

December 2019



The Fremont Newsletter

We're Building Community

TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR

WINTER HOURS

Monday 9:00 am – noon
Tuesday 7:30 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesday 3:00 – 7:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am – noon

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES

All Town offices will be closed:
Thursday and Friday, November 28 & 29 for Thanksgiving
Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 & 25 for Christmas
Wednesday January 1 for New Years

TRASH DELAYS

Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years
Trash pickup will be delayed one day during these holiday weeks.
Thursday pickup is Friday and Friday pickup is Saturday.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Budget Committee fall schedule for review of Town 2020 and School District 2020-2021 budgets. Meeting locations are subject to change so please check the website. Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at the Town Hall beginning at 7:00 pm.

December 4 – first floor meeting room
December 11 – basement meeting room
December 18 – first floor meeting room
January 8 – basement meeting room

January 15 – basement meeting room – **PUBLIC HEARING** for the Town and School District budgets.



FREMONT FOOD PANTRY BASKETS

The Fremont Food Pantry will be preparing Christmas food baskets for families and individuals in need. To request a basket, please contact Renee at (603) 244 1404 or Kim at (207) 370 5096 no later than Wednesday

December 18th. Baskets will be distributed on Saturday December 21st at the Pantry between 10:00 and 10:30 am.

The most current dates and information about meetings and events are on the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 12 Noon

Wreath of Remembrance Ceremony

A wreath will be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument in front of the Fremont Town Hall. The Peoples United Methodist church will lead a brief service honoring our troops both past and present. Refreshments will be served in the Town Hall following the ceremony. All are welcome.

For further information please call Gerry Tilley at 603 895 6658

HELP HOMELESS VETERANS

Local homeless veterans need your help! The East Kingston Community United Methodist Church and the Fremont Peoples United Methodist Church in cooperation with the public libraries in Fremont, East Kingston and Brentwood, NH are sponsoring a drive to assist two Veterans' Centers that serve homeless veteran, Liberty House in Manchester, NH and the Veterans Northeast Outreach Center in Haverhill, MA.

The following items are needed: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, hand lotion, knitted and crochet hats for men, women and children, and quilts, afghans and sleeping bags.

Please deliver your donations to these collection sites: East Kingston Public Library, Fremont Public Library, Mary E. Bartlett Public Library in Brentwood, NH, Fremont Town Hall, East Kingston Town Hall, Peoples United Methodist Church in Fremont, NH and the East Kingston Community United Methodist Church. NOTE: Quilts, afghans and sleeping bags can only be accepted at the Mary E. Bartlett Library in Brentwood, NH.

The drive will continue through Thursday, December 19, 2019. For further information, please call Gerry Tilley at 895 6658.



See inside for 2019 Tax Rate Information.



FREMONT CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Christmas is approaching fast, in order to make sure that every child in Fremont has a great Christmas again this year, our preparations are already underway. The "ornaments" are currently hanging outside the Selectmen's Office door, the Public Library and People's United Methodist Church for residents to select an ornament and purchase a gift.

The Fremont Christmas Giving Tree is an annual community event sponsored by People's United Methodist Church of Fremont, in partnership with the Town of Fremont and the Fremont Public Library, to brighten the holidays for Fremont residents who may need just a little bit of help.

If you are a family that needs some assistance from the **Fremont Christmas Giving Tree**, please contact Jodi Donahue at jodi_donahue@comcast.net or by phone at 734 2412.

You can make someone's Christmas brighter by taking an "ornament" and purchasing the gift. Each ornament will have a requested gift from parents of children in our community who need our assistance. Simply take the ornament off the tree and purchase the gift and return it unwrapped to either the library or the church by December 14th. If you would like the gift picked up, please email Pastor@PUMCfremont.org

You can also help the **Fremont Christmas Giving Tree** by making a cash donation or by donating Christmas wrapping paper. Please make checks payable to People's United Methodist Church with "Christmas Giving Tree" in the memo line of the check. Checks should be mailed to People's UMC, PO Box 150, Fremont, NH 03044.

The Christmas Giving Tree has been successful over the years because of the generosity and loving kindness of our community. Last year 115 gifts were donated for our children – every gift requested was provided. In addition, you answered several appeals for help from the Fremont adult community. For more information, please contact Pastor Frank King at Pastor@PUMCfremont.org or call 895 9879.



SEASONAL SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

The Town's goal is to hire a Director no later than December 31, 2019

The Town of Fremont is accepting applications for a Summer Camp Director and Assistant Director for our 2020 Camp Fremont Summer Recreation Program. Camp Fremont will run for 8 weeks, daily from 8:00 am to approximately 4:00 pm beginning in late June through August, with a possible week off for 4th of July.

Camp Director position is exempt, paid on a salary basis. Duties include: research, scheduling and conducting field trips, bus rentals, and guest-speakers; establish curriculum and activities; effective parental communication through greeting parents, dealing with parental concerns, writing newsletters, overseeing payroll and budgeted expenses, and review of all A/P related to the program; maintain inventory and purchase supplies; act as a leader and mentor to counselors, providing them with training, guidance and

opportunities to grow; manage disciplinary issues; evaluate camp and staff; advertise and conduct an informational night; and compile program reports as needed. Director will also assist in hiring and training all summer camp staff and work closely with Town Administration to ensure a safe summer program. The Town's goal is to hire a Director no later than December 31, 2019, who will put together the curriculum and get it distributed as quickly as possible, including registration materials (all with assistance from the Selectmen's Office and Parks & Recreation members as needed); and then working with an Assistant Director and Town staff, will advertise and hire the balance of staff members for the Camp Program.

The Assistant Director position is non-exempt, paid on an hourly basis, part-time. Duties include backup and support to the Director and assist in all aspects of running a successful and safe summer camp.

Positions require a background in Education, preferably Physical Education/Recreation, or previous experience as a Camp Director or Assistant Director. A panel interview process will begin as soon as possible. All compensation commensurate with experience.

The job description is available with the posting on the Town's website at on the Position Openings page (link from the homepage); or by contacting Heidi Carlson, Town Administrator at FremontTA@comcast.net or by phone 895 2226 x 301. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference. Items should be submitted by US Mail to: Town of Fremont, Attn: Heidi Carlson, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120. Hand-carried submissions can be delivered to the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall, 295 Main Street in Fremont. Serious candidates urged to apply as soon as possible to ensure the program will run in 2020.

The Town of Fremont is an EOE. Position will remain open until filled, and if a suitable candidate is not located by the end of December 2019, the program will not run.

TOWN WEBSITE

Fremont.nh.gov has a whole new look. Please be patient as staff continues to work in the new editor. The website will keep you up to date with information relating to what's going on in town.

THE NH TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION PROGRAM

My Life, My Quit

A free and confidential service developed for teens who want help quitting vapes/electronic cigarettes liquid nicotine vape products, cigarettes and smokeless tobacco (chew). Teens speak with Quit Coaches that will help them build a quit plan, identify triggers, practice refusal skills and obtain ongoing support for changing behaviors in order to be free from nicotine. Teens can enroll by text/call 1-855-891-9989 or chat online with a Quit Coach at MyLifeMyQuit.com.

By enrolling teen participants receive:

- Five, one-on-one coaching sessions that will help teens develop a quit plan, identify triggers, practice refusal skills and receive ongoing support
- Self-help and educational materials
- Additional support by phone, text message or online chat



SCOUTING FOR FOOD GO FREMONT!

The Fremont Boy Scouts had their annual Scouting for Food Drive and would like to thank the residents of Fremont for their great participation. They collected over

2,700 items for the Fremont Food Pantry to help our friends and neighbors. This level of generosity and spirit shows what it means to be a citizen in this great little community.



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT PEOPLE'S UNITED

People's United Methodist Church of Fremont invites you to celebrate in Fremont as we share together the Good News of the season. In addition to Christmas services every Sunday morning at 9:30, a number of special events have also been planned:

- Christmas Pageant – *Sunday, December 8 at 9:30 am.* A family favorite as our Christian education folks make the Christmas story come alive.
- Christmas Concert with Mark 209 direct from Nashville, Tennessee, *Thursday, December 12 at 7 pm.* One of the best Christmas Music Groups ever! Tickets are limited, for reservations, cost or other information, email: Info@PUMCFremont.org
- Christmas Sunday Service, *Sunday, December 22 at 9:30 am.* A special service with Christmas music and our own Music Ministry.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, *Tuesday, December 24 at 5 pm. and 11 pm.*

Our entire Christmas offering this year will be donated to our Helping Hands Fund which seeks to assist those in our community who may need just a little help.

For all events, additional parking has graciously been provided by the Fremont Safety Complex and the Ellis School. For more information email Pastor@PUMCFremont.org.



TOYS FOR TOTS

This year there is a collection box at the Fremont Town Hall. Toys for Tots has been managed by the United States Marine Corps Reserve since 1947.

Members of the community can drop new, unwrapped toys in collection boxes, the ultimate success depends on the support of the local community and the generosity of the people who donate toys.

Items may be dropped off during regular business hours until December 16th. (Mon and Fri 8:00 am to 12 noon; Tues 8:00 am to 4:00 pm; Weds 8:00 am to 7:00 pm; Thur 9:00 am to 5:00 pm).

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA IN FREMONT AND EAST KINGSTON

Remember, Honor, and Teach is the mission of the Wreaths Across America Program. Through this program wreaths are placed on gravesites of Veterans during the holiday season. Ceremonies honoring servicemen and women, both past and present, are held at Veterans' Memorial Monuments across the nation. These events coincide with the annual ceremony and laying of wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery in our Nation's Capital on the second Saturday in December.

Once again, we would like to place wreaths on the 350 Veterans gravesites with 208 in Fremont and 142 in East Kingston. With your help we will be able to honor each of them with a wreath of remembrance. Wreaths cost \$15 each. Ten dollars pays for the construction and delivery of the wreath. The remaining \$5 supports Homeless Veterans at the Liberty House in Manchester, NH and the Veterans Northeast Outreach Center in Haverhill, MA.

Assistance can occur in a variety of ways. Community members and groups are needed to unload the truck when the wreaths are delivered, to place the wreaths on the gravesites in December and remove them in the spring, and to purchase one or more wreaths.

We encourage not only adult participation but look forward to the participation of our youth. This project provides the opportunity for our children to understand that the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women have secured the freedoms we are privileged to experience in our country today. Their participation ensures that our veterans will be remembered and honored in the years to come.

Please order a wreath or volunteer your services. Your gift will not only remember and honor those veterans who have passed on, but will also provide food, shelter, clothing and training for our Homeless Veterans.

Please call Gerry Tilley at 603 895 6658 for further information.



**Rockingham Nutrition
Meals on Wheels**

MEALS ON WHEELS

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12:00 pm for those 60 and over.
Reservations are **required**.

Call (603) 895-3258 or stop in at the Ray-Fre Senior Center located at 64 Main Street in Raymond NH.

WINTER PARKING BAN

According to the Town of Fremont Parking Ordinance: It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle at any time contrary to any of the following provisions of this Section unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

1. Within the Town of Fremont, from November 15 to April 1, no parking is permitted on any public street or any town-owned right of way, or in any town-owned parking lot between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 am.
2. In the event of a winter snowstorm requiring snow plowing and/or removal as deemed necessary by the Fremont Road Agent, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody and/or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked within the public right of way during a snow storm. Vehicles interfering with snow plowing or removal operations shall be towed at the owner's expense.





American BLOOD Red Cross DRIVE at the FREMONT SAFETY COMPLEX

The American Red Cross Bus will be at
425 Main Street in Fremont, NH

**Thursday, January 16, 2020
10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED
CROSS (1-800-73-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and
enter sponsor code: FREMONTCOMMUNITY

HOLIDAY MUSIC PERFORMANCE



The Concord Coachmen Chorus
A Barbershop chorus chartered in 1957

**Thursday December 5, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Fremont Library**

This concert is free to the public. Refreshments will be served.
The Friends of the Fremont Library are sponsoring this event.
For more information call 603 895 9543.

CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE

The Friends of the Fremont Library are conducting their Christmas
Tree Raffle again this year. For a \$5.00 donation you will get a
chance at winning over \$200 in local gift Certificates. There is also a
second prize of \$100 or more in gift certificates.

This year the following local restaurants and retailers generously
gave their support by providing a \$25 gift certificate:

Tuckaway Tavern, Oriental Pearl Asian Bistro, Beach Plum,
Popovers on the Square, The Community Oven, Telly's Restaurant,
Saddle Up Saloon, Carriage Towne Bar & Grill, Benson's Café,
Fremont Pizzeria, Nick's Place, Goody Coles Roadside BBQ Joint,
New England Coach, Rite Aid in Raymond, Pizza by George, Ace
Hardware, and Bella Vintage Salon.

You can make a donation for the raffle at the Fremont Library, at the
Ellis PTA Fair on Sunday December 8, or call Warren Gerety at 603
702-0120 for a raffle form.

The proceeds of this raffle help support the Friends of the Fremont
Library who provide interesting and informative programs at the
Library and for Library needs not included in the municipal Library
budget appropriation.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Public Budget Hearing for final review of the Town 2020 and
School District 2020-2021 fiscal year budgets will take place on
Wednesday January 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Fremont Town Hall
Basement Meeting Room, 295 Main Street. It is planned to be live
broadcast and will be rebroadcast on FCTV.

In case of inclement weather, or in a need to continue the
meeting, it will take place on Thursday January 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm
in the same location.

Any petition Warrant Articles are due no later than Tuesday
January 14, 2020.

2020 DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS

In response to public requests, the Town and School District are
tentatively planning to hold their Deliberative Sessions on the same
date this year, Saturday February 1, 2020 beginning at 9:00 am. We
are investigating the logistics of the meetings, and would like post
them both for 9:00 am, and do the School Session, followed by the
Town Session. Tentative snow dates may be an evening the
following week, or will be on Saturday February 8, 2020 at 9:00 am.

State law provides a one week window in which to hold
Deliberative Sessions. In 2020 this runs from Saturday February 1
through Saturday February 8th.

The last day to register to vote in Fremont for Deliberative
Sessions is Tuesday January 21, 2020 with the Supervisors of the
Checklist at the Library from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. You can register with
the Town Clerk during any office hours, only up through January
21st. The law does not provide for same-day voter registration for
Deliberative Sessions, so you must register by January 21, 2020.

Watch for more information to be posted as we collaborate on the
joint meeting effort.

Deliberative Sessions will be held at Ellis School
432 Main Street in Fremont, in the gymnasium.

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

Tuesday January 14, 2020 by 12 noon – Town Petitioned
Warrant Articles are due at the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 295
Main Street.

SAU 83 is accepting School District petition articles, contact them
for time and location of filing. The deadline of January 14, 2020 is
the same for both Town and School articles. Any petition articles will
be discussed at the Public Budget Hearing on Wednesday January
15th. The SAU Office can be reached at 895 6903.

Tuesday January 21, 2020 - 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 Public
Library. Town Clerk is open 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. **This is the last
time to register to vote prior to the Deliberative Sessions AND prior
to the NH Primary (scheduled for February 11, 2020). If you are not
registered, you cannot vote at either Town or School Deliberative
Session, as same day voter registration is NOT AVAILABLE for
Deliberative Sessions.**

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 22, 2020 and runs through Friday, January 31, 2020. You can sign up during any Town Clerk Office hours. On Friday January 31, 2020 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. The full list of positions open will be posted shortly.

UNITED STATES CENSUS 2020

This is a normal part of preparations for the 2020 Census. Census Bureau employees will also be in the community to continue collecting information for the American Community Survey and other ongoing surveys.

How Can You Verify That Someone Is a Census Worker?

If someone visits your home to collect information for the 2020 Census, you can do the following to verify their identity:

- First, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.
- If you still have questions about their identity, you can call **800-923-8282** to speak with a local Census Bureau representative.

COMCAST INTERNET ESSENTIALS

Comcast has recently announced a significant expansion to eligibility for the program to include all qualified low-income households in our service area. Internet essentials provides high-speed internet service, options to purchase computers and access to free digital literacy training. For more information on these programs visit www.InternetEssentials.com/Partner

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRST IN THE NATION PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Tuesday February 11, 2020

The NH Secretary of State's Office officially announced the date of the NH Primary this week. It will be held on Tuesday February 11, 2020.

We are updating the posters, which had to be posted well in advance of the Secretary of State setting the final date. Mark your calendar and be sure to vote!

You can register to vote up through January 21 with the Town Clerk or the Supervisors of Checklist, and new registrants can register on Election Day.

The deadline to change party affiliation was in October. If you are undeclared, you can declare when you vote on February 11, and you can return to undeclared after you vote, if you visit the Checklist Supervisor's Table on polling day.

The Supervisors will meet on Tuesday January 21, 2020 from 7:00 to 7:30 pm at the Fremont Public Library. This is the last time to register to vote in advance of Deliberative Session and the NH Primary.

In 2020, New Hampshire will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the First-in-the-Nation Presidential Primary.



RECYCLING OPTIONS FLUORESCENT LAMPS

Home Depot, Lowes and Aubuchon Hardware Stores – Home Depot and Lowes will accept and recycle Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) only and recycle them at no cost to the consumer. Aubuchon Hardware stores will accept and recycle fluorescent lamps on a “buy one; recycle one” basis. **You should contact your local stores, as not all may be offering this service.**

Batteries Plus stores may also accept lamps for recycling.
<https://www.batteriesplus.com/t/recycling/Light-Bulb>

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Due to lack of a suitable vendor, the town Hall can no longer accept toner and ink cartridges for recycling. Try Staples or similar locations where you buy cartridges to recycle them. We will continue to investigate it, and if we can find a recycling outlet, will resume having a drop-off bin at the Town Hall.

Submit a Bulletin Board Slide to FCTV

To submit a Bulletin Board Informational Slide for inclusion on FCTV:

- Do a simple power point slide and save the file. Include the basic details of your event, keeping it brief so that it can be read by viewers in 8-12 seconds. Use nothing smaller than a 24-point font for ease of reading.
- Save the slide and email the .ppt file to FremontCTV@gmail.com

Please include your contact information so that the Committee can contact you in case of questions or if they need clarification. It will be put up on the Bulletin Board as soon as possible.

FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT-SAU 83 POSITION OPENING

Para-Educator

Preschool - Grade 8

May work in group or 1:1 with students

Experience working with children

Para-Educator certified or certifiable

Interested applicants should submit to the SAU a full packet including:

Cover letter and Resume

Completed application (found at www.sau83.org under Human Resources)

Three current letters of recommendation

An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

Interested applicants for any School District position should refer to the SAU 83 website (under Human Resources) for application for to submit to the SAU: www.sau83.org.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for submittal is generally the 15th of each month for publication in the following month. No opinion pieces will be accepted. Submissions may be edited for clarity and/or due to space constraints.

PARKS & RECREATION FIELDS LABOR & MAINTENANCE PART-TIME POSITION OPENING

The Town of Fremont is seeking dedicated and energetic applicants for a part-time, non-exempt, nearly year-round general labor and maintenance position within the Town. There are approximately 15-20 hours per week total needed for combined tasks. Position primarily covers the routine maintenance at the recreation fields complex on Main Street but would have other fill-in maintenance duties during the winter months (less hours per week).

The work includes all cleaning, care and maintenance of the fields and surrounding areas, interior and exterior building and facilities maintenance including annual start-up and winterization of water and other systems (not irrigation); and coordination of any outside contractors or work that needs to be done (irrigation, fertilizer, etc), in coordination with town administration. Some snow removal and other general town building and facility maintenance is also included as needed/on call at times during the winter months. Seasonal duties may include snow shoveling, operating a snowblower, maintenance for snow and ice conditions at buildings and adjacent walkways; and summer duties include, but are not limited to lawn care, mowing, trimming, tree pruning, raking, and general groundskeeping as assigned. There are other duties as assigned related to general maintenance and upkeep of town buildings, grounds, and equipment, including seasonal events setup, maintenance, and voting equipment setup.

Ideal candidate will be a motivated, true self-starter and able to work with minimal direct supervision. Must be reliable in all seasons, and able to work a flexible schedule to meet the varying seasonal demands. Position is primarily supervised by the Town Administrator.

Experience working with the public is preferred. Successful candidate will be required to submit to a complete background check. Experience in building or related trades is preferable, but a combination of experience and trade skill will be considered. Strong interpersonal/customer service skills are required. Interested candidates should submit a resume, three references, and cover letter of interest to Heidi Carlson, Town Administrator, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120 as soon as possible.

Questions can be directed to the Heidi Carlson in the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 301 or by email at FremontTA@comcast.net. The Town's desire is to fill the position(s) as soon as possible, to be ready for the spring season, but it will remain open until a suitable candidate(s) is found. EOE.

PEPPERMINT PONIES 4-H CLUB

Girls, boys 5+ years and their families are welcome to visit club activities and join [4-H Online](#) when ready. Attend year-round weekly Horse Knowledge club meetings Wednesday, 6-7:30 pm and Horse Apprentice Volunteer, Saturday 8-10 am. Volunteers engage with real live horses & ponies with adult supervision. Volunteers learn to track their time to earn credits towards horseback riding. [Join email list](#), contact leader Jan Brubacher, call/text 603 3030 1584 or email j.brubacher@comcast.net to attend a meeting or volunteer.

4-H is hands-on, learn-by-doing, age appropriate topics covering horse safety, behavior, communication, arts, crafts, breed, history, colors, markings, type, health, science, anatomy, physiology, care, feed, nutrition, use, career, finance, technology, equipment, show, train, ride and more.

Members participate in Stratham, Deerfield Fairs, [NHSPCA](#), local horse shows, events, activities and with other 4-H clubs. Members learn to work independently, create special projects, group teamwork, social skills, mentor, public speaking. Members record horse projects to earn recognition, scholarships, attend conferences, college, jobs.

We were chartered in 2005 by Jan Brubacher who was (and still is) a loyal, committed 4-Her. "My job is to enrich your child's life through the incredible resources available to us through [UNH Co-operative Extension](#)."



Have a safe and happy
holiday season!

Fremont NH – 2019 Tax Rate Release Information

We are in receipt of the 2019 tax rate. The Selectmen's Office, with input from the School District, has prepared this information for you in an effort to assist in your understanding of the 2019 rate. The new tax rate, set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration on October 31st is \$31.05 per thousand. This breaks down as follows:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Town	4.37	3.89	4.44	4.77	4.73
Local School	21.32	22.65	21.34	21.10	22.76
State School	2.28	2.30	2.32	2.42	2.43
County	1.03	1.04	1.09	1.11	1.13
Total	\$29.00	\$29.88	\$29.19	\$29.40	\$31.05

Major changes took place in 2019 as we felt the effects of reduced State and Federal Funding for education. This is the first big increase in the rate in several years, and is due in large part to improvements to infrastructure including significantly overdue repairs to the Ellis School roof.

That 2015 tax year was our most recent revaluation, and the next one is scheduled for 04/01/2020. The changes in values will make 2020 quite dynamic, and the overall impacts of budgets and property values will not be fully evident until the Fall 2020 tax rate setting process, when the new values are all complete and entered in the billing system.

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. We did not see significant increase in values 2019 and in fact lost value due to statutory changes in how utilities are viewed for property tax purposes. The values have changed as follows:

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total Assessed Valuation	\$389,025,519	\$399,735,833	\$405,960,200	\$409,848,930	\$410,788,368

In 2018 the School District returned \$574,231 in unassigned fund balance which significantly worked to balance the tax impacts of that year. This was not available as an offset this year. This year, the School District returned \$52,388 from unassigned fund balance and additional funds of \$95,973 of unanticipated revenue due to an increase in the state adequacy grant. If you have specific questions about the school expenses, you should contact the Superintendent's Office, SAU #83 at 432 Main Street, Fremont NH at 895 6903.

The State School tax portion increased by one penny per thousand in 2019.

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 301 or x 303.

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 Selectmen, School Board and Budget Committee are currently working on the budgets for the next respective fiscal years. Budget Committee meetings are held on Wednesday evenings and are broadcast on FCTV 22. The Public Budget Hearing will be held on 01/15/2020 at the Town Hall; and Deliberative Sessions will be held in early February at Ellis School. All dates are on the website calendar.

The portion of the Rockingham County budget attributable to Fremont increased by \$6,346 to a total of \$462,647, but the increase in valuation kept the County rate increase to two cents. Veteran Credits increased by \$10,750 to \$125,250. Elderly, disabled and blind exemptions increased by \$22,300 to \$1,460,000.

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

Monday & Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon
Tuesday 7:30 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**SECOND ISSUE TAX BILLS ARE DUE
DECEMBER 5, 2019**

*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's Office, or leave a stamped return envelope with your payment. *

If you have questions about your assessment or an abatement, credit or exemption, please feel free to stop by the Selectmen's Office for information. All property assessing records are public information. You can access the information online from the Town's website at <https://www.fremont.nh.gov/assessing/pages/online-property-look>. 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 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and this is where the most current information is housed. We will also be glad to mail you out your property card to you, if you call or email and make a 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 <https://www.fremont.nh.gov/assessing/pages/abatements>. Abatement forms are also available at the Selectmen's Office. 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 Monday MARCH 2, 2020 at 12 noon. A postmark of up to March 1, 2020 WILL be accepted. Postmarks after March 1, 2020 cannot 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
PO Box 120
Fremont NH 03044-0120
603 895 2226 x 301, x 303, x 302
FremontTownHall@comcast.net
FremontTA@comcast.net
FremontSelectmensOffice@comcast.net

Fremont Tax Collector
PO Box 120
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603 895 8693 x 307
FremontClerk@comcast.net

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**Selectmen's Office VM x 301 Heidi
x 303 Jeanne and x 302 Kathy**

Tel: 895 2226 ~ Fax: 895 3149

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895 8693 VM x 307

Monday 9:00 am to 12 noon

Tuesday 7:30 am to 3:00 pm

Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon

FremontClerk@comcast.net

Bldg & Planning 895 3200

Building Inspector VM x 309

Tue, Wed eves 5:15 to 9:00 pm

Fri 8 am to 12 noon and by
appointment, plan well ahead for
inspections

FremontBI@comcast.net

Planning & Zoning VM x 306

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00

pm and by appointment

FremontPZ@comcast.net

Health by appt 895 3200 x 309

Welfare by appt 483 2881

**Town & Department Contacts
EMERGENCY dial 9 1 1**

Police Department 895 2229

Fax 895 1116

Mon – Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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

Leon Holmes Jr 603 300 7430

Fremont Public Library

Tel 895 9543 ~ Fax 244 1724

Mon Noon to 5 pm / Tu & Th 1 to 7 pm

Wed & Fri 9 am to 5 pm

Sat 9 am to 2 pm

Ellis School 895 2511 sau83.org

SAU # 83 895 6903 Fax 895 6905

Both located at 432 Main Street

Post Office 895 2094

Mon - Fri 9:15 am - 12:15 pm and 1:15

- 4:15 pm Sat 8:30 to 11:00 am

Trash Pickup & Recycling – Waste

Management of NH - 800 847 5303

FAA fremontathletics@yahoo.com

www.fremontathleticassociation.org

Food Pantry Renee 244 1404 or

Kim 207 370 5096

**2019 - 2020 MEETING SCHEDULES
Fremont Town Hall**

Conservation Comm 6:30 pm

Dec 2 Jan 6

FCTV Committee 6:00 pm

Dec 16 Jan 20

Parks & Recreation 6:00 pm

Dec 10 Jan 14

Planning Board 7:00 pm

Dec 4, 18 Jan 8, 22

Selectmen 6:30 pm

Dec 5, 12, 19, 26 Jan 2, 9, 16

Zoning Board 7:00 pm

Dec 17 Jan 28

Budget Committee 7:00 pm

Dec 4, 11, 18 Jan 8, 15

Open Space 6:30 pm

Feb 4

Fremont Public Library

Library Trustees 7:00 pm

Generally 4th Wednesday

Supervisors of Checklist 7:00 to

7:30 pm Dec 2 Jan 21

Friends of Library 4:00 pm

Third Tuesday of the month

Garden Club 7:00 pm

4th Tuesday of the month Sept to
April

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the 15th of each month for
publication in the following
month. No opinion pieces will be
accepted. Submissions may be
edited for clarity and/or due to
space constraints.*

*Deadlines are also available on the
monthly MEETINGS
CALENDAR page of the Town's
website.*

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