



February 2023

# THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

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## TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR

### WINTER HOURS

Monday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

**Tuesday 8:00 am – 12:00 noon \*\* changed hours**

Wednesday 3:00 – 7:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

The Town Hall is OPEN for normal posted hours for all offices.

We have been successfully able to complete nearly all Town business online, via phone and email, and will continue to do so.

You are also welcome to visit us during any open office hours.

We are happy to make arrangements to meet you outside if needed or provide a remote pickup/drop off option.

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>

### UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES:

**ALL TOWN OFFICE ARE CLOSED:**

**Monday February 20, 2023 for President's Day**  
**No trash delays**

## CANDIDATE DECLARATION AND IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION

**Upcoming Town & School District  
2023 Elections and Meetings**

### Town & School Elections Candidate Declaration Period

The filing period for Town & School District Offices begins on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 until Friday, February 3, 2023. You can sign up with the Town Clerk during office hours. On Friday February 3, 2023 the Town Clerk and School District Clerk will be available from 3:00 – 5:00 pm for sign-ups only, at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Mail Street.

### TOWN POSITIONS OPEN

Budget Committee 2 for 3 years

Budget Committee 1 for 1 year

Cemetery Trustee 1 for 3 years

Library Trustee 1 for 3 years

Select Board member 1 for 3 years

Town Clerk Tax Collector 1 for 3 years

Trustee of Trust Funds 1 for 3 years

### SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITIONS OPEN

Contact SAU 83 Superintendent Halliday at [ehalliday@sau83.org](mailto:ehalliday@sau83.org)  
or Shawn Perreault, School District Clerk at  
[fremont.nh.cem@gmail.com](mailto:fremont.nh.cem@gmail.com)

### SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITIONS OPEN

School Board Member 1 for 3 years

School District Clerk 1 for 1 year

School District Moderator 1 for 1 year

School District Treasurer 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 and also with the Supervisors of the Checklist during posted sessions.

To complete the Declaration of Candidacy form, you can see the Town Clerk during regular office hours or contact the School District Clerk as above. All election questions can be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at 603 895 8693 x 307 or by email:

[clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov)

## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on

**Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 9:30 – 10:00 am**

Fremont Public Library

7 Jackie Bernier Drive Fremont, NH

This is the LAST day to register to vote before  
the Town and School Elections on

March 14, 2023 from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Ellis School

432 Main Street, Fremont, NH

**You may register to vote at the poles.**

**Please bring proper identification and proof of residency.**

Please bring proper ID and proof of residency to register to vote and to all elections. The State has tightened up the forms, and if you need to bring documentation from form Verifiable Action of Domicile RSA 654:7V (available on the Town's website, from the Supervisors at a sign-up session or from the Town Clerk)



**See inside for Town Warrant & Annual Meeting  
information**



## TOWN OF FREMONT 2023 Town Meeting Warrant Article Narrative

**In preparation for  
Deliberative Session to  
be held Saturday February 4, 2023 at 9:00 am at Ellis  
School. SNOWDATE: Saturday February 11, 2023**

We hope this information is helpful for your understanding of the issues to be voted upon at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting. We have again scheduled both the Town and School District Deliberative Sessions together on the same Saturday. It will begin with 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.

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 603 895 2226 x 301 or send an email to Heidi at [hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov).

Gene Cordes

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Fremont Select Board

Roger Barham

The Official Warrant must be written as outlined by NH Statute. This document includes that language with additional descriptive 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 14, 2023.

At the Deliberative Session all Articles on this Warrant will be discussed. Articles 5 through 22 can be amended by floor vote, and may appear differently on the Official Ballot, depending on actions at Deliberative Session on February 4th.

Final voting on the Official Ballot will take place on Tuesday March 14, 2023 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 603 895 8693 x 307.

In 2009 Fremont voters decided to have the Select Board and Budget Committee's tally votes on all Warrant Articles, 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 has increased, and we continue to see growth and development of properties, adding value to the tax base.

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

Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years  
Budget Committee: 1 for 1 year  
Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years  
Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years  
Select Board Member: 1 for 3 years  
Town Clerk Tax Collector: 1 of 3 years  
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years

*This article will list 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 25, 2023 through February 4, 2023. You must sign up with the Town Clerk or School District Clerk. You can call 603 895 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 February 3, 2023 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for candidate declaration only.*

**ARTICLE 2:** Are you in favor of the proposed amendments to Article 4 and Article 7 (Zoning Proposal 1) submitted by the Fremont Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

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**Add the following to Section 403 – Definitions:**

MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOP: The use of any building, land area or other premise used principally for the servicing and repair of automobiles, recreational vehicles, or other similarly sized vehicles.

MOTOR VEHICLE SALES: The use of any building, land area or other premise used principally for the display, sale, rental, or lease of new or used automobiles (but may include light trucks or vans, trailers, or recreation vehicles), and including any vehicle preparations, warranty, or repair work conducted as an accessory use.

Revise Section 708 - Table of Uses as follows (P – Permitted; X – Prohibited):

	Zoning Districts			
	SH	MS	FUR	R
<u>Motor Vehicle Repair Shop</u>	P	P	X	X
<u>Motor Vehicle Showroom</u> <u>Motor Vehicle Sales</u>	P	P	X	X

**The Planning Board recommends this Article 5-0-0.** (Majority vote required)

*This proposal will amend the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by adding a definition for Motor Vehicle Sales which will replace the existing land use category of Motor Vehicle Showroom and add a new category and definition for Motor Vehicle Repair Shop while maintaining the Zoning Districts where these commercial motor vehicle land uses are permitted or prohibited.*

**ARTICLE 3:** Are you in favor of the proposed amendments to Article 12 (Zoning Proposal 2) submitted by the Fremont Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Remove the following from the Aquifer Protection District:**  
**~~Definition in Section 1203.4 (Existing) Animal Feedlot:~~** A commercial-agricultural establishment consisting of confined feeding areas and related structures used for the raising of livestock. An animal feedlot shall be considered one on which more than five (5) animals are raised simultaneously.

**~~Prohibited Uses in Section 1203.8.D(9) (Existing) Animal feedlots:~~**  
**~~(see definitions=five (5) or more animals)~~**

**The Planning Board recommends this Article 5-0-0.** (Majority vote required)

*This proposal will amend the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by removing Animal Feedlot, defined in part as five (5) or more animals, from the list of definitions and prohibited uses within the Aquifer Protection District.*

**ARTICLE 4:** Are you in favor of the proposed amendment to Article 13 (Zoning Proposal 3) submitted by the Fremont Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Add the following to Article 1301.1 – Elderly Open Space:**  
Pursuant to RSA 674:17, IV, any increased density, reduced lot size, expedited approval, or other dimensional or procedural incentive under this elderly open space ordinance is deemed applicable to a development of workforce housing as defined in RSA 674:58, IV. Any proposed workforce housing development shall comply with the provisions of the Fremont zoning ordinance, site plan

and subdivision regulations with respect to environmental protection, water supply, sanitary disposal, traffic safety and fire and life safety protection.

**The Planning Board recommends this Article 5-0-0.** (Majority vote required)

*This proposal will amend the Fremont Zoning Ordinance adding language pursuant to new NH Statutes relative to workforce housing.*

**ARTICLE 5:** 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 \$4,104,296? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,971,859 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 Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-2-0.** (Majority vote required)

*This is the Operating Budget for all Town Departments, exclusive of other Warrant Article requests. The estimated tax impact of the overall total operating budget is expected to be \$0.20 over the current year. This estimate accounts for anticipated valuation, exemption and credit changes in the coming year. In 2022 the total Town portion of the Tax Rate was \$4.23 including all Warrant Articles voted in 2022.*

*The full budget detail can be found on the State Form MS 737, which is available on the Town's website and will be part of the printed 2022 Annual Town Report. Copies are also available from the*

Year	Town Portion of the Tax Rate
2016	\$3.89
2017	\$4.44
2018	\$4.77
2019	\$4.73
2020	\$3.23
2021	\$3.91
2022	\$4.23

*Select Board's Office. 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 \$4,104,296. We are pleased*



*to report only \$200 not recommended by the Committee, and we worked hard this year to make updates that would help the Town address outstanding maintenance items, improve our wage rates, and continue to make infrastructure improvements. This is up from the appropriated budget in 2022 of \$3,845,154. The tax impact is lessened somewhat by the increase in property values and other improvements. We also received several grants and State revenues that allow for improvements that will not impact the tax rate.*

*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 5%. As a general note, a 5% wage adjustment was used across departments in order to improve our wage schedule and attempt to get it nearer to Towns comparable to Fremont.

The Executive budget covers all operating costs of the Select Board's Office. There is an additional adjustment proposed to the AA and clerical wages to be more in line with the current market. Our version of QuickBooks is not valid after May and an upgrade is needed to continue all of the accounting functions.

**4140 Town Clerk Tax Collector:** This budget covers operating costs of the Clerk/Collector Office. There are some slight increases in service contracts. Town employees covered in this budget include a proposed 5% wage increase. There is still considerable work done by mail (thus postage remains constant).

**4141 Election & Registrations:** Decreased due to only one election, (3 in 2022). Town/School elections in March are 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. We are always in need of additional staff to help with setup and the many tasks associated with running a successful election day. This budget increased in one area because the time has come to purchase additional voting booths. For Federal elections we are required to have 1 booth per 100 registered voters, and we need more booths to be in compliance prior to the next Federal election.

**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, utility contract (to appraise all utility properties); tax assessing software & maintenance, tax mapping services, web-hosting of tax maps and assessing data. The cyclical process balances out annual costs and reduces the 5<sup>th</sup> year revaluation cost. We are very near the end of the existing Capital Reserve Fund returning the full cost to the operating budget. We feel it is important to keep up with the cyclical analysis and balance the costs of the revaluation and keep information more current.

**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 full-time maintenance positions voted in 2022. We are budgeting based on our actual census to save money within this line.

**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 approximately 20 hours per week including 3-4 evening meetings per month. The Planning Board continues to work on updating Ordinances and Regulations and has recently kicked off a thorough Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Process.

**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. Includes staff 5% wage increases and a full year of the full-time maintenance position. Our contract cost of propane is up slightly. The Town's IT services have increased as our staff increases. Town emails for staff (except the Library) are all included here along with the O365 annual subscription costs..

**4195 Cemeteries:** This covers care and maintenance of Town-owned cemeteries, the largest of which are Leavitt and Village. The Cemetery Sexton continues to improve our recordkeeping and provide assistance with lot sales and burials. Additional budgeting for stone wall repair work is included. Some was completed in 2022 (with some encumbered to be complete in 2023). Staff 5% wage increases are included.

**4196 Insurance:** This covers all property and liability insurance coverages. It increased as the credit due this year is less than it was last year. This vendor provides municipal coverage, a unique market.

**4210 Police Department:** AA wage adjusted to allow for 5% wage increase in addition to a market adjustment. The uniformed officer matrix was adjusted (COL and step) to approximately 5.5% as in all years. We had one retirement in 2022 and two promotions. 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. Some of the increases are due to the increased cost of all supplies and equipment, and replacement tasers for new and safer units. We have been delayed by a full year on the replacement cruisers from 2022 so maintenance costs have increased (repairs). Membership in the Southern NH Special Operations Unit is included. This is a specialized tactical team to assist in some of the larger events which the Town could potentially be called to.

**4220 Fire Rescue Department:** We are budgeting for current statistics on call volume and for EMS on-call coverage for nights and weekends. This is a slight reduction in the EMS coverage based on current experiences and availability. Budget includes 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. Wages include a 5% increase and the rate for EMS (home on-call) coverage increased to \$8.50 per hour from the current minimum wage of \$7.25.

**4240 Building Inspection:** Current Inspector consistently works 25-30 hours per week, to include a 5% wage increase. Budget includes training (now back to in-person), mileage reimbursement and office supplies. Code Enforcement and building activity continue to increase. Permit fee revenue covered the full cost of operations in 2022.

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

4312 Highway Department: Wages adjusted by 5%. Annual paving and road improvements are now funded within the operating budget. This should fund one to two miles of road upgrade. We need to keep up this schedule to maintain adequately, the Town's more than 40 miles of road network. The bulk of work planned for 2023 is Martin Road in conjunction with the bridge work. Overall 3,900 feet of improvements are planned. As funds permit Sandown Road from #343 to the Sandown line will be overlaid, and some work at the bridge deck area nearest Main Street.

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. Without the inspection, our warranty will void.

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. The increase in population (measured through completed occupancy certificates issued) is also calculated in the annual changes. There were significantly more CO's issued in 2022 and current trending is that it will continue to increase. We are already looking at bidding the next trash and recycling pickup contract due to significant changes in this market.

4324 Solid Waste Disposal: Contract contains 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. Recycle processing fees steadily decreased over 2021 but rose again for 2022.

4414 Animal Control: Wage adjusted for 5% 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, both increased slightly to account for actual annual work. Includes costs of the office, training, water testing and annual dues to the NH Health Officer's Association. We are fortunate to have solid staffing with a Public Health RN, MSN (and now also has a Doctorate in Nursing) as 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 continued outside assistance available from outside agencies during the pandemic, and have tried to use those resources for our most 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. Two new agencies were approved by voters in 2022.

4520 Parks & Recreation: The majority of this budget includes care and maintenance of the ballfields and playground areas. The FAA provides additional manpower support. Seasonal maintenance coverage at 16 hours per week with a 5% wage increase, dealing with the many areas of fields and parks to care for. Additional field improvement work is included. Funding for Town events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween (child and adult activities) and Christmas Tree Lighting events is included as we have returned to in-person events! No camp program is budgeted for 2023.

4550 Library: This budget covers all staffing, books, and programs of the Fremont Public Library and maintenance of the building.

Employee wage increases at 5% are supported in this recommendation as well a market adjustment for the Children and Young Adult Librarians to become more consistent. Several building maintenance items remain the focus of the budget. We were able to accomplish a lot in 2022 with the HVAC conversion nearly complete.

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, dues, and some Town Forest Trail maintenance.

4711-4721 Debt Service: Reduction in principal and interest on debt due to age of notes. Only the Glen Oakes Conservation Land purchase bond remains outstanding at this time.

*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 \$0.43 to the tax rate. 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 continue to help balance the changes in the budget requests as do increases in revenue. We have also used grant funds and Covid reimbursements to offset some of our expenses.*

*The estimated tax impact is shown for each of the Warrant Articles in the narrative portion. If each of the proposed Warrant Articles pass, the Town's portion of the tax rate is estimated to increase approximately \$0.31 per thousand from the actual current Town rate of \$4.23 per thousand. Each of the Warrant Articles can be considered on its own merit. The financial impact of each individual Article is included with each rationale.*

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred five thousand dollars (\$405,000) to purchase a new fire tanker truck and equipment for the Fire Rescue Department with \$305,000 from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund and \$100,000 to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount from taxation. This Special Warrant Article will be non-lapsing and will not lapse until the fire tanker purchase is completed or by December 31, 2024 whichever is sooner.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this**  
**appropriation 7-1.**  
(Majority vote required)

*This Article would authorize the purchase of a new fire tanker truck and equipment for the Fire Rescue Department. This will replace a 1988 Mack Fire Tanker Truck that has 2,500 gallons of water on it and has been in service for 35 years. The 1988 Mack Fire Tanker Truck with a standard transmission is difficult to drive and does not meet any of today's safety standards to protect our firefighters and the motoring public. In addition, it has exceeded its recommended lifespan of 25 years per the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus (NFPA 1901). The proposed new fire tanker truck is a Fouts Brothers 3,000-gallon fire tanker truck with safety features that meet today's standards as well as other features that the Department requires, all of which meet the current edition of NFPA 1901. The proposal is 100% funded by existing financing sources to include monies previously saved in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund, unexpended funds from the 2022 operating budget, and ARPA grant monies received by the Town. There is no further tax impact of this Article.*

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

*This savings account will fund the bridge replacement work. The Martin Road Bridge replacement has been engineered and is currently being reviewed by NH DOT. The Town became eligible for reimbursement from NH Bridge Aid in July 2022. The State has recently advised that work must progress on the bridge replacement or they will order it closed, so we are working diligently toward 2023 construction. Bridge Aid covers 80% of the total project cost (meaning taxpayers only fund 20%). The estimated tax rate impact of this Article is \$0.09. The current balance in the fund is \$288,366.*

**ARTICLE 8:** 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 Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this**  
**appropriation 6-0-1.**  
(Majority vote required)

*This savings account helps fund the cost of replacement Highway Department equipment, creating a more balanced tax rate. The estimated tax rate impact of this Article is \$0.04. The current balance in the fund is \$36,821. This will help to save ahead for the next large purchases as we have replaced three large pieces of equipment in the past three years.*

*Articles 7, 8 and 15 request funding for existing Capital Reserve Funds. Funds approved will add to what has already been set aside. These funds accrue over time (including any interest) 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 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-six thousand forty-six dollars (\$46,046) 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 Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this**  
**appropriation 4-3-0.**  
(Majority vote required)

*This Article would approve the funding to hire another officer for the Fremont Police Department. This would be the seventh full-time officer for the Town. The estimated tax rate impact of this Article is \$0.08 for tax year 2023. If this Article is approved, the cost for a full year of this officer in 2024 would be approximately \$103,889. If passed, this funding would become part of future operating and default budgets. The Police Department would like to see this Article approved to allow greater flexibility in scheduling, to have a presence more often at Ellis and to provide greater coverage for the community.*

**ARTICLE 10:** 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 additional amount to be raised from taxation.

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

*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. This Article is funded from unexpended operating budget appropriations*

*in 2022 and has no further tax impact in 2023. The current balance in the fund is \$16,151.*

*Articles 10 and 11 request funding for existing Expendable Trust Funds, also savings accounts set up for non-capital costs. Both of these are funded from unassigned fund balance and have no impact on the current year tax rate. This means that savings from the 2022 budget (excess revenue or unspent appropriations) will be used to fund these savings accounts.*

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Library Building Maintenance Expendable Town Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. No additional amount to be raised from taxation.

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

*This savings account is used to fund larger repair/replacement of building maintenance items with funds set aside in savings annually. This Article is funded from unexpended operating budget appropriations in 2022 and has no further tax impact in 2023. The current balance in the fund is \$2,861. In 2022 \$57,000 was removed from this fund to pay for a portion of the \$95,000 HVAC replacement cost. This appropriation will help to build the fund back up again. The next project is expected to be carpet/flooring and roof stack replacement in the building, which is now 22 years old.*

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will authorize an increase in the Cemetery Trustee Stipend by fifty dollars (\$50) each to be a total of two hundred dollars (\$200) per Trustee per year; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty (\$150) for this purpose.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 4-3-1.**  
(Majority vote required)

*This is a \$50 increase for each of the three elected Cemetery Trustees. Current stipend is \$150 per Trustee per year and this would increase it to \$200 per Trustee per year. The estimated tax rate impact of this Article 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 one thousand eight hundred ninety-four dollars (\$1,894) to be a total of thirty-nine thousand seven hundred eighty dollars (\$39,780); and further to

raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand eight hundred ninety-four dollars (\$1,894) for this purpose.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-2-0.** (Majority vote required)  
*This represents a 5% salary increase for the Town Clerk Tax Collector. The estimated tax rate impact of this Article is less than \$0.01.*

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will authorize an increase in the Road Agent's annual stipend by two thousand (\$2,000) to be a total of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500); and further to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for this purpose.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 4-3-1.** (Majority vote required)

*This represents a \$2,000 increase in the stipend for the Road Agent. The estimated tax rate impact of this Article is less than \$0.01. The Road Agent position is on-call 24/7 year round and there has not been an increase in the stipend for at least 10 years.*

*It is the Town's practice to include any changes to an Elected Town Officials salary/stipend as a separate Warrant Article. That is the purpose of Articles 12, 13 and 14.*

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Historic Museum Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 4-3-0.** (Majority vote required)

*This savings account will fund future improvements to the Museum to allow for greater storage and display areas for the Town's many historic artifacts, equipment and information. The estimated tax rate impact of this Article is \$0.03.*

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000) to continue the Public Health Mosquito Control Program.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation 5-3.** (Majority vote required)

*The Town worked with a local vendor in 2022 and found some savings in the contract cost. This is \$1,000 less than the 2022*

contract. If passed, the Select Board will discuss a contract with the same local vendor. As in past years, the Select Board has 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 comprehensive, beginning with surveillance, monitoring, trapping and testing of adult mosquitoes, along with treatment. 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 \$0.06.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fremont Parks and Recreation Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for improvements at Memorial Fields/Park, and to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to put in the fund, with this amount to come from general taxation; and further to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund.

**The Parks & Recreation Commission recommends this Article 4-0-0.**

**The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.**

**The Budget Committee recommends this article 6-2.**  
(Majority vote required)

*This Article would create a new Town Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of future improvements at Memorial Fields/Park at 563 Main Street. This might include a pavilion, field improvements such as gates or fencing, or playground equipment as examples. The tax rate impact of this Article is approximately \$0.01.*

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the all-volunteer Parks and Recreation Commission membership from five (5) to seven (7) members.

**The Parks & Recreation Commission recommends this Article 4-0-0.**

**The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.**

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

*This Article would increase the membership from five to seven appointed members of the Commission, an increase of two members. There is no tax rate impact of this Article. The Commission is comprised of all volunteer members. The Commission is working on reaching all age groups in Town and hopes that an expansion of additional voting members will increase their depth and capability.*

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Town of Fremont readopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA

72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$750?

**The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.**

**The Budget Committee recommends this Article 7-0-1.** (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the Town of Fremont readopt the All Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Fremont under RSA 72:28?

**The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.**

**The Budget Committee recommends this Article 7-0-1.** (Majority vote required)

*In light of new legislation (HB 1667) which would allow eligibility for those who continue to serve, the Town must readopt these Articles. If we do not approve Articles 19 and 20, Fremont will revert back to the Standard Credit, which is only \$50 for Veterans and All Veterans. We are unable to determine any tax impact of the change in eligibility. We expect more Veterans will be eligible but it will depend on if there are any active-service Veteran's currently in Fremont who apply.*

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to designate as Town Forest, in accordance with NH RSA 31:110, the following parcels of land: 04-066 and 04-066.001.

**The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.**

**The Conservation Commission recommends this Article 5-0.**

**The Budget Committee recommends this Article 6-1-0.**  
(Majority vote required)

*This Article would add two parcels to the Town Forest designation, making them subject to the Town Forest Ordinance. They are accessible from the old railroad bed and are located out behind the School District Land, which is behind the Fremont Public Library. These two parcels total 25 acres and were a donation to the Town in 2022. There is no tax impact for this Article.*

**ARTICLE 22: By Petition:** Are you in favor of increasing the board of selectmen to 5 members?

**The Select Board does not recommend this Article 3-0.**

**The Budget Committee recommends this Article 5-3.**  
(Majority vote required)

*This Article was submitted by citizen petition of 28 registered voters. It would increase the membership from three to five elected members of the Board, an increase of two members. The only tax*



impact we are able to quantify of this Article is an increase in Select Board member stipend, or an estimated \$0.01. A Public Hearing is required to be held prior to the annual meeting in accord with RSA 41:8-c. (Scheduled for 02/02/2022)

**Please be sure to attend the Town Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 4, 2023 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 February 11, 2023 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.**

## **FREMONT FIRE RESCUE ~ HOW TO OBTAIN AN OUTDOOR BURN PERMIT**

To get an outdoor burning permit you need to call the Fremont Safety Complex at 603 895 9634 and leave a message in the mailbox for the duty officer or you can go online to the NH Division of Forest and Lands and purchase a permit online.

The NH Fire Permit online kiosk is: <https://nh.burnsafeamerica.com/>

Follow the instructions to get a permit online when weather conditions permit. Permits are issued on a day-to-day basis as fire weather conditions permit.

To get a permit locally, when the station is manned, just ask for the Fire Rescue Duty Officer and you will be transferred. If you call in after hours, you will be directed to push 4 for a burn permit, or you can dial extension 201 for the Duty Officer Mailbox. This will be checked periodically by the Duty Officer and calls returned.

If you want a permit, you must call in before 5:00 pm to leave your name, address and phone number.

You can also consult the N:H Division of Forests and Lands Permit Brochure at <https://www.nh.gov/nhdfl/documents/fire-law-brochure.pdf> to get more information on the regulations and guideline.

Our Dispatch Services have changed over to the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department.

**A permit is required for any outside burning unless the ground is covered in snow. Please call the station at 603 895 9634 for any questions on outdoor burning.**

## **ABATEMENT DEADLINE**

Following issuance of the second issue tax bills, 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 <https://www.fremont.nh.gov/assessing/pages/abatements>. Abatement forms are also available at the Select Board's Office. You need Form *Taxpayers 76:16 Abatement Application to Municipality*. You can also call or email the Select Board Office and we will send one out to you. Abatement forms are DUE no later than Wednesday MARCH 1, 2023 at 7 pm. A postmark of up to March 1, 2023 will be accepted. Postmarks after March 1, 2023 cannot be accepted. An abatement left in the drop-box after the Tax Collector closes at 7 pm on March 1 cannot be accepted as timely.

## **2023 EXEMPTIONS & CREDITS**

Applications for new exemptions or credits will be accepted at the Select Board's Office until Monday April 17, 2023 at 12:00 noon. A postmark of April 15, 2023 is also acceptable.

If you would like a form or have any questions, please contact Jeanne or Kathy in the Select Board's Office at 603 895 2226. Forms are available on the website or contact us to have one mailed out to you.

## **ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION & MEALS ON WHEELS**

Ray-Fre Senior Center  
64 Main Street  
Raymond, NH  
603 895 3258

**Luncheons:** Served Tuesday & Thursday. Join us in the Ray-Fre Senior Center to eat a healthy meal and meet new people. Call (603) 895-3258 to reserve your seat. Reservations are required 48 hours in advance, see nearest location for phone numbers. A donation of \$3.00 per meal is suggested, but not required.

**Home Meal Delivery:** Finding eating right a concern? We offer home delivery of meals. It may be a good option for you. With just a phone call to us, we will schedule a home visit or phone call (during Covid-19) with one of our local program managers. If a good fit, we can have the meals delivered within a few days. Special diets are available. A contribution of \$3.00 per meal is suggested, but not required. Meals can be for a short while, or a longer time, depending on your own situation.

**Transportation:** We have transportation for adults 60 years of age and older available at several of our locations. Over 300 people currently ride with us. Rides are available from your home to the local luncheon or community center. There is also grocery, and other shopping trips, and rides to medical appointments. Reservations are required, see the transportation page for phone numbers. Contributions for rides are accepted, but not required.

## **WINTER MAINTENANCE & MAILBOX/STRUCTURES POLICY**



**I. INTRODUCTION:** The Town of Fremont maintains all Town roads and public parking lots in the Town. The Town generally has a 13-foot right-of-way area on either side of the travel way on all Town Roads. This right-of-way area is shared with residents to the degree that the US Postal Service will not deliver mail to delivery boxes that do not meet current postal specifications.

The Town does provide educational material and reminders that no structures should be placed within the Town's right-of-way. This includes stone walls, landscaping and landscaping structures, irrigation systems, and the like.

**II. PURPOSE:** Occasionally mailboxes, which infringe on the Town's right-of-way, are damaged by snow plowing operations due to poor visibility, the mailbox being buried in a snowbank, or the weight/volume/consistency of the snow being plowed. This damage is not deliberate and in most cases is unavoidable.

**III. POLICY:** The Town of Fremont is not responsible for damage and does not repair, replace or re-erect mailboxes that are located within the Highway right-of-way. These installations are often located within the highway limits and are the responsibility of the property owner.

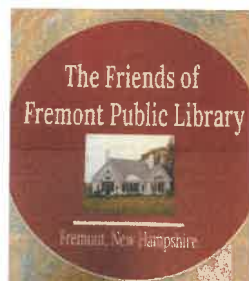
In addition, both during and after storms, there is no way to prevent depositing snow in previously cleaned driveways or walkways. This cannot be a concern for plow operators while performing the assigned task of snow removal from the roads.



## FREMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Library Hours

Monday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
 Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 – 7:00 pm  
 Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Saturday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm



## FRIENDS of the FREMONT LIBRARY

Friends' stickers, mugs and tote bags (in small and large sizes) are available for purchase at the Library.



The Friends of the Fremont Library are all volunteers that advocate for the library. Our Friends group applies for grants from the NH Humanities council in order to bring some programming to the library. We brainstorm ways to sponsor fundraisers in an effort to provide some items on the library's wish list. It's a great opportunity to get out in the community and meet new people. If you are interested in joining the Friends please call the library at 603 895 9543 or visit our link on the Library Page at [fremont.nh.gov](http://fremont.nh.gov) where you can download the membership form.

Its mission: To promote interest in the library and Community, improve Library Facilities and support Library Staff.  
 For more information about the Friends or the upcoming programs please call 603 895 9543.

## WINTER PARKING BAN

### It's that time of year again!

According to 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 and 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.

## SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE

The purpose of the Ordinance is to establish safe and reasonable regulations regarding the removal of snow from private property for the protection of life and property on any public way in the Town of Fremont.

**BASIC RULE** It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation engaged in the operation of snow plowing, snow blowing, or snow removal, to cause any accumulation of snow to obstruct or impair any town-maintained street, roadway, sidewalk, parking lot or right of way.

## KEEP UP TO DATE ON NEW HAPPENINGS IN TOWN!

## SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEWSLETTER & OTHER TOWN INFORMATION!

Remember to sign up on the Town Website!



You can choose to receive the Newsletter, Urgent Alerts, News & Announcements and Meeting Minutes!

On the Home Page under Citizen Action Center:

Select **Subscribe to E-Alerts**

Enter your e-mail address

Then select the **items you would like sent directly to your email.**

Select **I am not a robot**

Select **Subscribe me**

You will receive the items that you requested as they are updated on the Website. Subscribe today!

## FCTV

Remember to follow our Town and School District's public meetings live or replayed on Cable Channels 22 & 13. In addition to the live broadcast of meetings on Channels 13 and 22, FCTV is also pleased to announce that all meetings held in the Town Hall's basement meeting room are also aired LIVE on the Internet on Vimeo. Follow this link: <https://vimeo.com/fctv22>

This Vimeo link is our new permanent site for streaming. Just click on the 'FCTV Live' thumbnail (which will appear just prior to the meeting time) at the top of our Vimeo page to connect with the live stream.

## FREMONT COMMUNITY TV

FCTV has two channels and is a great opportunity to advertise local events to keep residents informed and up to date on what is happening in Fremont.



To submit a PPT slide to FCTV and get your notice or information published on the community bulletin board, send a Power Point slide to: [FremontCTV@gmail.com](mailto:FremontCTV@gmail.com).

To be sure your slide is clear and readable on screen, please use a font no less than 24 points in your submission and keep it "short and sweet" so it can be read in an 8-12 second scroll on the channel.

## FREMONT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The 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. Please send all submissions to [hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov)

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





## RECYCLE BEYOND the BAG

Recycle your household bags & wrap in Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!

PLASTIC grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, zip lock & other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags can be recycled at the front of Town Hall.

*All materials must be clean, dry and free of food residue.*

## EVERSOURCE Press Release

### Energy Price Decreases on February 1

This winter, the cost of natural gas and electricity and all other home heating fuels continue to be high for people across the state including Eversource customers due to increased global demand for gas and electricity.

On February 1, an average customer that uses 600 kWh per month and has Eversource as their energy supplier, will see a **decrease** in their total bill by approximately **5.5%** or **\$11**.

This is a result of the decrease in the energy supply rate from **\$0.22566 to \$0.20221** per kWh and an adjustment to the Stranded Cost Recovery Charge from **\$0.00273 to \$0.00718\*** per kWh. The energy supply cost continues to be the most significant factor impacting customers' total monthly bills.

In New Hampshire, the energy supply price changes twice a year (February 1 and August 1) representing the cost that Eversource pays generators for the power that customers use. Eversource only charges customers what it pays generators for producing the power – it does not earn a profit on the cost of electricity.

How much a customer pays will ultimately depend on how much energy is used, their rate category, and weather conditions. All Eversource customers have the option to buy their power from state-approved retail suppliers or to receive the energy company's Default Service Rate. Customers can find out more information about retail supplier rates at [the Department of Energy's website](http://the Department of Energy's website).

*\*Subject to regulatory approval (NH Public Utilities Commission)*

### Programs to Help Customers

- See how the weather impacts your bill and how small adjustments to your thermostat can help save with our [Heating Cost Calculator](#).
- Equalizing monthly energy bills to avoid seasonal spikes with [Budget Billing](#).
- Even if customers have never needed help before, they may now qualify for [special programs](#) to help lower their monthly bill, reduce a past due balance, or extended payment plans.



## NEW HAMPSHIRE FUEL & ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Fuel Assistance Program provides grant benefits from \$304 to \$3,024 for heating purposes that do not have to be repaid to eligible homeowners and renters for the winter season as follows:

If your heat is electric or natural gas, bills from November 1st can be paid until your benefit amount is used up or the program year ends.

If your heat is from deliverable fuels, oil, kerosene, propane, wood or coal, deliveries made from October 1st – April 30th can be paid until your benefit amount is used up or the program year ends.

If your heat is included in your rent and is NOT subsidized, assistance will be provided in the form of heating vouchers issued in amounts of up to \$504 each month until your benefit amount is used up or the program year ends.

*\*If your heat is included in your rent and IS subsidized, you will not qualify for Fuel Assistance, but you may qualify for Electric Assistance.*

The legislature recently approved \$25 million in State General Funds for the State Emergency Fuel Assistance Program (SEFAP) and \$10 million in General Funds for the State Supplemental Electric Benefit Programs (SSEBP). Southern New Hampshire Services, the Community Action Program administering the funding for the State program for District Three, encourages all District Three residents who believe they might be at or below 75% of State Median Income to apply - disbursements are anticipated for December.

Any residents who apply and are below the 60% State Median Income will be enrolled in the Fuel Assistance Program (FAP). Any residents who apply and are between 61% - 75% State Median Income, which does not meet the regular fuel assistance guidelines, will be in the system and ready to be enrolled in the new Emergency State Program with a benefit being paid out as early as December.

**SOUTHERN NH SERVICES** [www.snhs.org](http://www.snhs.org)

The Fuel Assistance Program application deadline is April 30th, 2023.

Southern NH Services is the Community Action Program for District Three/Rockingham County. Apply online or visit one of the five SNHS offices for electric assistance, fuel assistance, weatherization assistance.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Select Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Fremont Town Hall basement meeting room, pursuant to NH RSA 41:8-c concerning a petition submitted to change the size of the Select Board to five (5) members. The petition article will also be discussed at Deliberative Session on 2/4/2023 and voted at the polls on 3/14/2023.

The public is welcome to attend. Written comments may be submitted to the Board by mail, electronically to [hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov) or hand delivered to the Fremont Select Board's Office no later than 4:00 pm on the date of the hearing. The meeting is also planned to be live broadcast on FCTV 22 and Vimeo

## FREMONT FOOD PANTRY

Items are needed to support families all year. 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. The best way to donate 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 Select Board's Office to PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120.

## FREE KNIT WINTER HATS!

Winter hats for anyone in need are in boxes at the Town Hall and generally in the lobby of the Fremont Public Library! The skill and generosity 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 the Town Hall, contact the Select Board's Office.

**Select Board's Office VM x 301 Heidi  
x 303 Jeanne and x 302 Kathy**  
Tel: 603 895 2226 Fax: 603 895 3149  
Mon & Fri: 8:00 am to 12 noon  
Tues & Wed: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Thurs: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
[hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov)  
[jnygren@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:jnygren@fremont.nh.gov)  
[kclement@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:kclement@fremont.nh.gov)

**Tax Collector / Town Clerk**  
**603 895 8693 VM x 307**  
Monday 9:00 am to 12 noon  
**Tuesday 8:00 am to 12 noon \***  
**changed from previous**  
Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00 pm  
Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon  
[clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov)

**Bldg & Planning 603 895 3200**  
**Building Inspector VM x 309**  
Weekdays 7:30 am to 1:00 pm  
otherwise by appt (in and out for insp)  
[buildinginspector@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:buildinginspector@fremont.nh.gov)

**Planning & Zoning VM x 306**  
Generally Tuesday & Thursday 11:00  
am to 4:00 pm and by appointment.  
[landuse@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:landuse@fremont.nh.gov)

**Welfare by appt 603 867 3753**

**Town & Department Contacts**  
**EMERGENCY dial 9 1 1**  
**Police Department 603 895 2229**  
Fax 603 895 1116  
Mon – Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Fire Rescue Business 603 895 9634**  
Burn Permits x 201 or option 4  
Rock Disp 603 679 2225 Non-Ern

**Highway Dept - Road Agent**  
Leon Holmes Jr 603 300 7430

**Fremont Public Library**  
Tel 603 895 9543 Fax 603 244 1724  
Monday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Tue & Thur 1:00 to 7:00 pm  
Wed & Fri 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Sat 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Ellis School 603 895 2511**  
[sau83.org](http://sau83.org) **SAU # 83 603 895 6903**  
Fax 603 895 6905  
432 Main Street Fremont NH

**Food Pantry Renee 603 244 1404 or**  
Kim 207 370 5096

**Post Office 603 895 2094**  
Mon - Fri 9:15 am - 12:15 pm &  
1:15 - 4:15 pm Sat 8:30 to 11:00 am  
**FAA [fremontathletics@yahoo.com](mailto:fremontathletics@yahoo.com)**  
[www.fremontathleticassociation.org](http://www.fremontathleticassociation.org)

**Trash Pickup & Recycling – Waste  
Management of NH 800 847 5303 or**  
**Select Board's Office 603 895 2226**  
**x 303 Jeanne or x 302 Kathy**

**2022-2023 MEETING SCHEDULES**  
**Fremont Town Hall**

**Conservation Comm 6:30 pm**  
Feb 6 Mar 6  
**FCTV Committee 6:30 pm**  
Mar 20 May 15  
**Planning Board 7:00 pm**  
Feb 1, 15 Mar 1, 15  
**Select Board 6:30 pm**  
Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Mar 2, 9  
**Zoning Board 7:00 pm**  
Feb 28 Mar 28  
**Budget Committee 8:30 am**  
At Ellis prior to Deliberative Sess  
Feb 4 or snowdate of Feb 11  
**Cemetery Trustees 4:00 pm**  
Apr 5  
**Parks & Recreation 6:15 pm**  
Feb 14 Mar 7

**Fremont Public Library**  
**Library Trustees 5:45 pm**  
Feb 22 Mar 22

**Supervisor of Checklist 9:30 am**  
Mar 4 9:30 to 10:00 am

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monthly MEETINGS  
CALENDAR page of the Town's  
website.

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