JANUARY 2013



THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

We're Building Community

WREATH OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY IN FREMONT

On Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 12 noon, community members gathered in honor and remembrance as a Wreath of Remembrance was placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument in front of the Fremont Town Hall. The Support Our Troops Association presented the wreath and presented a brief service honoring our troops both past and present.

Refreshments were provided by the People's United Methodist Church and fellowship was shared by all.

Wreaths of Remembrance were placed at the Arlington National Cemetery as well as at Town and City monuments across the United States as a part of the Wreaths Across America Program. Honoring those who have defended our country helps us remember and appreciate their service and our freedom.

ABATEMENT & EXEMPTION INFORMATION

The deadline to file an abatement for your 2012 property assessment is 12:00 noon on Friday March 1, 2013 at 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 12 noon on March 1st, but a March 1, 2013 postmark is acceptable.

The deadline to file a credit or exemption application form in the Selectmen's Office for the 2013 tax year is 12 noon on Monday April 15, 2013. Forms will not be accepted if dropped in the outside box after 12 noon on April 15th but an April 15, 2013 postmark is acceptable. These applications are 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 x 11 with any questions regarding assessing, abatements, or exemption and credit applications.

JANUARY TOWN CLERK HOURS

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Thursday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm CLOSED Friday

Please contact the office at 895 8693 if you have any questions or need information.

OFFICE CLOSURES

All Town Offices will be CLOSED on Monday February 18, 2013 in observance of President's Day. Trash and Recycling are NOT delayed one day during this holiday week.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen and the Fire Rescue Department will hold a bond hearing in accord with NH RSA 33:8-a to discuss issuance of a lease/purchase agreement for the proposed fire truck. The hearing will be held as part of a regular Selectmen's Meeting on Thursday January 31, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall.

The purchase price is \$471,385; with a down payment to be made from the existing Capital Reserve Fund, in the amount of \$175,000. This will result in the balance of \$296,385 being paid in a five year lease arrangement.

The proposed payment schedule would be approximately \$65,000 for five years beginning with the first payment in calendar year 2014.

There is no tax impact of this purchase in 2013. The proposed new truck would replace two aging fire trucks.

The public is encouraged to attend the hearing and learn more about this purchase in advance of the Deliberative Session on February 5, 2013, and Town Voting on March 12, 2013.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS IMPORTANT DATES

January 22, 2013 – Supervisors of Checklist session from 7:00 to 7:30 pm (last day to register prior to Candidate Declaration period).

January 23, 2013 through February 1, 2013 – During this period any person wishing to run for Town or School District Office must declare their candidacy. Contact the Town Clerk or the School District Clerk for more information.

January 26, 2013 – Supervisors of Checklist session from 11:00 to 11:30 am (last day to register to vote prior to Deliberative Sessions).

February 1, 2013 – Last day to declare candidacy for Town or School District Office. Town Clerk's Office open 3:00 to 5:00 pm only for candidate declaration forms.

February 2, 2013 – School District Deliberative Session at 9:00 am at Ellis School

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

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

February 9, 2013 – Snow date for School District Deliberative Session at 9:00 am at Ellis School

March 2, 2013 – Supervisors of Checklist session from 11:00 to 11:30 am (last day to register prior to Town and School Elections).

March 12, 2013 – Town and School District Elections – Polling held at Ellis School from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Same day voter registration permitted). All voters must have an ID.

TOWN WEBSITE

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

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

TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTIONS

The filing period for Town and School District Offices begins on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 and runs through Friday, February 1, 2013. On Friday February 1, 2013 the Town Clerk will be open special hours, for sign-ups only, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

TOWN POSITIONS OPEN in 2013

Selectman: 1 for 3 years
Tax Collector: 1 for 3 years
Town Clerk: 1 for 3 years
Treasurer: 1 for 3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years
Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years
Supervisor of Checklist: 1 for 3 years
Supervisor of Checklist: 1 for 5 years
Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years
Budget Committee: 1 for 2 years
Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years

SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITIONS OPEN in 2013

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

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 during regular office hours and also with the Supervisors of the Checklist who will meet January 22, 2013 between 7:00 – 7:30 pm at the Fremont Public Library for new registrants and for any changes voters wish to make to their voter registration forms.

To complete the Declaration of Candidacy form, you can see the Town Clerk during regular office hours.

Election questions can be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at 895 8693.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL AND DOG LICENSING RENEWAL AVAILABLE ON-LINE!



Internet transactions will be accepted through a kiosk to <u>renew</u> your motor vehicle registrations and <u>renew</u> your dog licenses from your computer at home. Customers will be directed to a secure web site through the kiosk. The Town of Fremont will receive all applicable fees and there is no charge to the Town for the electronic payment. Customers are charged a convenience fee for the transaction.

All inquiries are directed through our software provider's website and there is no direct access to the Town's computers or their systems.

Go to www.fremont.nh.gov and look for the online service links shown below, in the

Town Clerk Department or directly from the home page:





DOG LICENSE REMINDER

The 2013 dog license tags are now available. A current rabies certificate is required for licensing your dog(s) as the Clerk's Office is required by law to retain a copy of the vaccination certificate. Please call the office to inquire if the rabies certificate on file is still valid. You must 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 license your dog(s) online by going to the Town Clerks page on the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov and click E-Dog from the homepage. If you no longer have your dog, please contact the Clerk's office at 895 8693 or by email at FremontClerk@comcast.net so we can update our records accordingly.

TOWN CLERK INFORMATION VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS

When renewing your vehicle registration or boat registration in person, you MUST provide the Clerk's office with the current registration or the "courtesy" renewal notice that you received in the mail. This is a State law. If you do not provide either of these documents, the Clerk's office CANNOT process the registration renewal without first printing a certified copy of the previous registration that will cost \$18,00.

ID FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

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

NEW VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

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

FREMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION RECEIVES AWARD

At the Rockingham County Woodland Owner's Association Annual Meeting held on December 5, 2012 in Raymond, New Hampshire, the Town of Fremont's Conservation Commission was awarded the John Hoar award. This award is presented annually to the person or family who has demonstrated outstanding desire to implement and continue good forest practices and has worked for the improvement of forestry and conservation in general. Cited in the presentation were the Commissions work with the Open Space Committee resulting in grant awards, and the preservation of several hundred acres of land in Fremont.

This is an award the Commission, and the Town, can be proud of.

FREMONT POST OFFICE

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

250TH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Fremont 250th Anniversary Committee has moved their meetings to the third Tuesday of each month. The next meetings will take place on Tuesday January 15, February 19, March 19, and April 16, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Community Room at the Fremont Safety Complex.

Anyone interested in helping to organize Fremont's 250th Anniversary Celebration is most welcomed to join this dedicated committee. A large community celebration is being planned for the summer of 2014 and we need your help!

Refreshments will be served. For more information please call Fremont 250th Anniversary Committee Chairman Matthew E. Thomas at 895 4032.

PEPPERMINT PONIES 4H HORSE CLUB

Does your child love horses? Girls, boys 5 - 18 years are welcome to club meetings to learn more about horses, ponies, 4H group, hands-on activities. No experience or horse ownership necessary. Club meetings are held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, year round at North Road Farm, 370 North Road in Fremont.

Participate in 4H exhibits at Stratham and Deerfield Fairs, 4H Riding Club, 4H Horse Shows and 4H Summer Horse Day Camp. Questions, contact Jan Brubacher, Leader, Instructor, Owner at 603 303 1584, j.brubacher@comcast.net,

For more information and to sign-up for meeting announcements go to www.4hpeppermintponies.org or www.northroadfarm.com. Stop by and visit the horses and ponies. Guests, friends and family welcome!

RESTORATION OF INVOLUNTARILY MERGED LOTS

In accordance with NH RSA 674:39-aa, any owner of lots merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes prior to September 18, 2010 and without the consent of the owner may request that the lots be restored to their premerger status.

Application for Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots Pursuant to RSA 674:39-aa can be found at the Fremont Town Hall and on the Town web site. The application must be completed and returned to the Board of Selectmen prior to December 31, 2016. Instructions and general information for lot restoration are included in the application form.

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

Town Hall Office Hours
Tel: 895 2226 ~ Fax: 895 3149
Selectmen's Office VM 10,11
Mon & Fri 8:00 am to 12 noon
Tues & Wed 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thurs 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
FremontTA@comcast.net
FremontTownHall@comcast.net

Tax Collector 895 3200 X 14 Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30 pm FremontTax@comcast.net

Town Clerk 895 8693 VM 15,16
Mon, Tues, Weds 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thurs 11:00 am to 7:00 pm
Friday CLOSED
FremontClerk@comcast.net

Bldg & Planning 895 3200 Building Inspector VM 18 Weds eves 5:00 to 7:00 pm and by appointment; call well in advance for inspections.

FremontBI@comcast.net

Planning & Zoning VM 17
Tues, Weds, Thurs 8:30 am to 12:30
pm; Tues 1:00 - 4:30 pm
FremontPZ@comcast.net

Health
Bob Meade 895 3200 x 18
Welfare by appt 895 3200 x 12
Dawn Jarrell

Town & Department Contacts
Police Department 895 2229
Fax 895 1116
Mon – Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

EMERGENCY dial 9 1 1

Fire Rescue Business 895 9634 Office Hours M/Th 5:00 to 7:00 pm Raymond Disp 895 4222 Non-Emerg

Highway Dept - Road Agent Mark Pitkin 300 7429

Fremont Public Library
Tel 895 9543 ~ Fax 895 0549
Mon noon to 6 pm / Tu & Th 1 to 8 pm
Wed & Fri 9 am to 5 pm
Sat 9 am to 2 pm
www.fremontpubliclibrary.org

Food Pantry Debbie 895 3825 Stephanie 895 4454

Ellis School 895 2511 sau83.org 432 Main Street SAU #83 895 6903 Fax 895 6905 5 Hall Road Suite 1 Fremont NH

Post Office 895 2094
Mon - Fri 8:00 - 11:30 am / 2:00 - 4:30
pm Sat 8:30 to 11:00 am
Lobby open 8-4:30 days / 8-11 Sat
FAA fremontathletics@yahoo.com
Trash Pickup & Recycling – Waste
Management of NH - 800 847 5303

MEETING SCHEDULE Town Hall – Main Floor Parks & Recreation 7:00 pm Feb 12 Mar 12

Open Space Feb 4 7:00 pm Energy Comm 8:00 pm Jan 17 Feb 28

Town Hall - Basement Mtg Room Cemetery Trustees 3:30 pm Feb 4

Conservation Comm 7:00 pm Feb 4 Mar 4 Planning Board 7:00 pm Jan 23 Feb 6, 20

Selectmen 6:00 pm Jan 17, 24*, 31 Feb 7*, 14 * denotes worksession / no appts

Zoning Board 7:30 pm Jan 22 Feb 26

www.Fremont.nh.gov

Fremont Public Library
Library Trustees 4th Weds 7:00 pm
Supervisors of Checklist 7:00 - 7:30
pm See schedule on page 1
Friends of Library 1st Tues 7:00 pm
Garden Club 4th Tuesday 7:00 pm

Fremont Safety Complex 250th Comm Tuesdays 6:00 pm Jan15, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16