will help to protect the water quality and quantity of the aquifers underlying Spruce Swamp that recharge more than 676 wells of surrounding residences.



The abutting Glen Oakes Town Forest has about 2.5 miles of newly constructed or improved trails with maps and signs. The current trails will link walkers to the Smith

property and old cellar holes, diverse natural communities, animal pens that were built from rocks and stones, and stone walls that tell us that this forested area was once dotted with farms. The new property will be added to Glen Oakes in the spring, pending voter approval.

For more information, see the Conservation Commission page on the Town website www.fremont.nh.gov and *FremontTownForests* on Facebook.



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4H CLUB

Does your child love horses? Girls, boys 5 - 18 years are welcome to club meetings to learn more about horses, ponies, 4H group, hands-on activities. No experience or horse ownership necessary. Club meetings are 6-8 pm, 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, year round. Participate in 4H exhibits at local fairs, 4H Riding Club, Horse Shows and Summer Horse Day Camp. Questions, contact Jan Brubacher, Leader, Instructor, Owner 603-303-1584, j.brubacher@comcast.net. For more information and to sign-up for meeting announcements go to www.4hpeppermintponies.org. Stop by and visit the horses and ponies. Guests, friends and family welcome!

LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMM

The Lamprey River Advisory Committee is an advisory committee to the State Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) and local municipalities in matters pertaining to the management of the Lamprey River. Their roles and responsibilities include:

1. Improve outreach and education. Be visible at town events with literature about the watershed. Be sure that landowners understand their rights and responsibilities.
2. Adopt consistent municipal regulations as a baseline in the watershed.

3. Promote low impact recreation on the watershed.
4. Improve water quality through management of run-off (road salt, nitrates, sewage, etc).
5. Preserve the environment surrounding the river corridor.

Currently there is only one Fremont representative on the Lamprey River Advisory Committee. If you think you might be interested, please view their website at www.lampreyriver.org and see what the organization is all about. If you would like to express your interest to the Selectmen to be considered for appointment, please send in a letter of interest, or fill out a local volunteer form (available on the Town's website at www.fremont.nh.gov). Selectmen make local recommendations for appointment to the NH DES, who make all appointments to the local advisory committees.

Meetings for the LRAC are monthly on the fourth Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

BRENTWOOD & VICINITY SENIOR TRANSPORT

Provided by Rockingham Nutrition & Meals On Wheels
Regularly Scheduled Services include:

- To the Brentwood MOW Site for lunch, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 11:30 am
- To the Ray-Fre Senior Center for lunch Tuesday & Thursday at 12:00 pm and for activities at 12:30 pm (bingo, cribbage, cards). Call Ray-Fre Center for information and details at 895 3258.

Shopping: 2 regular trips per week: Wednesday at 9:30 am (Brentwood, Fremont & Epping residents to Walmart & Market Basket) and Wednesday at 1:30 pm (Chester, Raymond, Candia & Deerfield residents to Dollar Tree & Hannaford).

Appointments: Tuesday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and Thursday from 10:00 am to 12 noon. (Doctors, therapy and hospital in Exeter/Raymond and points in between). Please schedule appointments to allow time for transportation both ways within those hours.

Service Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Suggested donations: Trips to lunch: 50 cents / round trip
All other trips: \$2.00 / round trip

For more information or to schedule a ride, please call Meals on Wheels (MOW) at 679 4696. Scheduling is subject to adjustment as circumstances require. Advance notice is strongly recommended but if you find yourself with an unexpected and immediate need, please call and they will try and accommodate you.

CURRENT USE BOARD PUBLIC FORUMS

Per RSA 79-A:3, the Current Use Board will be holding a series of public forums across the state to hear questions and comments from the general public pertaining to current use practices and rates. At the forums, the Board will present its preliminary proposal for current use tax rates for the coming year which include changes to the forestland assessment ranges.

A representative from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service will make a brief presentation at each forum on the use of the Soil Potential Index in farmland assessments, and how landowners can obtain an SPI for their property.

Taxpayers are encouraged to attend one of the following forums:

Thursday, November 8, 2012 – Lancaster, North Country Resource Center, 629B Main Street, at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 13, 2012 – Keene Public Library (Kay Fox Room), 60 Winter Street, at 6:30 pm.

Friday, November 16, 2012 – Concord, NH Department of Revenue, 109 Pleasant Street, at 9:00 am.

The regular Current Use Board meeting will immediately follow the public forum on November 16, in Concord. Written comments can be e-mailed to cub@rev.state.nh.us or mailed to:

NH Department of Revenue, Attn: Current Use Board
PO Box 487
Concord NH 03301

State of New Hampshire
Voter ID Law - Laws of 2012, Chapter 289
Explanatory Document

During the 2012 legislative session the legislature passed House Bill 1354, also known as the "Voter ID" Law. The new law will phase-in a photo identification requirement over a period of time.

This explanatory document is required under the "Voter ID" law as part of the process of educating the public about the law's requirements and application and outlines the law's requirements for 2012.

What type of photo ID will I need in order to vote?

For any election before Sept. 1, 2013, you will be asked to provide one of the following:

- Driver's license issued by any state (even if expired);
- ID card issued by NH DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles);
- U.S. Armed Services ID card;
- U.S. Passport (even if expired);
- Valid photo ID card issued by either the federal government or a state, county or municipal government;
- Valid student ID card
- Other photo ID deemed legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the clerk; or
- Verification of identity by a supervisor of the checklist, the moderator or the clerk.

What if I do not have an approved photo ID?

Before November 1, 2012, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be informed of the new law and permitted to vote.

Between November 1, 2012 and September 1, 2013, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be permitted to vote after executing a "challenged voter affidavit."

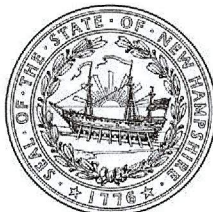
A voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from their town/city clerk or the Secretary of State to any NH DMV office that issues identification.

Is there any post-election action required by me after I vote without an approved photo ID?

After November 1, 2012, if you filled out a "challenged voter affidavit" in order to vote on Election Day, you will receive a verification letter from the Secretary of State, requesting confirmation that you voted in the election. If you do not respond in writing to the Secretary of State within 90 days of the date it was mailed, the Attorney General will conduct an investigation to determine whether fraudulent voting occurred.

Where can I get more information? Your city or town clerk or the Secretary of State

SOS.NH.GOV



(603) 271-3242

Town Hall Office Hours

Tel: 895 2226 ~ Fax: 895 3149

Selectmen's Office VM 10,11

Mon & Fri 8:00 am to 12 noon

Tues & Wed 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Thurs 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

FremontTA@comcast.netFremontTownHall@comcast.net**Tax Collector 895 3200 X 14**

Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30 pm

FremontTax@comcast.net**Town Clerk 895 8693 VM 15,16**

See schedule inside, watch website for updates

FremontClerk@comcast.net**Bldg & Planning 895 3200****Building Inspector VM 18**

Tues & Thurs 8:30 to 10:00 am; 1:00 to 4:30 pm; Weds eves 5:00 to 7:00 pm and by appointment

FremontBI@comcast.net**Planning & Zoning VM 17**

Tues, Weds, Thurs 8:30 am to 12:30 pm; Tues 1:00 - 4:30 pm

FremontPZ@comcast.net**Health**

Bob Meade 895 3200 x 18

Welfare by appt 895 3200 x 12**Town & Department Contacts**

Police Department 895 2229

Fax 895 1116

Mon - Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

EMERGENCY dial 9 1 1

Fire Rescue Business 895 9634

Office Hours M/Th 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Raymond Disp 895 4222 Non-Emerg

Highway Dept - Road Agent

Mark Pitkin 300 7429

Fremont Public Library

Tel 895 9543 ~ Fax 895 0549

Mon noon to 6 pm / Tu & Th 1 to 8 pm

Wed & Fri 9 am to 5 pm

Sat 9 am to 2 pm

www.fremontpubliclibrary.org**Food Pantry** Debbie 895 3825

Stephanie 895 4454

Ellis School 895 2511 sau83.org

432 Main Street

SAU #83 895 6903 Fax 895 6905

5 Hall Road Suite 1 Fremont NH

Post Office 895 2094

Mon - Fri 8:30 - 11:30 am / 12:30 -

4:30 pm Sat 8:30 to 11:00 am

FAA fremontathletics@yahoo.com**Trash Pickup & Recycling - Waste****Management of NH - 800 847 5303****MEETING SCHEDULE****Town Hall - Main Floor****Parks & Recreation** 7:00 pm

Nov 13

Open Space Nov 13 7:00 pm**Energy Comm** 8:00 pm

Dec 13

Budget Committee 7:00 pm

Oct 31 Nov 7, 14, 28 Dec 5, 12

Town Hall - Basement Mtg Room**Cemetery Trustees** 3:30 pm

Dec 3

Conservation Comm 7:00 pm

Nov 5 Dec 3

Planning Board 7:00 pm

Nov 7, 21 Dec 5, 19

Selectmen 6:00 pm

Nov 1, 8*, 15, 28* Dec 5, 12

Nov 20 at 4:00 pm for signatures

* denotes worksession / no appts

Zoning Board 7:30 pm

Nov 27 Dec 18

www.Fremont.nh.gov**Fremont Public Library****Library Trustees** 4th Weds 7:00 pm**Supervisors of Checklist** 7:00 - 7:30 pm Dec 4**Friends of Library** 1st Tues 7:00 pm**Fremont Safety Complex****250th Com** Nov 28 6:00 pm**Garden Club** 4th Tuesday 7:00 pm