JANUARY 2011



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IMPORTANT DATES

Holiday Schedules

All Town Offices will be C L O S E D on Friday December 31, 2010 in observance of the New Years Holiday. During the New Year's Holiday week (Dec 27 to 30) all office hours remain the same, aside from the Friday closure.

Trash and Recycling have been delayed due to Monday's storm. Fremont pickups during the week of December 27th be on Friday December 31 and Saturday January 1.

2011 TOWN MEETING CALENDAR

Petition town warrant articles are due by 12:00 noon on Tuesday January 11, 2011 in the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall (295 Main Street).

The Town's Public Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday January 11, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the Fremont Town Hall. The snow date for the Public Hearing is Wednesday January 12, 2011 at 7:30 pm. The Committee convenes at 7:00 pm to review any petition articles submitted.

The Town's Deliberative Session will be held on Tuesday February 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Ellis School Gym. The warrant and budgets will be available shortly before that meeting, so be sure to watch the website and postings for the information. Copies of the warrant and budget will also be available at the meeting. The snow date for Deliberative Session is Wednesday February 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Town Reports will be available at the beginning of March as in years past, but will not be mailed out. They will be available for pickup on Monday February 28th at all Town Buildings.

All voting will take place on Tuesday March 8, 2011 at the Fremont Safety Complex. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The filing period for Town Offices is Wednesday, January 19. 2011 through Friday, January 28, 2011. Open positions include:

Selectman: 1 for 3 years Road Agent: 1 for 1 year Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years

Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years Budget Committee: 1 for 1 year 2 for 3 years

1 for 2 years

You must be a Fremont resident and a registered voter to declare candidacy for town office. You can register to vote with the Town Clerk during regular office hours and also with the Supervisors of the Checklist who will meet January 4, 2011 and January 18, 2011 between 7:00 – 7:30 at the Fremont Library for new registrants and for any changes voters wish to make to their voter registration

You need to see the Town Clerk during regular office hours to complete the declaration of candidacy form if you are interested in running for elected office.

The application for request for absentee ballot for the March town/school election is on the town's website on the Town Clerk's page at www.Fremont.nh.gov.

FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT **ELECTION SIGN-UPS**

If anyone is interested in becoming a candidate for a position with the Fremont School District the following positions are available:

School District Clerk: 1 for 1 Year School District Moderator: 1 for 1 Year 1 for 1 Year School District Treasurer: School Board Member: 1 for 2 Years **School Board Member:** 1 for 3 Years

The filing period begins on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 and ends on Friday, January 28, 2011. The last time to file will be from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Friday, January 28, 2011.

For more information please contact the Fremont School District Superintendent's Office at (603) 895-6903.

FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE AND PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE DEADLINE

The deadline for submission of Petition Warrant Articles for the Fremont School District is by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, January 11, 2011. Fremont School District Petition Warrant Articles can be submitted to:

> Superintendent's Office Blackrocks Village 5 Hall Road, Unit 1 Fremont, NH 03044.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information please call the office at (603) 895-6903

The Fremont School District Public Budget Hearing will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday January 13, 2011 at the Fremont Town Hall. The snow date is Friday January 14, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

TAX INFORMATION

If you have any questions about making a tax payment or interest calculations, please feel free to call 895-3200 x14, or email fremonttax@comcast.net.

The deadline to file an abatement for your 2010 property taxes is 4:00 pm on Tuesday March 1, 2011 in the Selectmen's Office. Forms are available in the Selectmen's Office and on the Town website at www.Fremont.nh.gov on the Board of Selectmen page. Forms will not be accepted if dropped in the outside box after the close of business on March 1st, but a March 1, 2011 postmark is acceptable.

The deadline to file a credit or exemption application form for the next tax year is April 15, 2011. These applications are also available in the Selectmen's Office or on the Town website as indicated above. Please be sure you have all of the required documentation submitted with your application form.

Contact the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 with any questions regarding assessing, abatements, or exemption/credit applications.

FREMONT GARDEN CLUB

On Saturday, December 4, 2010, the FGC met to decorate the Town buildings with swags of greenery and kissing balls, all topped with red velvet ribbons for the holiday season. The decorations were made at the November workshop by the members of the Fremont Garden Club. Buildings decorated include the Fremont Town Hall, Old Meeting House, Safety Complex, Fremont Public Library, Fremont Historic Museum, and the Town signs on Routes 107 and 111A. In addition, kissing balls were hung at the Fremont Pizzeria, long-time sponsor of the FGC.

Thank you to all of the members who made this event possible. The next meeting of the FGC will be held on January 25, 2011 at the Fremont Public Library at 7:00 pm with Guest Speaker Douglas McElroy of Newton Greenhouse.

HIKE & SEEK CONTEST MONTH 3

Wow, it is hard to believe that we are half way through the contest! Did you make it to the Oak Ridge parking lot last month? Isn't Meetinghouse Road an adventure? Did you check out the new blazing on the Marsh trail? Now, in order to answer the question for January you will have to get out of your car!

In the Glen Oakes town forest, what color are the "blazes" on the Woodland Trail? (A "blaze" is a painted mark on a tree to identify the trail.)

We also have a Bonus Question for January. Who or what was the "Glen" in Glen Oakes?

If you missed either of the first two months' questions it's not too late. Go to the town's website, http://fremont.nh.gov/fnhgosc1.shtml and scroll down to "Fremont Hike and Seek Contest - click here for rules". You can get all the questions to date and the full set of rules.

FREMONT CONSIDERS SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Town of Fremont Parks & Recreation Commission is hosting an informational meeting with John Corrigan from the "Safe Routes to Schools" Program On Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 6:30 pm at the Fremont Town Hall main floor meeting room. Join us to learn more through an interactive Power-Point Presentation on how Fremont can obtain State funding through Government Grants to build sidewalks on our Main Street and adjoining neighborhoods.

Childcare will be provided in the lower level for those who need it! For More Info Contact Nicole Cloutier at 244 2755 or by email at nicolecloutier725@yahoo.com. To learn more about "Safe Routes To Schools" visit their website at:

http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/srts/

DOG LICENSES FOR 2011

Dog License Reminder: The 2011 dog license tags will be available beginning Monday, January 03, 2011. A current rabies certificate is required for licensing your dog(s) as the Clerks office is required by law to retain a copy of the vaccination certificate. You may call the office to inquire if the rabies certificate on file is still valid. Please be sure to license your dog(s) by April 30th to prevent the initiation of a late penalty of \$1.00 per month. As required by RSA 466:1, all dogs must be licensed each year by April 30th. For your convenience, the license(s) can be mailed for an additional fee of \$1.00 per license or you can also license your dog(s) online by going to the Town Clerks page on the Town's website at Fremont.nh.gov and click E-Dog. If you no longer have your dog, we ask that you please contact the Clerks office at 895-8693 so we can update our records accordingly.

PLAYGROUP UPDATES

Join the Fremont Playgroup every Friday from 10:15 to 11:30 am for play, snack, story time, and caregiver to caregiver chat! The cost is just \$3 per child for Gym, and free if child is not yet walking, and is

always free at the Fremont Public Library. There is no Registration or Membership, just come and play when you can make it!

Upcoming Playdates are as follows: Dec 31, and Jan 7: No Playgroup for Christmas Break. Jan 14: Playgroup Starts 2011 Season at Brentwood Commons Gym! More Dates to Come! For questions contact Nicole Cloutier via email at: nicolecloutier725@yahoo.com, call 244 2755, or visit us on Facebook under Fremont Playgroup.



SB2 AND FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT – WHAT THIS MEANS TO YOU!

The Town of Fremont voted to adopt SB2 for the method of voting for the Fremont School District as of March 2011

What does this change mean to you?

Instead of voting for the school budget at the School District Meeting, a Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 5th at 9AM in the Ellis School Gym at which time all School Warrants including the proposed School Budget will be presented to the voters. During this Deliberative Session, all registered voters are allowed to attend and amend the Warrant Articles with motions made from the floor. This is much like the process that occurred at the Traditional School District Meeting in the past however voting on the final budget does not occur at this session. This is the big difference. After the Deliberative Session the final School Warrants are then placed on an official ballot and voters actually go to the voting booth on March 8, 2011 to cast their vote.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates:

Fremont School District Deliberative Session
February 5, 2011 – 9:00 am Ellis School Gym
February 12, 2011 – 9:00 am – Snow date
Fremont School District Ballot Voting
March 8, 2011 – 7:00 am to 8:00 pm Fremont Safety Complex

Deliberative Session - Do you need to attend?

It is important to note that the Deliberative Session is a very important part of the SB2 process which gives the voters the opportunity to weigh in on what is placed on the official ballot. Just as the Traditional School District Meeting allowed voters to speak and amend warrant articles and school budget appropriations, so to does the Deliberative Session. Don't miss out on your chance to participate, learn and understand what will be voted on at the polls on March 8th.

The Fremont School District would like to thank you for your past support. We look forward to your participation and continued support at both the upcoming Deliberative Session and the Election.

FREMONT PARKS & RECREATION PAT'S PEAK EVENTS

Throughout January, February and March on Saturdays from 3-10 pm, all can enjoy a day of "Pay-One-Price" skiing, snow tubing, and snowboarding fun! Tubing starts at 5 pm. The price is \$36 per person and includes lift ticket, tubing, rental equipment (except for helmets), bon-fire and live entertainment! Children 5 and under are free, with the exception of \$18 rental equipment if needed. Children must be 42 inches tall AND 5 years old for tubing). You don't have to be from Fremont, invite friends to enjoy! Dates are as follows: January 1 and 22, February 5 and 19, and March 12. This event is facilitated by the Fremont Parks & Recreation Commission. Payment for Event due the Saturday previous to the event. For more info contact Nicole Cloutier at nicolecloutier725@yahoo.com or 568-8151.

VOLUNTEER POSITION OPEN BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER

There is currently a vacancy for a three month, volunteer, appointed position to the Fremont Budget Committee. In general, the position requires attendance at 12-14 evening meetings per year, busiest during the budget season between September and February annually.

The Fremont Budget Committee is accepting letters of interest from any Fremont resident/registered voter who may have knowledge in financial matters or interest in such a position. A desire to serve the community and an interest in finances and budgetary matters of the Town and School District are a must.

Interested candidates should address a letter to the Fremont Budget Committee Chairman and send them by regular mail to: Chairman, Fremont Budget Committee, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120; or to budgetcommittee@fremont.nh.gov if sent by email. Please provide contact information and any background and personal information that you would like to share to introduce yourself to the Committee. Following the completion of this term in March, the position returns to an elected position as of March 2011. The position remains open until filled by appointment of the remaining Budget Committee members.

Questions can be directed to the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226. Interested candidates are also highly encouraged to attend any of the remaining Committee meetings (January 5, 2011 at 7:00 pm; January 8, 2011 at 8:00 am; January 11, 2011 at 7:00 pm; and January 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm). Meetings are generally posted in the Newsletter, at Town Buildings, and on the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov

FREMONT 250TH ANNIVERSARY

The next meeting of the Fremont 250th Anniversary Committee will take place on Wednesday January 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Fremont Safety Complex. Anyone interested in joining the Committee is welcome to attend. Fourteen members attended the first meeting held on November 18th and officers were elected and exploratory committees formed to look into the feasibility of various proposed events and activities. Fremont will celebrate it's 250th Anniversary in 2014. It was incorporated as the Town of Poplin on June 22, 1764 and the name changed to Fremont on July 8, 1854. For more information please call Matthew Thomas at 895-4032.

BUILDING & LAND USE OFFICE HOURS

Due to the economy and budgetary concerns, the Building Inspection and Land Use Offices will see some changes in 2011. The office hours will be reduced from the current full-time status to part-time. The Office hours for each office will include three open days per week; and will always be closed on Friday.

The Land Use Office will be open beginning on January 4, 2011 on Tuesday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:00 to 4:00 pm; Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. A Building Inspections schedule will be formulated and will be posted as soon as it is complete. Check Town buildings and the website for updated and additional information.

WINTER HAZARDS SAFETY/HEALTH OFFICIALS WARN OF WINTER HAZARDS

Winter brings with it some special hazards, in addition to cold weather and slick roadways. The heating season carries an increased threat of carbon monoxide poisoning. State Fire Marshal Bill Degnan warns that the most common sources of carbon monoxide are heating systems and generators. Cooking appliances, space heaters and motor vehicles left running in attached garages or adjacent to buildings can also be dangerous sources of CO. Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless and tasteless. The only way to tell if it is present is with a CO detector.

Another problem is that the early symptoms of CO poisoning, such as headache and fatigue, are the same as early flu symptoms. With increased concerns about H1N1 this year and seasonal flu, symptoms of CO poisoning may be mistaken for flu. Degnan says anyone who may have been exposed to CO should immediately be taken to fresh air.

In addition, the Department of Environmental Services is warning about snow and ice damage to outdoor fuel storage tanks. DES recommends keeping fuel tanks, filters and piping free of ice and snow and protecting that equipment from ice and snow falling from roofs. Leaks from natural gas and propane tanks are an explosion and fire hazard. Leaks from fuel oil tanks are a danger to property and the environment.

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WINTER PARKING BAN REMINDER

It is 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: and
- 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, or on any public street or any town-owned right of way during a snow storm. Vehicles interfering with snow plowing or removal operations shall be towed at the owner's expense.

PART-TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR IMMEDIATE OPENING

The Town of Fremont is a rural community of 4,400; seeking qualified applicants for a part-time, 24 hours per week, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Requires processing of permits, a wide variety of inspections (septic, building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, etc); zoning compliance and code enforcement duties.

Excellent recordkeeping, organizational, written and interpersonal skills are a must. Working knowledge of ICC and NFPA Codes and NH Statutes and local rules and regulations preferred. Background in building or related trades preferred. Successful candidate will be required to submit to a complete background check. Some evening hours required. Job description available on request from the Selectmen's Office or is available on the web with the notice at www.Fremont.nh.gov. The notice is posted on the home page under Career Opportunities. Compensation commensurate with experience.

Interested candidates should submit a resume, three letters of reference, and cover letter to Board of Selectmen, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120 as soon as possible. Position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. EOE.

4H CLUB

Peppermint Ponies 4H Club - Does your child love horses? Girls, boys 5 - 18 years are welcome to club meetings to learn more about horses, ponies, 4H and group, hands-on activities. No experience or horse ownership necessary. Contact Jan Brubacher, Leader at 303 1584, j_brubacher@comcast.net or www.northroadfarm.com.

www.Fremont.NH.Gov

Town Hall Office Hours

Tel: 895 2226 ~ Fax: 895 3149

Selectmen's Office VM 10,11

Mon & Fri 8:30 am to 12 noon

Tues & Wed 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Thurs 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

FremontTA@comcast.net

FremontTownHall@comcast.net

Tax Collector 895 3200 X 14 Thursday 11:00 am to 2:00 pm FremontTax@comcast.net

Town Clerk 895 8693 VM 15,16 Mon & Fri 8:30 am to 12 noon Tues & Wed 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Thurs11:00 am to 7:00 pm FremontClerk@comcast.net

Bldg & Planning 895 3200 Building Inspector VM 18 New hours to be determined FremontBl@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 895 3200 x 18 Deputy Trudie Butler 679 8630

Town & Department Contacts

Police Department 895 2229
Fax 895 1116
Mon – Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
police@fremontnhpd.com

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 Tues & Thurs 1:00 to 8:00 pm Wed & Fri 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Sat 9:00 am to 2:00 pm www.fremontpubliclibrary.org

Food Pantry Kathy 895 1162 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

Welfare by appt 895 3200 x 10

MEETING SCHEDULE Town Hall - Main Floor Parks & Recreation 7:00 pm Feb 8 Jan 11 **Energy Committee** 8:00 pm Jan 27 Open Space Comm 7:00 pm Feb 1 Highway Study Comm 6:00 pm Jan 31 Town Hall - Basement Mtg Room Cemetery Trustees 3:30 pm Monday Jan 3 Conservation Comm 7:00 pm Feb 7 Jan 10 Planning Board 7:00 pm Jan 5, 19, 26 Feb 2, 16, 23 Selectmen 6:00 pm Jan 6, 11, 13, 20, 27 Feb 3, 10

Zoning Board 7:30 pm Jan 25 Feb 22 www.Fremont.nh.gov

Fremont Public Library
Library Ttees 4th Wednesday 7:00 pm
Garden Club 4th Tuesday 7:00 pm
Supervisors of Checklist 1st Tuesday
Of the month, 7:00 to 7:30 pm
Jan 4 and Jan 18 Feb 1
Trash Pickup & Recycling – Waste
Management of NH - 800 847 5303

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Deadline for submittal is 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.