



February 2021

# THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

*We're Building Community*

## OFFICE CLOSURE

All Town Offices are closed on Monday February 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day. There are NO delays in trash and recycling during the holiday week.

## DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS – Held at the Ellis School Gym on Jan 30th



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

Town Deliberative Session

Saturday January 30, 2021 with legal posting at 9:00 am – to be held IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE SESSION. The snow date for both meetings: Saturday February 6, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Meetings will be live broadcast on FCTV; rebroadcast repeatedly, and available on Vimeo. Masks are required at Ellis School.

The Board of Selectmen will meet on the same schedule as the Deliberative Session to discuss the Warrant and Budget as needed.

**SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS ON THE TOWN WARRANT.**

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Kindergarten registration has begun at Ellis School for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have a child that you would like to register for kindergarten, please contact Marie Bert at 603-895-2511, x102.

**Please note:** Children must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2021 in order to be eligible for 2021-2022 Kindergarten enrollment. The Ellis School will host a **virtual Kindergarten Information Night on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm.**

The following documentation is required to complete the registration process:

- Birth Certificate
- Copy of most recent immunization records
- Copy of most recent physical (must be dated within the last year)
- Proof of Residency
- Copy of Parent/Guardian ID
- Completed registration paperwork



## 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.

## 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>

For all of the most updated information on Covid 19: [www.nh.gov/covid19/](http://www.nh.gov/covid19/)

For all of the most updated information on vaccines: [www.vaccines.nh.gov](http://www.vaccines.nh.gov)

See back page for more vaccine updates.

**The most current dates and information about the Town are on the website at [www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov)**

## LAND USE BOARDS NEED VOLUNTEERS!

There are two vacancies for voting members on the Planning Board and alternative vacancies on all boards including Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Conservation Commission if you are interested in getting involved in community issues and making decisions that shape our community.

Positions involve review of documents such as subdivision applications or variance requests, attendance at regular evening meetings, dedication, and desire to gain knowledge of the Town's regulations, ordinances and procedures.

Interested? Start attending meetings and consider joining a board as an alternate member to gain experience and knowledge of Town Regulations and become a full and valued member of a board.

Contact Leanne Miner at 895 3200 x 306, [landuse@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:landuse@fremont.nh.gov) for more information. Check out what's happening on Town's website, FCTV, or Vimeo.

## FREE KNIT WINTER HATS

Outside the front and rear entrances of the Fremont Town Hall (weather permitting) are boxes of winter hats and scarves for anyone who may need them! 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 yours.



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.

## 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! We will put them in ziplocs and hang them on the tree!

## 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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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.



## SAU 83 SUPERINTENDENT POSTING

**Job Title:** Superintendent of Schools (PT)

**Application Deadline:** Monday, February 8, 2021 or until filled

**Posted Date:** January 20, 2021

**Starting Date:** July 1, 2021

**Job Description:** The Fremont School Board is seeking a highly qualified Superintendent of Schools to serve the Fremont School District (SAU 83). The District seeks to hire a collaborative leader to continue the mission of partnering with the parents and community to "ensure that students achieve their full potential through educational excellence in teaching." The successful candidate must have proven excellent written and verbal communication skills and the ability to communicate with the School Board, Municipal Budget Committee and members of the Community. This position is part time (156 days). Superintendent candidates must be certified or certifiable in NH.

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience and qualifications.

The Town of Fremont has a population of approximately 4,750 and is located in southern Rockingham County, in southeastern New Hampshire. The Town uses the SB2 form of Town Meeting, holding election of all officers and voting on all Town and School balloting matters on the second Tuesday of March annually.

Fremont School District has one Elementary School. Ellis School has 374 students (Pre-K to Grade 8). The District has a tuition agreement with Sanborn High School for grades 9-12; HS enrollment is currently 189 students. The School Board consists of five members; they are elected for three years on a staggered basis.

Completed packages must include: an application, cover letter, resume, transcripts, copy of certifications, and three letters of recommendation. (Visit [www.sau83.org](http://www.sau83.org) and visit the Human Resources section). Also, please answer the following questions and include your responses in your application packet.

### SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Please answer the following two questions in 500 characters or less:

1. Please elaborate on your experience and involvement in creating a school district budget.
2. What in your educational background and career experience prepares you to serve Fremont School District as its educational leader?

Applications may be emailed to [spenny@sau83.org](mailto:spenny@sau83.org) or mailed to:  
Fremont School District  
Attn: Susan Penny  
432 Main Street  
Fremont, NH 03044

## 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](http://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](http://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.

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

### TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTIONS - CANDIDATE DECLARATION PERIOD

The filing period for Town and School District Offices 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](mailto: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.

To complete the Declaration of Candidacy form, you can see the Town Clerk (Town or School) or contact the School District Clerk (School only) by email at [fremont.nh.cem@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov)

Supervisors of the Checklist will meet for final correction of the checklist before Town Election Day. The date, 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

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, no later than 5:00 pm. Contact the Town Clerk for ALL ABSENTEE BALLOT QUESTIONS at 895 8693 x 307 or by email to [clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov](mailto: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 16, 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.

**TOWN OF FREMONT  
2021 Town Meeting  
Warrant Article Narrative**

**In preparation for Deliberative Session to be held on  
Saturday January 30, 2021 at 9:00 am at ELLIS  
SCHOOL. SNOWDATE: Saturday February 6, 2021**

We hope this information is helpful for your understanding of the issues to be voted upon at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. We have again scheduled both the Town and School District Deliberative Sessions together on the same Saturday. The day will begin with the School Deliberative Session at 9:00 am. At the conclusion of that meeting, there will be a brief intermission and Town Officials will set up, and the Town Deliberative Session will begin. This is efficient in terms of FCTV and staffing setup, as well as with the enhanced procedures which we must follow this year during the pandemic.

If you have specific questions related to Town Warrant Articles that might be answered in advance of the Deliberative Session, please feel free to call our office at 895 2226 x 301 or send an email to Heidi Carlson at [hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov).

Gene Cordes                      Neal Janvrin                      Roger Barham  
Fremont Board of Selectmen

The Official Warrant must be written as outlined by NH Statute. This document includes that language but also additional information on each article to assist you in better understanding the subject matter prior to discussing it at the Deliberative Session. We endeavor to provide additional information to assist voters in making decisions about the many municipal challenges facing the Town. The Official Warrant is reviewed and discussed at Deliberative Session. Following any changes at that session, a final format of the questions is created and now called the Official Ballot. Following Deliberative Session, a VOTER GUIDE is prepared to include any changes from Deliberative Session and will include all of the material to be voted on at the polls March 9, 2021.

At the Deliberative Session all Articles on this Warrant will be discussed. Articles 4 through 16 can be amended by floor vote, and may appear differently on the Official Ballot, depending on actions at Deliberative Session on January 30th.

Final voting on the Official Ballot will take place on Tuesday March 9,

2021 at the Ellis  
School, 432 Main  
Street, Fremont NH.

Polls are open 7:00  
am to 8:00 pm. You  
can request an  
absentee ballot for  
this session by  
contacting the

Fremont Town Clerk at [clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov) or 895 8693 x 307.

Year	Town Portion of the Tax Rate
2014	\$3.58
2015	\$4.37
2016	\$3.89
2017	\$4.44
2018	\$4.77
2019	\$4.73
2020	\$3.23

In 2009 Fremont voters decided to have the Selectmen and Budget Committee's tally votes on articles printed, along with those recommendations as outlined by Statute. The type of vote required also appears at the end of each article, such as majority, 2/3 or 3/5 requirements. We have also included here in this narrative, an estimate of what each article reflects as part of the total Town portion of the tax rate. This is only an estimate, and is based on a conservative, but reasonable growth in the Town's assessed valuation and other factors included in the adjustment of the annual tax rate (including exemptions, credits, and revenues). Tax rate history is provided as reference information. In 2020 Fremont underwent a revaluation so the amount of taxable property value also increased.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

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

*This article will list out all candidates running for an elected office within the Town. There will be a separate ballot for candidates running for Fremont School District offices. Sample ballots will be posted at the Town Hall, Ellis School, Safety Complex, Public Library and the Fremont Post Office for viewing before Election Day. It is also on the Town's website home page with voter and Annual Meeting information.*

*If you would like to run for Town or School District Office, the sign-up period is January 20, 2021 through January 29, 2021. You must sign up with the Town Clerk. It is best to schedule an appointment or contact the office in advance. You can call 895 8693 x 307 or email [clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov) for more information. In addition, the Town Clerk and the School District Clerk will be at*



the Town Hall on the final day, Friday January 29, 2021 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for candidate declaration only.

**ARTICLE 2 INFORMATION: CONSIDER A ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE.** *This proposal will amend Fremont Zoning Ordinance Article 15 by adding language for fee exemptions (Section 1505.3) from School Impact Fees for accessory dwelling units which are typically occupied by single residents or 'in-laws' with no school aged children and for residential houses in developments that are lawfully restricted to occupancy by senior citizens over the age of 55. Existing language in Section 1506 requiring a waiver for senior citizens over age of 62 will then be removed to ease unnecessary administrative burden and to make article consistent with Fremont's current Elderly Open Space Zoning Ordinance (now restricted to persons aged 55 and over) which allows more higher density housing development while preserving open space with age restrictions of 55 and over.*

*In advance of this proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, the Fremont Planning Board worked with BCM Planning that also conducted the Town's initial School Impact Fee Study in the late 1990's. This work was done in response to observed changes in the demographics of our school system. School Impact Fees benefit School Capital Improvements which are the biggest portion of the Town's overall capital costs. The study and subsequent Planning Board vote (Planning Board Public Hearing November 2, 2020) resulted in an updated School Impact Fee on new development which is lower than the prior schedule for single family dwellings. The two (2) proposed amendments to Article 15 clarify exemptions to the School Impact Fees which was also part of the 2020 evaluation.*

**ARTICLE 2:** Are you in favor of the proposed amendment to Article 15 submitted by the Fremont Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Existing language                      New language  
~~Existing language to be removed~~

### **Section 1505 – Assessment of Impact Fees**

**1505.1** Impact fees shall be assessed on new development to compensate the Town of Fremont for the proportional share of the public capital facility costs generated by that development.

**1505.2** Any person who seeks a permit for new development, including permits for new or modified service connections to the public water system or public wastewater disposal system that would increase the demand on the capacity of those systems, is hereby required to pay the public capital facility impact fees authorized under this Section in the manner set forth herein, except where all or part of the fees are waived in accordance with the criteria for waivers established in this Section.

**1505.3** The Public School Impact Fee shall be imposed on all new development, except for accessory dwelling units and residential units that are lawfully restricted to occupancy by senior citizens age fifty-five (55) or over. The fees shall be collected by the Town at or prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy at the rates per unit according to structure type (4 types) as detailed in the related fee schedule.

### **Section 1506 - Waivers**

The Planning Board may grant full or partial waivers of impact fees where the Board finds that one (1) or more of the following criteria are met with respect to the particular capital facilities for which impact fees are normally assessed.

~~A. A person may request a full or partial waiver of school facility impact fees for those residential units that are lawfully restricted to occupancy by senior citizens age sixty-two (62) or over. The Planning Board may waive school impact fee assessments on age-restricted units where it finds that the property will be bound by lawful deeded restrictions on occupancy for a period of at least twenty (20) years.~~

**A.B.** The Planning Board may agree to waive all or part of an impact fee assessment and accept in lieu of a cash payment, a proposed contribution of real property or facility improvements of equivalent value and utility to the public. Prior to acting on a request for a waiver of impact fees under this provision that would involve a contribution of real property or the construction of capital facilities, the Planning Board shall submit a copy of the waiver request to the Board of Selectmen for its review and consent prior to its acceptance of the proposed contribution. The value of contributions or improvements shall be credited only toward facilities of like kind and may not be credited to other categories of impact fee assessment. Full or partial waivers may not be based on the value of exactions for on-site or off-site improvements required by the Planning Board as a result of subdivision or site plan review, and which would be required of the developer regardless of the impact fee assessments authorized by this Section.

**B.G.** The Planning Board may waive an impact fee assessment for a particular capital facility where it finds that the subject property has previously been assessed for its proportionate share of public capital facility impacts, or has contributed payments or constructed capital facility capacity improvements equivalent in value to the dollar amount of the fee(s) waived.

**C.D.** The Planning Board may waive an impact fee assessment where it finds that, due to conditions

specific to a development agreement, or other written conditions or lawful restrictions applicable to the subject property, the development will not increase the demand on the capacity of the capital facility or system for which the impact fee is being assessed.

**DE.** A feepayer may request a full or partial waiver of the amount of the impact fee for a particular development based on the results of an independent study of the demand on capital facility capacity and related costs attributable to that development. In support of such request, the feepayer shall prepare and submit to the Planning Board an independent fee calculation or other relevant study and supporting documentation of the capital facility impact of the proposed development. The independent calculation or study shall set forth the specific reasons for departing from the methodologies and schedules adopted by the Town. The Planning Board shall review such study and render its decision. All costs incurred by the Town for the review of such study, including consultant and counsel fees, shall be paid by the feepayer.

**EF.** A person may request a full or partial waiver of impact fees, other than those that expressly protect public health standards, for construction within a plat or site plan approved by the Planning Board prior to the effective date of this Section (November 27, 2001 – Date of Ordinance posting). Prior to granting such a waiver, the Board must find that the proposed construction is entitled to the four (4) year exemption provided by RSA 674:39, pursuant to that statute.

**The Planning Board recommends this article 6-0.**  
(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 3 INFORMATION: CONSIDER A ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE.** This proposal will amend the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by adding language to Article 17 for the expiration of variances and special exceptions granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment if they are not acted upon within 2 years. In this proposed amendment there are specific dates for expiration consistent with state law. Variances approaching eight (8) years or more with no action (“zombie variances”) will become null and void if not exercised by April 1, 2024. The amendment includes allowances for the Board of Adjustment to review and grant a single, twelve (12) month extension. This amendment allows the sunseting of old variances and special exceptions for land use under older regulations thereby allowing the Town to maintain consistent land use with updated Zoning Ordinances as the Town grows and changes.

**ARTICLE 3:** Are you in favor of the proposed amendment to Article 17 submitted by the Fremont Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

## New language

### **Section 1702 – Zoning Board of Adjustment**

#### **1702.13 - Expiration of Special Exception and Variance**

As authorized by State of NH RSA 674.33.I-a, variances or special exceptions granted on or after August 19, 2013 shall be valid only if exercised within two (2) years of the date of final approval. The Board of Adjustment, at the Applicant's request, may grant a single, twelve (12) month extension. No variance or special exception shall expire within six (6) months of the resolution of a Planning Board application filed in reliance upon the variance or special exception. Variances before August 19, 2013 shall be null and void unless exercised by April 1, 2024.

**The Planning Board recommends this article 6-0.**  
(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 4 INFORMATION: 2021 OPERATING BUDGET –** This Article includes all Department operating expenses, exclusive of other Warrant Article requests. The estimated tax impact of the overall total operating budget is \$3.23. As compared to the 2020 total approved budget and tax rate, this would be approximately a \$0.71 decrease in the tax rate as it relates to the operating budget. This is an estimate accounting for the 2020 revaluation changes, as well as other changes that will occur in the coming year to values, exemptions and credits of all types. In 2020 the total Town portion of the Tax Rate was \$3.97 including Warrant Articles.

It is important to note that in sheer numbers, the primary change in the operating budget from 2020 to 2021 (with ups and downs in some Departments); can be attributed to the amount of Highway paving projects (money for hottop), which have been included here instead of as separate Warrant Articles. The Budget Committee felt this should be an operating expense, as we spend \$200,000 to \$250,000 annually in paving to try and keep up with road infrastructure.

The full budget detail can be found on the State Form MS 737, which is available on the Town's website now and will be part of the printed 2020 Annual Town Report. Copies are also available from the Selectmen's Office and outside the front and back door at the Town Hall. The operating budget includes some important decisions about the Town's services and operating costs.

With SB2, this “master budget” Warrant Article includes the Budget Committee recommendation of \$3,647,861. This is up from the appropriated budget in 2020 of \$3,369,705. Revenues are also up, and this offsets the budget, thus making the tax rate impact of the 2021 proposed operating budget less than the overall tax rate for 2020. The tax impact is also lessened by the increase in property values from the 2020 revaluation.

Following are some highlights and changes within each of the operating budgets as well as general information about each Department:

4130 Executive: Proposed wage increases of 2%. This budget covers all operating costs of the Selectmen's Office. There is an adjustment proposed to the Town Administrator's salary to be more in line with other communities and based on experience.

4140 Town Clerk Tax Collector: This budget covers operating costs of the Clerk/Collector Office. There are some slight increases in service contracts, mortgagee research, and postage. Town employees covered in this budget include a proposed 2% wage increase.

4141 Election & Registrations: Decreased due to only one election. Town/School election in March is a minor cost aside from printing ballots. Covid impacts have made elections more costly due to safety measures and needed staffing levels and safety equipment.

4151 Financial Administration – Other: Includes the Treasurer's salary and supplies; Budget Committee clerical costs and administration, Trustees of Trust Funds expenses, and annual professional audit of all Town financial records. This is level funded.

4152 Reappraisal of Property: Current assessing contracts include the cyclical update process. This covers all of the Town's contracted assessing, the utility contract (to appraise all utility properties); tax assessing software & maintenance, tax mapping services, web-hosting of tax maps and all assessing data. The cyclical process balances out annual costs and reduces the 5<sup>th</sup> year revaluation cost. The budget is less \$8,000 for the offset from the Capital Reserve Fund. That reduction will end when the CRF is depleted. This is level-funded.

4155 Personnel Administration: This budget covers personnel costs related to wages (FICA & Medicare) as well as employee benefits such as insurance. It includes a full year of the Fire Rescue on-call EMS coverage for nights and weekends. This also includes employer share of retirement costs. NH Retirement increases (State-mandated) are the largest increase in this budget.

4191 Planning & Zoning: This covers all office functions, administration and clerical support to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The office is now consistently staffed at 20-22 hours per week including 3-4 evening meetings per month. The Board continues to work on updating Ordinances and Regulations. Important Storm Water Planning is planned in 2021.

4194 Government Buildings: This budget covers the maintenance of the Town Hall, Safety Complex, Highway Shed, Museum, Meetinghouse and Historic Building. It includes annual fire suppression system maintenance; alarm systems maintenance and monitoring, etc. Maintenance staff proposed 2% wage increase. This budget is down slightly as we encumbered some items in 2020 to complete in the spring of 2021.

4195 Cemeteries: This covers care and maintenance of Town-owned cemeteries, the largest of which are Leavitt and Village. The Cemetery Sexton position has been a great improvement in recordkeeping and providing assistance with lot sales, burials, etc. Leavitt Cemetery expansion work was completed last fall, and a shed and associated work is encumbered to be done in the spring of 2021. Staff 2% wage increases are included.

4196 Insurance: This covers all property and liability insurance coverages.

4210 Police Department: Clerical wage adjusted to allow for 2% wage increase; uniformed officer matrix adjusted for 2.5% and step increase. We lost two officers in 2020 (replaced at year end with

new officers currently in the Academy). The budget covers all operating costs of the personnel and equipment needed to staff and run the Police Department. Includes lease payment on cruisers, fuel, vehicle and equipment maintenance. We continue to make lease payments on the body camera systems voted in 2020, and were able to pay off the radio lease at year end 2020.

4220 Fire Rescue Department: Conversion in 2020 to paid hourly compensation for all Fire Rescue activity, which is the current trend of fire and EMS service nationwide. This budget includes EMS on-call coverage for nights and weekends, maintenance of apparatus and equipment, fire and EMS gear, uniforms, supplies and training. Increase in gear costs to replace four sets of aged out protective gear. Work continues on Department growth and recruitment to address growing needs and call volume. The Department has been instrumental in carrying the community through the current health-care pandemic.

4240 Building Inspection: A few additional hours and wage increase budgeted. Budget includes training, mileage reimbursement and office supplies. Code Enforcement and building activity are increasing in the current economy.

4290 Emergency Management: Includes minimal allowance for supplies and contract services in the event of a major weather event (flood, ice storm, etc); small increase for bi-annual PM service contract on all standby generators. Small increase in pandemic-related supplies and equipment.

4312 Highway Department: Wages adjusted to allow for 2% increase. FT position vacancy to be filled in the spring, and added use of part-time help in the interim. This is the largest overall change in the operating budget as it includes road work which has been previously separated out into one or more Special Warrant Articles. The total dollars dedicated to road work is roughly the same as prior years, and it is included here this year, considered an annual expense. The Budget Committee was the driving force behind this change, and wants to reflect what the Town's operating costs are to annually maintain a mile or two of roadway. We need to keep up this schedule to maintain adequately, the Town's more than 40 miles of road network. Reconstruction work is planned within the Mast Tree Estates subdivision, and the final overlay of Bean Road and Chester Road in 2021.

4313 Bridges: This covers the annual inspection on the Sandown Road Overflow Bridge deck to maintain the warranty for the new deck installed in 2019.

4323 Solid Waste Collection: This continues to be one of the larger changes in the budget. Voters approved the new contract in March 2019 which authorized annual 3% increases.

4324 Solid Waste Disposal: Contract changes resulted in recycling processing fees, which can be reduced by our good efforts at recycling and keeping the stream with only the currently allowed items being recycled. The tipping fees are paid through a contract with SRRDD 53B and continue to increase due to decreasing landfill capacity and reduction in other disposal options (burning, etc). We have a continued need for recycling bins and will continue to offer bi-annual Bulky Day events for residents. 53B dues include our participation in one annual Hazardous Waste Day. This was cancelled in 2020 but the District hopes to hold an event in 2021. In 2020 we saw a record increase in MSW tonnage by 70 tons; and



recycling by 50 tons. We attribute this to so many residents being home throughout the pandemic.

4414 Animal Control: Wage adjusted for 2% increase. Covers all costs associated with Animal Control services including supplies, training, truck fuel and maintenance.

4415 Health: Covers a small stipend for Health Officer and Deputy, costs of the office, including training, water testing and annual dues to the NH Health Officer's Association. This is level-funded and we are fortunate to be at solid staffing with a Public Health RN, MSN (and now also has a Doctorate in Nursing) s our Health Officer, and a Public Health MS Army Reservist as the Deputy!

4442 Direct Assistance: General payments for assisted persons. Budget is level funded. We did see some outside assistance available from outside agencies during the pandemic, and have tried to use those resources for our vulnerable populations.

4445 Vendor Payments to Social Service Agencies: Each of these payments supports a social service agency that provides service to Fremont residents, usually at a reduced or sliding fee scale.

4520 Parks & Recreation: The majority of this budget includes care and maintenance of the ballfields and playground areas and the FAA provides additional manpower support. Seasonal maintenance coverage at 16 hours per week with a 2% wage increase, dealing with the many areas of fields and parks to care for. Funding for Town events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween and Christmas Tree Lighting events is included, hoping we can do more in a safer 2021! Without a camp program in 2021, these events will be important for our youth.

4550 Library: This budget covers all staffing, books, and programs of the Fremont Public Library and maintenance of the building. Employee wage increases at 2% are supported in this recommendation. Several building maintenance items remain the focus of the budget. We were able to accomplish a lot in 2020, and encumbered funds to cover projects in the spring of 2021 as well.

4610 Conservation Commission: The Commission oversees natural resources of the Town and reviews and comments on projects and proposals involving wetlands. The budget also includes training and work on trail maintenance.

4711-4721 Debt Service: Reduction in principal and interest on debt due to age of notes. Only two bonds remain, the Fremont Public library Construction and the Glen Oakes Conservation Land purchase. The Library bond will be retired in 2021!

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town of Fremont raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,647,861? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,399,845 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Fremont or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0.**

(Majority vote required)

*All tax impact estimates are per \$1,000 of valuation. The number of veteran credits, exemptions, and amount of overlay (which affect the final rate) are estimated for the purposes of establishing tax rate changes. These current estimates of Overlay, Exemptions and Veteran Credits add about \$0.42 to the tax rate. This is up from prior years due to the voters increasing the amount of the Veteran Credit in 2020. We have also seen more Veteran Credits since the adoption of the "All Veteran" tax credit in 2018. We are assuming a conservative but reasonable amount of growth in the total assessed valuation of the Town, which is the largest component of the formula used to set the tax rate. **All tax rate impacts are estimates. The increase in values from the 2020 revaluation has also helped to balance the changes in the budget requests.***

*The estimated tax impact is shown for each of the Warrant Articles in the narrative portion. If the proposed budget and all Warrant Articles as proposed by the Town pass, the Town's portion of the tax rate is estimated to increase approximately \$0.15 per thousand from the actual current Town rate of \$3.94 per thousand. Each of the Warrant Articles can be considered on its own merit. The impact of each individual Article is included with each rationale.*

*Articles 5, 6 and 7 request funding for four existing Capital Reserve Funds with each purpose specified. Any funds approved will add to what has already been set aside. These funds accrue over time and are then used to offset the cost of larger capital purchases when needed. **Saving money in Capital Reserve Funds helps to balance the tax rate by reducing the impact of one-time large expenditures.***

**ARTICLE 5 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIRE TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND.** *This savings account helps fund the cost of replacement fire apparatus to create a more balanced tax rate. This article saves toward replenishing the Fund after the expense paid in 2015 for our newest fire truck. The Department continues to be behind in its fire truck replacement schedule and is due for a truck to replace another old unit in the fleet. The cost of fire apparatus is expensive and saving a portion every year will greatly help to reduce the one-time impact of these purchases. It is anticipated the next new truck will cost at least a half a million dollars. There is currently \$205,920 in this fund. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.09*

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.**



**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 8-0.**

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 6 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. This savings account helps fund the cost of replacement highway equipment to create a more balanced tax rate. There is currently \$67,760 in this fund. This savings account has been able to purchase all highway vehicles and equipment to date. The next planned replacement is the Town's one ton truck, which is 10 years old. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.05.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0-1.**

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 7 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE BRIDGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. This savings account funds bridge repair and replacement. The current project is the Martin Road Bridge replacement. It is partially re-engineered, and the Town became eligible for reimbursement from NH Bridge Aid as of 07/01/2020. If we are unable to raise the amount necessary to get through the next step, we could lose the NH Bridge Aid funding. Bridge Aid covers 80% of the total project cost (meaning taxpayers only fund 20%). If we lose it, we will have to pay for the bridge replacement solely with tax dollars. The Town would like to complete the design engineering on the Martin Road Bridge and begin applying for reimbursement from NH Bridge Aid. If we can complete engineering in 2021, we can get some reimbursement funding, and bid the project in January 2022 when conditions and pricing are anticipated to be optimum. We would raise the balance of money to complete the work in 2022. There is currently \$76,756 in this fund. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.09.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Bridge Construction and Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 8-0.**

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 8 INFORMATION: HIRE AN ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER. This Article would approve hiring another officer for the Fremont Police Department. This would be the sixth full-time officer for the Town, to bring the staffing levels closer to

recommended national standards. If successful, it will be approximately one year before a newly hired officer can be certified and fully functioning independently on the street. With the increased traffic in Fremont, officers are spending a great deal of time addressing complaints and with more people home during the pandemic, activity remains high. The Department has seen an increase in drug offenses, overdoses, traffic complaints and the related follow-up. As we are currently short-staffed due to turn-over, this pulls officers away from investigations and administrative responsibilities and increased the need for overtime use.

The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.08 for tax year 2021. If this is approved, the cost for a full year of this officer in 2022 would be approximately \$102,206. If passed, this would become part of future operating and default budgets.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand four hundred two dollars (\$45,402) to hire a new full-time police officer. This sum covers five months of wages and benefits and necessary gear, equipment and required testing for the officer. If approved, this funding will remain as part of the operating and default budget in future years.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 4-3-1.** (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 9 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOWN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR COMPUTER REPLACEMENTS. This savings account is used for server replacement so that the periodic five-year cost of replacement of the Town's two servers is not as much of an impact on the annual operating budget. There is currently \$8,034 in this fund. This article has NO impact on taxes.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be placed in the Fremont Computer Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1-0.**

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 10 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIBRARY BUILDING EXPENDABLE TOWN TRUST FUND. This fund is used to fund larger repair/replacement of building maintenance items with funds set aside in savings annually. This article is funded from unexpended Library appropriations in 2020 and has no impact on taxes. The Selectmen have increased the amount to have enough money in this savings account to address the HVAC replacement as

*the system is near the end of it's useful life. There is currently \$22,528 in the fund. This article has NO impact on taxes.*

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Library Building Maintenance Expendable Town Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.  
The Budget Committee recommends this  
appropriation 7-0.  
(Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 11 INFORMATION: FUNDING THE MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM.** *This article requests funding to continue the annual program in Fremont for mosquito control, primarily with larval treatment. We have received competitive proposals in 2021 and have included the lower proposal in this Warrant Article. If passed, the Selectmen will discuss a contract with a mosquito vendor. As in past years, the Selectmen have placed this Article on the Warrant so that the community can have an opportunity to consider it annually and decide whether to proceed with a Town-wide program. The overall mosquito control program is a comprehensive program beginning with surveillance, monitoring, and trapping and testing of adult mosquitoes. Primary treatment is of larvae in wetland areas with a corn-based product. Larval treatment is a major focus of an effective control program. The program also allows for up to two emergency sprayings of public lots at the Complex and Library, and ball fields at Memorial Park and Ellis School. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.07.*

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to continue the Public Health Mosquito Control Program.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.  
The Budget Committee recommends this  
appropriation 6-1-1.  
(Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 12 INFORMATION: FUNDING A NEW SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY.** *We have traditionally put any new request for social service funding in a Warrant Article so it can be independently considered. If this article passes, we would include So Rock in our operating budget in years moving forward. The Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth is a community coalition designed to promote wellness and nurture resiliency for the children, youth and families of southern Rockingham County with the goals of preventing substance misuse and reducing the stigma related to mental health issues. So Rock is working with our partners at Ellis School, the Sanborn District, and the Fremont Police Department. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is less than \$0.01.*

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$4,750) to support a new social service agency, So Rock Coalition. If approved, this agency would be included in future default budgets.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.  
The Budget Committee recommends this  
appropriation 5-2-0.  
(Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 13 INFORMATION: INCREASE THE SALARY FOR THE ELECTED POSITION OF TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR.** *This is a proposed 2% salary increase. The estimated tax rate impact is less than \$0.01.*

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will authorize an increase in the Town Clerk Tax Collector's annual salary by seven hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$729) to be a total of thirty-seven thousand one hundred forty-three dollars (\$37,143); and further to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$729) for this purpose.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.  
The Budget Committee recommends this  
appropriation 5-3.  
(Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 14 INFORMATION: AMEND THE ELDERLY EXEMPTION VALUE TO CORRECT A CLERICAL ERROR FROM THE 2020 VOTE AND UPDATE EXEMPTION AMOUNT IN LIGHT OF THE REVALUATION.** *This article corrects the income and asset thresholds to what they have been for the past several years. The article also updates again the amount of the actual exemption in light of the 2020 revaluation and what the actual tax dollars were for our most vulnerable residents. Current Elderly Exemptions in Fremont are \$70,000 (65 up to 75 years of age), \$90,000 (75 to up 80 years of age) and \$110,000 (80 years of age and older). This Article would increase the exemption amount to account for increases in valuation from the 2020 revaluation. This vote would result in a reduction of assessed valuation of \$150,000 on the overall \$535,000,000 valuation. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is less than \$0.01.*

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town modify the provisions of NH RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Fremont based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years \$80,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years \$100,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$120,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or

jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than \$35,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$45,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.  
The Budget Committee recommends this  
appropriation 6-1-0.  
(Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 15 INFORMATION: AMEND THE DISABLED EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR FREMONT IN LIGHT OF THE PENDING 2020 REVALUATION.** *The current Disabled Exemption in Fremont is \$60,000. This Article would increase the value to account for increases in valuation from the 2020 revaluation. This vote would result in a reduction of assessed valuation of \$35,000 on the overall \$535,000,000 valuation. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is less than \$0.01.*

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town modify the provisions of NH RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers, to be \$70,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$35,000 or, if married, a combined income of not more than \$45,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.  
The Budget Committee recommends this  
appropriation 6-1-0.  
(Majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 16 INFORMATION: CHANGE THE NAME OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.** *This would change the name to Select Board and members to Select Board Members. There is no tax rate impact of this article.*

**ARTICLE 16:** By Petition: Shall the title of the Fremont NH 'Board of Selectmen' be revised to the: Town of Fremont NH 'Select Board.' And the titles of the Officials be known as: 'Select Board Members'?

**The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.**

**The Budget Committee recommends this article 7-1.  
(Majority vote required)**

**Please be sure to attend Deliberative Session on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at Ellis School at 9:00 am. The School meeting will begin at 9:00 am and it will be followed by the Town's meeting after a brief intermission.  
(Snow date: Saturday Feb 6, 2021 at 9:00 am)**

**Check the Town website for further information and details at:  
[www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov).**

**Reports and Town Meeting information are posted to the TOWN REPORT page of the website as soon as they are available.**

## **EXETER ADULT EDUCATION COURSES OFFER SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

Beat the winter doldrums and do something for yourself to start 2021 off right!

We offer many personal and professional development, foreign language, handcraft and computer courses that begin throughout March and continue through May. Whatever your interests are, you should consider a fun evening out at Exeter Adult Education! Remote and in person classes will be offered this semester.

For a complete listing of our course offerings, find us online at [adulthood.sau16.org](http://adulthood.sau16.org) or call our office at 775 8457 if you have any questions. Pre-registration is necessary for all courses as class sizes are limited. Online registration and payment is now accepted on our website, [adulthood.sau16.org](http://adulthood.sau16.org).



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New Hampshire residents in Phase 1B will be able to register and schedule appointments with the State public vaccination clinics beginning today, Friday, January 22nd.

Vaccinations will begin **Tuesday, January 26th**. This includes:

- People who are 65 and older
- Medically vulnerable individuals at significantly higher risk, including family caregivers for those under 16
- Staff and residents at residential facilities for persons with disabilities
- Corrections officers and staff working in correctional facilities

COVID-19 vaccinations for New Hampshire residents in "Phase 1B" will begin **Tuesday, January 26**.

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

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

To register for the vaccine, NH residents can visit [vaccines.nh.gov](http://vaccines.nh.gov) or for those without internet access, call **2-1-1** and they will assist the registration process.

**Phase 1A eligible vaccine recipients will continue to be vaccinated during this time as well:**

- Hospital health workers through affiliated hospital organizations;
- Long term-care facilities (LTCFs) through the federal Pharmacy Partnership Program (PPP) or through arrangements with their Regional Public Health Network (RPHN);
- First responders at NH State-Managed COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic fixed sites or through arrangements with their RPHN; and

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- Ambulatory care health workers at NH State-Managed COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics or through their affiliated hospital organization.

State-managed COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic fixed sites will operate 5 days per week at 13 locations across the state. The only people eligible to receive vaccine at these sites currently are **first responders and the "most" at-risk ambulatory health workers**, but beginning on January 26th, these sites will be open to Phase 1b categories as well.

For more information on the vaccine, visit the CDC website: [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) [FAQ](#)