



January 2021

THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

We're Building Community

TRASH DELAYS

Trash and Recycling during the weeks of Christmas and New Years are all delayed by one day.

Thursday pickup is Friday and Friday pickup is Saturday.

Town will honor these holidays and be closed Dec 24 and 25 and January 1, 2021.

FREMONT during the COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This is a strange time in Fremont, and the world, as we deal with epic crisis in the Coronavirus. All Town buildings are open by appointment only as we work to slow the spread of the virus. We have been successfully able to complete nearly all Town business online, via phone and email, and as needed with scheduled appointments. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we all come to grips with the "new normal" in every function and facet of our daily lives. The Town has remained overly cautious as we have very limited staff, and anyone of them getting sick will shut down an entire building or Department and we want to continue to be able to provide services.

The Town's website is the most up to date location to get information. We have posted "how to" for the most common municipal transactions, and you are free to call, email, mail, and use the drop box for various transactions. Click on this link to take you to the virtual "HOW TO" for Town transactions from the home page of our website:

<https://www.fremont.nh.gov/home/news/covid-19-updates>

DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS – All held

at Ellis School Gym

School District Deliberative Session
Saturday January 30, 2021 at 9:00 am

Town Deliberative Session

Saturday January 30, 2021 with legal posting at 9:00 am – to be held IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Snow date for both meetings: Saturday February 6, 2021 at 9:00 am

All meetings will be live broadcast. Masks are required at Ellis School.

The Board of Selectmen will meet on the same schedule as the Public Hearing as needed to discuss the Warrant, petitions, and other budget items. They will meet at the Fremont Town Hall at 6:30 pm and continue as needed during and after the Public Hearing on January 13 and/or January 14, 2021.

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



PETITION WARRANT ARTICLES

– Due Tuesday January 12, 2021

Town Articles shall be submitted by 12 noon to the Selectmen's Office at 295 Main Street, Fremont NH.

School Articles shall be submitted to the SAU Business Office Ellis School, 432 Main Street, Fremont NH. Contact them at 895 6903 for time deadline to submit on Tuesday

TOWN OF FREMONT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Budget Hearing for final review of the Town 2021 and School District 2021-2022 fiscal year budgets will take place on Wednesday January 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Ellis School Gymnasium, 432 Main Street. It is planned to be live broadcast and will also be rebroadcast on FCTV.

In case of inclement weather, or a need to continue the meeting, it will take place on Thursday January 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the same location.



WINTER PARKING BAN

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 to 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 snowstorm. Vehicles interfering with snow plowing or removal operations shall be towed at the owner's expense.

NH DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Using Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19



According to the Governor's new orders, if you need to leave your home, wear a cloth face covering. The NH Department of Health and Human Services has recommended this since the

beginning of the pandemic. This is based data about how COVID-19 can spread before a person has any symptoms. A mask helps protect others around you if you are infected and do not know it.

A cloth face covering is one more precaution we can take to help slow the spread of COVID-19 – and is not a substitute for physical distancing and other prevention measures. You still need to stay at least 6 feet away from people, even when wearing a face covering.

COVID-19 can present with a wide range of symptoms including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell. Any person who develops new symptoms should stay home, limit their contact with others, immediately contact their healthcare provider and get tested for COVID-19. Guidance for self-quarantine is available at: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/residents/documents/self-quarantine-covid.pdf>

Whether or not you are experiencing symptoms, multiple testing options throughout the State are available to potentially exposed individuals. For persons without health insurance or a primary care provider, testing is available and can be scheduled by calling (603) 271-5980 or through completing the online form at https://business.nh.gov/DOS_COVID19Testing. Other options can be found here: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm>.

COVID-19 continues to circulate in our communities, so all people need to protect themselves and help prevent further community spread, by:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with others. When outside your home, keep a distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and others. This is known as social distancing.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your mouth and nose to protect others when in public areas.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you have a fever or are not feeling well.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For more information on COVID-19 in NH, please visit: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>

FREE KNIT WINTER HATS

Outside the front and rear entrances of the Fremont Town Hall (weather permitting) are boxes of winter hats for anyone who may need one! The generosity and skill of Fremont knitters, and a donation from the knitters at the RayFre Senior Center in Raymond makes this possible.

If you need one, please help yourself. If you cannot get to Town Hall, contact Heidi Carlson or the Fremont Food Pantry to get one.



FCTV LIVE BROADCASTS

FCTV has installed the new equipment which was funded through FCTV Cable Revolving Fund funded by franchise fees. Everything seems to be running well allowing live broadcasts to continue. You can still watch any meeting previously broadcast on Vimeo.



Feeding the Community

FREMONT FOOD PANTRY

Anyone who needs assistance from the Fremont Food Pantry should contact Renee at (603) 244 1404 or Kim at (207) 370 5096. The Food Pantry is located at Basement level in the Fremont Town Hall. During Covid, the best way to make a donation to those in need of Pantry services is with a supermarket gift card or check. Monetary/card donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall drop box or mailed in care of the Selectmen's Office to PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120.

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

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Due to the Coronavirus, the Wreath of Remembrance Ceremony scheduled for Saturday, December 19, 2020 will not be held in Fremont. A large ceremonial wreath honoring our past and present veterans has been placed in front of the Veterans Memorial Monument located in front of the Fremont Town Hall.

Community members are encouraged to visit the site individually to remember and honor our veterans with a moment of silence.

HELP OUR HOMELESS VETERANS

In the past, the East Kingston Community United Methodist Church and the Peoples United Methodist Church in Fremont, in cooperation with the libraries in Fremont, East Kingston and Brentwood, have sponsored a drive to assist two veterans' centers that service homeless veterans, Liberty House in Manchester, NH and the Veterans' Northeast Outreach Center in Haverhill, MA.

This year, due to the Coronavirus, we will not be able to collect toiletry items, knitted and crocheted hats, or quilts, afghans and sleeping bags. In lieu of these physical items, we encourage community members to make a monetary donation in any amount to one or both veterans' centers so that our homeless veterans can be supported safely.

Please mail your check or money order no later than December 19, 2020 to: Liberty House – 221 Orange Street – Manchester, NH 03103 ...and/or... Veterans Northeast Outreach Center - 10 Reed Street – Haverhill, MA 01832 – Attention: Finance. Donations to the Veterans' Northeast Outreach Center may also be made online at www.vneoc.org.

For further information, please call Gerry Tilley at 603-895-6658

MASK GIVING TREES

We have a group of mask-makers making cloth masks for any member of the community who may need one. Anyone wishing to donate masks they have made should place them in a zip-lock bag and please label each ex. adult, kids etc.; and then use the clothespins on the tree to hang them up.

The Town Hall tree on the front lawn and can be seen by walking up the ramp or the stairs. Park in the main lot. At the Safety Complex, please only use the side lot to the right, as this is an emergency building, and we prefer to keep cars out of the general flow around the building. The Giving tree is beside that side lot.

Now that winter is here we will try and keep access clear, and mask-makers are also encouraged to leave them in the mitten boxes!

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 Leon Holmes Jr at 300 7430.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Town of Fremont is looking for dedicated and energetic community members who are interested in recreational activities for residents of all ages, to volunteer for vacancies on the Fremont Parks & Recreation activities for youth and adults alike as well as the operations at the Town's ballfields. The Commission generally meets 6-8 times per year primarily planning the popular holiday events around Easter, Memorial Day Parade, Halloween and Christmas. Volunteers should have some creative energy and be willing to work with other volunteers. Positions interact regularly with the Selectmen's Office staff, park maintenance staff and the very involved FAA (who oversees all of the athletic teams in Fremont).

For many years the Commission has also planned and helped to execute Camp Fremont. The Commission prepares the annual

budget and plans for field maintenance and upgrades as needed, working with the Selectmen and maintenance staff.

Questions can be directed to the Heidi Carlson in the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 301 or by email at hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov.

Covid has changed how we present community events, but we would still like to have recreational offerings for community members of all ages! If you think you have a few hours per month to dedicate to a worthwhile endeavor, maybe this position is for you! The Selectmen's desire is to fill the position(s) as soon as possible. Interested candidates can submit a letter/email of interest with your name and contact details, along with some information about your background and interest.

We look forward to hearing from you!

POSITION OPENINGS FREMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN PART-TIME

The Town of Fremont is seeking energetic applicants for a part-time hourly position as a Children's Librarian. Position is approximately 20 hours per week, and is hourly, non-exempt with a rate of pay not to exceed \$12.00 per hour.

The Children's Librarian performs all work associated with efficiently and effectively running the Children's Room in the Fremont Public Library. The primary purpose of this position is to ensure that all children of Fremont are well-served in terms of reading, literacy, research, homework help, story times, summer reading programs etc.

Position requires weekend and evening shifts as well as working in all parts of the Library with a variety of tasks and reports to the Librarian. The full job description is posted with the ad at town buildings and on the Town's website on the home page.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume detailing interest and qualifications addressed to: Eric Abney, Library Director at ericabney.fpl@gmail.com as soon as possible. Interested candidates encouraged to apply as soon as possible, with our desire to fill the position in a timely manner. The Town of Fremont is an EOE.

Questions regarding the position can be directed to Eric Abney at 895 9543 or by email at ericabney.fpl@gmail.com. Library employees are hired by and report to the Library Director and are considered Town Employees. The full job description with this add is posted on the Town's website, accessible from the "position openings" tab on the home page.

FREMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY CUSTODIAN & MAINTENANCE PART-TIME

The Town of Fremont is seeking applicants for a part-time hourly position for maintenance and cleaning duties at the Fremont Public Library. Position may be up to 20 hours per week, and is hourly, non-exempt with a \$11.00 per hour rate of pay. Position requires cleaning of all library areas, washing windows, vacuuming and other building maintenance and snow removal duties as assigned. Must be reliable in all seasons, and able to work a flexible schedule to meet the varying seasonal demands. Seasonal exterior maintenance work will include, but not limited to, the use of snow blowers, lawn mowers and weed whackers. Strong interpersonal or customer service skills are required. Experience working with the public is preferred. Successful candidates will be required to submit to a complete background check. Position reports to the Library Director.

Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to ericabney.fpl@gmail.com as soon as possible. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, with our desire to fill the position in a timely manner. The Town of Fremont is an EOE.

ABATEMENTS / EXEMPTIONS / CREDITS

If you have questions about your assessment, please feel free to contact the Selectmen's Office (Heidi, Jeanne or Kathy) by phone or email. All property assessing records are public information. You can also 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. We are currently open by appointment only but can review information with you and send you your property record card for a more in-depth review.

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 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 get one to you. Abatement forms are DUE no later than Tuesday MARCH 1, 2021 at 12 noon. A postmark of March 1, 2021 WILL also be accepted. Questions about abatements need to be directed to the Selectmen's Office, and not the Tax Collector.

Applications for new exemptions or credits will be accepted at the Selectmen's Office until Thursday April 15, 2021 at 5:00 pm. A postmark of April 15, 2021 is also acceptable. DO NOT leave your application off in the drop box after 5:00 pm on April 15, 2021 as it cannot be accepted. If you would like a form or have any questions, please contact Jeanne in the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 303 or Kathy at 895 2226 x 302.

WEIGHT RESTRICTION ORDINANCE

After more than a year of work on an appropriate ordinance to address issues with traffic on the north side of Fremont, Selectmen adopted a Weight Restriction Ordinance. This is posted on the Town website and on the front door at the Town Hall as well as the Fremont Post Office. The Ordinance restricts vehicles with a GVWR of 26,000 or greater.

Signs were installed on November 25th and education will be provided by the Fremont Police Department over the coming weeks. Anyone with questions should review the Ordinance and address concerns in writing to the Board of Selectmen.

COVID MASK ORDINANCE

The Board of Selectmen have been working on adoption of a Mask Ordinance to cover use of masks within Town buildings and on Town property. This is done in conjunction with our Health Officer and Public Safety Services. The Ordinance was adopted and signed on December 17th and becomes effective January 4, 2021.

TOWN OF FREMONT Ordinance of the Selectmen

The Selectmen of Fremont, New Hampshire ordains as follows:
Emergency Mask Ordinance Related to COVID-19 Pandemic Declaration of Purpose:

The purpose of this Emergency Ordinance is to enact public health provisions designed to significantly reduce the spread of

COVID-19, a highly contagious virus that poses a dangerous health threat to citizens. These provisions, recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, and further promulgated by the Director of Public Health for the State of New Hampshire, must be implemented on a community-wide basis as part of the Town of Fremont's COVID-19 public health response plan.

Title:

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "COVID-19 Emergency Mask Ordinance of the Town of Fremont"

Authority:

NH RSA 147:1

WHEREAS, NH RSA 147:1 grants Health Officers of cities and towns the authority to draft regulations relating to the public health as in their judgement the health and safety of the people require; and

NH RSA 41:11-a

WHEREAS, NH RSA 41:11-grants the Selectmen the authority to manage all real property owned by the Town and to regulate its use unless the regulation is delegated to other public officers by vote of the Town or is governed by some other statute

WHEREAS, the Town of Fremont, New Hampshire Selectmen recognizes additional measures are necessary to prevent or reduce activities that increase the likelihood of the spread of the highly contagious and potentially life-threatening virus known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the best means of slowing the spread of the virus is through minimizing close personal contact with individuals in a public environment, social/physical distancing by keeping a distance of six feet between yourself and others, covering your mouth and nose by wearing a face covering, and proper hand washing; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has concluded that the wearing of masks by all persons under certain circumstances is an effective method to reduce exposure to the COVID-19 virus, by providing a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the face covering coughs, sneezes, talks or raises their voice; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 can be spread by people who do not have symptoms (asymptomatic carriers) and therefore are unaware they are infected. It is therefore important that everyone wear face coverings in public settings, whether or not they are feeling ill; and

WHEREAS, because COVID-19 presents a clear and present danger to the general Fremont population, it behooves the community for the Selectmen to take this emergency measure requiring the wearing of face coverings in certain situations to protect the public health;

NOW THEREFORE, for the purpose of continuing to provide safety for its residents and visitors acting in their capacity as the Fremont Selectmen and based on the Town Health Officer's authority to promulgate regulations for the prevention and removal of public health nuisances, hereby ordains that:

1. Any one entering any Town of Fremont owned facility, as allowed under Orders by the State of New Hampshire, which are open to the public, shall be required to wear a mask when entering the facility. Members of the public must wear face masks while using or working at any public recreation areas and other public property within the Town of Fremont where maintaining adequate social/physical distancing is not possible due to pedestrian congestion. Failure to wear a mask will result in the refusal of entry and service.

2. All employees at any Town of Fremont owned facility except when they are working alone in a closed room, must wear a mouth and nose covering mask when interacting with the public and are within six feet of a co-worker.

3. All employees of the Town of Fremont when in the normal course of their employment are required to be in a vehicle with a second person shall wear a mask covering their nose and mouth

4. The requirement to wear a mask shall be posted on all, Town of Fremont facilities and public areas.

5. Under the above circumstances, this order shall apply to any individual who is over the age of five (5) years, and not otherwise exempt per CDC guidelines. A face covering is also not required to be worn by any person if said person can show a medical professional has advised that wearing a face covering may pose a risk to said person for health-related reasons.

6. As used herein "face covering" means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers only the nose, mouth, and surrounding areas of the lower face. A face covering may be factory made or homemade and improvised from ordinary household material.

Enforcement

1. For the purposes of enforcement the Selectmen may appoint persons to serve as Deputy Health Officers to serve as enforcement agents pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 147:1.

2. All law enforcement officers and employees of said facilities are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to enforce compliance with this Ordinance

3. This order shall remain in effect until notice is given that it is no longer necessary because the State of New Hampshire and or the Fremont Health Officer declares that a Public Health Emergency no longer poses a threat to Fremont citizens.

Penalties:

Anyone who violates this ordinance AND refuses to comply with local, county, or state Health Officers to meet the requirements outlined herein shall be subject to a verbal or written request to comply by the Health Officer, followed by fine in the amount of \$100 for the second offense, \$200 for the third offense, and \$500 for the fourth and subsequent offense, for any refusal to leave a Town owned property or any public place after being given a lawful order to do so he /she will be guilty of Criminal Trespass pursuant to RSA 635:2 he/she shall be summoned to Court at the 10th Circuit – District Division - Brentwood.

Effective Date:

Having held one public hearing on December 15, 2020, this Ordinance shall be effective on January 4, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, a majority of the Selectmen have hereunder set their hands this 17th day of December 2020.

Town of Fremont Board of Selectmen

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

Tuesday January 12, 2021 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 of filing. The deadline of January 12, 2021 is the same for both Town and School articles.

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 or texts with questions to 603 418 4416 and we will endeavor to offer a Teams/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 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.

To complete the Declaration of Candidacy form, you can see the Town Clerk during regular office hours or contact the School District Clerk by email at 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

DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS: In response to widespread community interest, 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 on Saturday, February 27, 2021 for final correction of the checklist before Town Election Day. The 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. Contact the Town Clerk for ALL ABSENTEE BALLOT QUESTIONS at 895 8693 x 308 or by email to 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 17, 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.

“severe drought” (D2). An updated U.S. Seasonal Drought outlook indicates that the “severe drought” in this area is likely to improve, but persist through the end of March, and ameliorate in all other areas of the state. According to the NH Groundwater Monitoring network, groundwater levels have stopped dropping across the State, and are in fact rising in most areas. However, all well levels remain below normal except for two, a dug well in New London and an overburden well in Barnstead, which have recovered. The snow today is predicted to fall the most right where we need it. Six to twelve inches is expected to accumulate from the southern Lakes Region south (6-12”), with even more snow to be received (10-18+) in lower Merrimack Valley from Concord south and close to the coast.

While conditions are trending in the right direction, it is advised to monitor conditions carefully and continue to promote [indoor water saving tips](#). Also, while precipitation deficits are the greatest in the southeast, long term precipitation deficits remain throughout the entire state. As the three-month precipitation outlook indicates equal chances of above, below, and near normal precipitation, outlooks beyond three-months are not very reliable, and La Nina is likely to bring warmer temperatures; it is difficult to determine what the winter has in store for the state in terms of precipitation amounts and types.

The best way to address uncertainty is to make sure you are prepared. A multi-year drought is very possible. Drought Guidance for Municipalities and Drought Guidance for Community Water Systems is available on the [Drought Management webpage](#). Community water systems should also consider conducting water audits to evaluate and address water losses, complete leak detection surveys, ensure emergency connections are operational, and assess the need for backup sources or emergency connections.

IMPORTANT! Are residential well owners experiencing well shortage issues in your community? If so, they may qualify for the [Low-Income Residential Drought Assistance Program](#).

Drought Guidance for the public, municipalities, and private well owners, as well as other drought information such as guidance on setting up an emergency water access location may be found on the [Drought Management webpage](#).

Drought Update:

According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#), currently 9.66% of the state is categorized as “severe drought”(D2), 30.38% of the state is categorized as “moderate drought”(D1), 22.17% is categorized as abnormally dry, and 37.79% is not in drought.

Over the past 7-days, most of southern and central New Hampshire and the White Mountains received between 0.5” to 1.0” of rain. Further north 0.1” to 0.5” of rain was received. ([National Weather Service Precipitation Observed & National Weather Service NERFC](#)).

This week 60-day departures at the county level are below normal, except for Rockingham, Strafford and Hillsborough, which are above normal. 30-day departures are below normal for Coos, Grafton, and Sullivan and above normal for all other counties. Month to date departures are below normal for each county except Rockingham and Strafford. ([National Weather Service](#)).

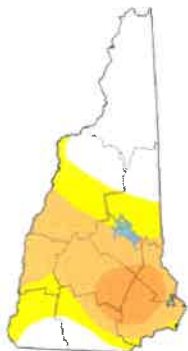
[New Hampshire Groundwater Level Monitoring Report](#) for November 2020 has been released. The majority of the wells in the network are experiencing below normal to low groundwater levels, although water levels in about half of the wells in the network have risen since last month. Overburden well CVW-04 in Concord, and overburden wells in Campton, Deerfield, Franklin, and New Durham have been below normal to low for a 6-month period. The overburden wells in Newport have been below normal to low for almost a year. The bedrock wells in East Kingston and Hooksett have been below normal to low for a 6-month period. The dug well in New London and the overburden well in Barnstead have recovered to normal since last month.

Forecast and Outlooks:

Drought Classification

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)

- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data



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NH DES DROUGHT UPDATE

According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor map](#) released Thursday December 17th, drought conditions have slightly expanded. Since last week, there has been minor expansion of “moderate drought”(D1) in Sullivan County. Also, “abnormally dry” conditions have slightly expanded further through Grafton County and contracted in southern Cheshire and Hillsborough Counties. There has been no change to the areas in the southeast experiencing

Snow accumulations from southern Lakes Region south will add up to 6-12" in the majority of the area, with lower Merrimack Valley from Concord south and close to the coast receiving even more, 10-18+". From the northern Lakes Region to the southern White Mountains 3"-6" is expected and areas further north will receive 1-3". Little precipitation through early next week is expected to follow, although there may be some scattered snow and rain showers.

[\(WMUR & NOAA National Weather Service Forecast & NOAA Precip Forecast\)](#).

The 6-10 day outlook favors above normal precipitation and temperatures across the state. The 8-14 day outlook favors above normal precipitation and below normal temperatures. The 30-day outlook favors above normal precipitation and above normal temperatures. [National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center](#)).

According to the [US Monthly and Seasonal Drought Outlook](#), over the next month drought removal is likely, except for the southeastern portion of the state where drought is likely to persist but improve. The seasonal outlook (Dec 17-March 31) predicts that drought removal is likely in all areas currently experiencing "moderate drought"(D1) and the area experience "severe drought" (D2) will remain, but improve.

**The most current dates and information about
the Town are on the website at
www.Fremont.nh.gov**

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

Tel: 895 2226 ~ Fax: 895 3149

Mon & Fri: 8:00 am to 12 noon

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

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hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov

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Tax Collector / Town Clerk

895 8693 VM x 307

Monday 9:00 am to 12 noon

Tuesday 7:30 am to 2:00 pm

Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon

clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov

email for an appointment

Bldg & Planning 895 3200

Building Inspector VM x 309

By appointment, generally 7:30 am to
1:30 pm

buildinginspector@fremont.nh.gov

Planning & Zoning VM x 306

Generally Tuesday & Thursday 11:00
am to 4:00 pm by appointment.

landuse@fremont.nh.gov

**All Town Office services are by
appointment only, please call or
email ahead. Thank you!**

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

Raymond Disp 895 4222 Non-Emerg

Highway Dept - Road Agent

Leon Holmes Jr 603 300 7430

Fremont Public Library – by appt

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

Food Pantry Renee 244 1404 or

Kim 207 370 5096

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

FAA fremontathletics@yahoo.com

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**Trash Pickup & Recycling – Waste
Management of NH - 800 847 5303
or Selectmen's Office 895 2226 x
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2021 MEETING SCHEDULES

Fremont Town Hall

Conservation Comm 6:30 pm

Jan 4 Feb 1

FCTV Committee 6:00 pm

Jan 18 Feb 15

Planning Board 7:00 pm

Jan 6, 20 Feb 3, 17

Selectmen 6:30 pm

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 Feb 4, 11

Zoning Board 7:00 pm

Jan 26 Feb 23

Budget Committee 7:00 pm

Jan 6, 13

Cemetery Trustees 4:00 pm

Mar 23

Fremont Public Library

Library Trustees 5:45 pm

Jan 27