



**JANUARY 2014**

# THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

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## OFFICE CLOSURES NEW YEARS

All Town Offices are CLOSED on Wednesday January 1, 2014 in observance of New Years Day.

Trash and recycling are delayed one day during the New Years holiday week. Thursday collections will be on Friday January 3rd and Friday collections will be on Saturday January 4th.

## TOWN CLERK HOURS

Monday 12 noon to 7:00 pm

Tuesday 12 noon to 5:00 pm

Thursday 12 noon to 7:00 pm

Friday 12 noon to 5:00 pm

Please contact the office at 895 8693 or check the website at [www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov) if you have questions or need information.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Budget Committee has set their schedule for the upcoming season. The Committee will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the main floor meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall as follows:

January 8, 2014

January 15, 2014

Thursday January 16, 2014 if needed for continuation of the Public Hearing, or in case of inclement weather.

The Public Budget Hearing for the Town and School District budget review will be held on Wednesday January 15, 2014 at the Fremont Town Hall at 7:00 pm. If a second night is needed for completion, or there is inclement weather, Thursday January 16, 2014 has also been reserved for the meeting, also at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

## 2014 DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS

**Mark your calendar:** The Town's 2014 Deliberative Session will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday February 5, 2014. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on Thursday February 6, 2014 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Pettengill Hall in the Ellis School, 432 Main Street in Fremont.

Town Petition Warrant Articles are due in the Selectmen's Office by 12 noon on Tuesday January 14, 2014.

**Mark your calendar:** The School District's 2014 Deliberative Session will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday February 4, 2014. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on Friday February 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Pettengill Hall in the Ellis School, 432 Main Street in Fremont.

School District Petition Warrant Articles are due at the SAU 83 Office no later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday January 14, 2014.

## VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

The last day to register to vote to be able to participate in the Deliberative Sessions is Saturday January 25, 2014 with the Supervisors of the Checklist. They will meet at the Fremont Public Library from 11:00 to 11:30 am.

The last day to register to vote prior to Town and School Voting on March 11, 2014 is Saturday March 1, 2014 from 11:00 to 11:30 am at the Fremont Public Library. You can register on election day, but not on the days between March 2 and March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTIONS

The filing period for Town and School District Offices begins on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 and runs through Friday, January 31, 2014. You can sign up during any Town Clerk Office hours. On Friday January 31, 2014 the Town Clerk will be open from 12 noon to 5:00 pm and the School District Clerk will be at the Town Hall from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

## TOWN POSITIONS OPEN in 2014

**Selectman:** 1 for 3 years

**Moderator:** 1 for 2 years

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** 1 for 3 years

**Trustee of Trust Funds:** 1 for 3 years

**Library Trustee:** 1 for 3 years

**Supervisor of Checklist:** 1 for 6 years

**Budget Committee:** 2 for 3 years

**Budget Committee:** 1 for 2 years

**Budget Committee:** 2 for 1 year

**Cemetery Trustee:** 1 for 3 years

## SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITIONS OPEN in 2014

**School Board Member:** 1 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, 2014 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.

**[WWW.FREMONT.NH.GOV](http://WWW.FREMONT.NH.GOV)**

The Winter Parking Ban is in effect November 1 through April 15<sup>th</sup> annually. Full text of the Ordinance can be found at:

[http://www.fremont.nh.gov/Pages/FremontNH\\_Highway/OrdinanceDocs/park.pdf](http://www.fremont.nh.gov/Pages/FremontNH_Highway/OrdinanceDocs/park.pdf)

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S SMITH PROJECT

The Fremont Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee have a YouTube slide show about the Smith Project and Spruce Swamp

at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lml9b5ddpo>





### FGC DECORATES TOWN BUILDINGS

The Fremont Garden Club decorated the Town Buildings for the holidays with Kissing Balls and Swags, on Saturday December 7, 2013.

The decorations were made at the November Greens Workshop by the members.

Thank you to Betty Stanley who provided the greens from her property, and thank you to all of the members who participated in the workshop.

### GLEN OAKS TOWN FOREST REOPENED

The managed timber harvest in the Glen Oaks Town Forest has been completed. The area is again open for public use.

### FREMONT PLAY GROUP

Come join the Fremont Playgroup on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Your child(ren) can enjoy a story, snack, craft, and play time with other children from the community, for ages newborn to five. If you would like more information send Karen Wheeler an email at [fremontplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:fremontplaygroup@gmail.com) or like Fremont Playgroup on facebook.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### FREMONT PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Town/School District Public Budget Hearing will be held on January 15, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street, Fremont NH pursuant to NH RSA 32:5.

Thursday January 16, 2014 at 7:00 pm has been set aside as needed for a recessed session (if additional time is needed to review), to sign budget forms; and for allowance of a snow date.

The public is encouraged to attend.

### 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 30, 2014 at 7:30 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall.

The purchase price is \$461,775; 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 \$286,775 being paid in a five year lease arrangement.

There is no tax impact of this purchase in 2014. 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, 2014, and Town Voting on March 11, 2014.

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Due dates for the Fremont Monthly Newsletter have been added to the MEETINGS CALENDAR on the Town's website. Generally the deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, for the following month's Newsletter publication. This date can vary depending on the Selectmen's meeting date for review, and any special publication deadlines. Please submit all news electronically to Heidi Carlson at [FremontTA@comcast.net](mailto:FremontTA@comcast.net). A Word document is preferred.

Be sure to check the date on the calendar so you can submit your news in time! Go to [www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov) and click on the Town Calendar link at the top of the page.

### FREMONT 250TH ANNIVERSARY

The Committee will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Fremont Safety Complex Meeting Room. ANYONE interested in lending a helping hand to this historic upcoming event are welcome to attend our meetings and lend their expertise or muscle to a variety of celebratory activities that will take place.

There is a lot of planning and organizing needed to make this event special. Your help will be much appreciated as it truly takes the entire community to run a worthy celebration.

Check out the webpage for our newest fundraising effort, the North vs. South Challenge! Check our webpage at <http://www.fremont250thcelebration.org/>

For more info please call Fremont 250th Chairman Matthew Thomas at 895 4032.

### FREMONT GARDEN CLUB



The Fremont Garden Club's December meeting took place on December 17, 2013 in the form of a Christmas party with members and their guests at the home of member, Madeleine Holdsworth.

Members provided refreshments and shared a Yankee Swap. The next meeting will be on January 28, 2014 at the Fremont Public Library.

### 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.



## ABATEMENT & EXEMPTION INFORMATION

The deadline to file an abatement for your 2013 property assessment is 9:00 am on Monday March 3, 2014 at the Selectmen's Office. Forms are available in the Selectmen's Office and on the Town website at [www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov) on the Board of Selectmen page. Forms will not be accepted if dropped off after 9:00 am on March 3, but a March 1, 2014 postmark is acceptable.

The deadline to file a credit or exemption application form in the Selectmen's Office for the 2013 tax year is 4:00 pm on Tuesday April 15, 2014. Forms will not be accepted if dropped off after 4:00 pm 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.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

If you have an interest in helping your local library, we hope you will consider joining the Friends of the Fremont Library. We meet at the library on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. For more information call Warren Gerety 603 244-2205 or email us at [friendsofthefremontlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthefremontlibrary@gmail.com).

## ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD

Public Forum to be held on Friday  
January 31, 2014 at 9:00 am

A public forum is being held to accept public comment on the *DRAFT Assessing Reference Manual for Taxpayers, Selectmen and Assessors*. To view the manual, visit the DRA website at [http://www.revenue.nh.gov/munc\\_prop/assessing-board/schedule.htm](http://www.revenue.nh.gov/munc_prop/assessing-board/schedule.htm).

A regular meeting of the Board will immediately follow the public forum.

If you cannot attend the forum but would like to submit comments, please e-mail them to [asb@dra.nh.gov](mailto:asb@dra.nh.gov) or send them by mail at:

NH Department of Revenue  
Assessing Standards Board  
PO Box 487  
Concord NH 03302-0487

The meeting will be held in the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration Training Room, at 109 Pleasant Street, Concord.

## SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO BE DELIVERED TO YOUR INBOX!

Due to budget constraints, the Fremont Newsletter is only mailed a couple of times per year, but it is still published on a monthly basis. Sign up to receive notification so that you don't miss any issues!

To sign up for the electronic notification of the Newsletter, follow these steps:

1. Click on "Subscribe to E-Alerts" from the home page (left side navigation bar) of the Town's website at [www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov).
2. Click on "Add my name to a list"
3. Enter your email address
4. Check off boxes of all material you want to receive. Be sure to include "Town Newsletter" to get the monthly newsletter.
5. Hit "send my request"

6. You will get an email back from the web hosting site that you **MUST REPLY TO** in order that your email address is added to the distribution list.
7. Once you complete all of these steps, you will get an email each time one of the items is posted to the website. When you click on the link in your email, it will take you directly to the Newsletter, or other news item you have subscribed to.

You can also subscribe to TOWN NEWS and you will be notified when any new information is posted to the homepage of the website or emergency news is posted. This includes unanticipated office closures, changes to office hours, some events, and news updates.

You can unsubscribe at any time using the same process, and choosing "Remove my name."

## RIGHT-OF-WAY UPDATES

Winter is here! Please be sure all obstructions are cleared from the right-of-way, including landscaping materials, basketball hoops, dumpsters, etc. The Highway Department is NOT responsible for damage to any item within the Town's right-of-way.

Please be sure that your garbage toter and recycle bins are out of the way on snow days. On storm days Waste Management does notify the Town if they curtail operations, and it is posted on the Town's website, or you can contact Jeanne at 895 2226 x 11 to find out if collections are taking place. We also post this on the "emergency news" portion of the website (the red banner on the home page); and you will receive an email of this notification IF you sign up to receive Emergency News from the website. (Directions on how sign up are located in this newsletter).

## 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, 4-H group, hands-on activities. No experience or horse ownership necessary. Club meeting are held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, year round. Participate in 4-H exhibits at Stratham and Deerfield Fairs, 4-H Riding Club, 4-H Horse Apprentice, 4-H Horse Shows and 4-H Summer Horse Day Camp. Questions, contact Jan Brubacher, Leader, Instructor, Owner 603 303 1584, [j.brubacher@comcast.net](mailto:j.brubacher@comcast.net). For more information and to sign-up for meeting announcements go to [www.4hpeppermintponies.org](http://www.4hpeppermintponies.org) or [www.northroadfarm.com](http://www.northroadfarm.com). Financial Aid available.

Stop by and visit the horses and ponies. Guests, friends and family welcome! Peppermint Ponies 4-H Club is a registered non-profit organization affiliated with the UNH Cooperative Extension, Brentwood, NH est. 2004.



## ***ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT!***

The Fremont School Board is proud to announce that we have been successful in negotiating a long-term superintendent contract with Dr. Betsey Cox-Buteau. We now have strong leadership in place to continue to move forward with our commitment to continued academic excellence for our school district.

We look forward to working collaboratively with Dr. Cox to meet the Fremont School Board Goals and the Fremont School District Goals and Mission Statement that have been established earlier this year.

### **School Board Goal: *Superintendent Relationship***

- To have an open honest two-way communication between the Board and the Superintendent.
- The relationship is respectful and forthright.
- Expectations are clear.
- Strengths are recognized and built upon.
- Collaborative, professional and focused on the successful implementation of the Mission and Goals of the District.
- Follow the chain of command.

### **The Fremont School District Goals**

1. The Fremont School District will improve student achievement.

#### *Indicators of success:*

- 5% more students meet their NWEA annual growth target in each subject (math, English/language arts, science).
- 5% improvement in K-2 measured annual student growth at Administrator's discretion.
- Differentiation of PSAT scores for Fremont vs. Kingston, Newton students.

2. The Fremont School District will improve communication and dissemination of information to the public (and throughout the school/District) for the purpose of increasing student learning.
3. The Fremont School District will support targeted Professional Development to improve student learning tied to the academic goals in Goal 1.

*Dr. Cox has an open door policy and can be reached at [bcoxbuteau@sau83.org](mailto:bcoxbuteau@sau83.org) or by phone at (603) 895-6903*

*The mission of the Fremont School District, in partnership with the parents and community, is to ensure that students achieve their full potential through educational excellence in teaching. Students will be able to apply their knowledge to solve problems and think critically, both independently and working cooperatively with others. They will acquire a "thirst to learn," develop a strong confident character, show empathy for others, value community involvement, and be knowledgeable of the traditions and principles upon which America was founded.*

**Town Hall Office Hours**

Tel: 895 2226 ~ Fax: 895 3149

**Selectmen's Office VM 10, 11**

Mon &amp; Fri 8:00 am to 12 noon

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

Thurs 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

[FremontTA@comcast.net](mailto:FremontTA@comcast.net)[FremontTownHall@comcast.net](mailto:FremontTownHall@comcast.net)**Tax Collector / Town Clerk**

895 8693 VM 15,16

Mon &amp; Thurs 12 noon to 7:00 pm

Tues &amp; Fri 12 noon to 5:00 pm

[FremontClerk@comcast.net](mailto:FremontClerk@comcast.net)[FremontTax@comcast.net](mailto:FremontTax@comcast.net)**Bldg & Planning 895 3200****Building Inspector VM 18**

Tu/Th 8:30 to 10:00 am and 1:00 to 4:00 pm; Weds eves 5:00 to 7:00 pm and by appointment

[FremontBI@comcast.net](mailto:FremontBI@comcast.net)**Planning & Zoning VM 17**

Tues 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:00 - 4:00 pm; Weds &amp; Thurs 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

[FremontPZ@comcast.net](mailto:FremontPZ@comcast.net)**Health** Bob Meade 895 3200 x 18**Welfare** By appt 895 3200 x 12**Town & Department Contacts**

Police Department 895 2229

Fax 895 1116

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

**EMERGENCY dial 9 1 1**

Fire Rescue Business 895 9634

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

Raymond Disp 895 4222 Non-Emerg

**Highway Dept - Road Agent**

Mark Pitkin 300 7429

**Fremont Public Library**

Tel 895 9543 ~ Fax 895 0549

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

Wed &amp; Fri 9 am to 5 pm

Sat 9 am to 2 pm

**Food Pantry** Debbie 895 3825

Stephanie 895 4454

**Ellis School** 895 2511 [sau83.org](http://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 8:00 to 11:00 am

Lobby open 8-4:30 wkdays / 8-11 Sat

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

Jan 14 Feb 11

**Open Space** 7:00 pm

Feb 5

**Energy Comm** 7:00 pm

Jan 14

**Town Hall - Basement Mtg Room****Cemetery Trustees** 4:00 pm

Feb 3

**Conservation Comm** 7:00 pm

Jan 6 Feb 3

**Planning Board** 7:00 pm

Jan 8, 22 Feb 5, 19

**Selectmen** 6:00 pm

Jan 2, 9\*, 16\*, 23, 30\* Feb 6, 13

\* denotes worksession / no appts

**Zoning Board** 7:30 pm

Jan 28 Feb 25

**Fremont Public Library****Library Trustees** 4<sup>th</sup> Weds 7:00 pm**Supervisors of Checklist** 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Jan 7 Jan 21

Sat Jan 25 11-11:30 am

**Friends of Library** 1<sup>st</sup> Tues 7:00 pm**Garden Club** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues 7:00 pm

Sept through April

**Fremont Safety Complex****250<sup>th</sup> Comm** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6:00 pm

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