



February 2024

# THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

*We're Building Community*

## TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR

Monday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon  
Tuesday 8:00 am – 12:00 noon  
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 are also 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 can always call, email, mail, and use the drop box for various transactions.

**All Town Offices will be closed for President's Day  
February 19, 2024. There will be NO DELAY in trash & recycling pickup.**



## TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Monday March 11, 2024 – Clerk open normal hours 9 to noon for all business, and from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for Absentee Ballots ONLY.

### Tuesday March 12

Tuesday March 12, 2024 - 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 603 895 8693 x 307 or by email to [clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov).

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 Election Day, March 12 at Ellis School..

### OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday March 15, 2024 - Last day for any person for whom a vote was cast to apply to the Town Clerk for a recount. The Clerk will have special hours from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for that sole purpose.

Tuesday March 19, 2024 - Last day for 10 voters of a town to petition Clerk to recount ballots on any question printed on the official ballot.

Friday March 22, 2024 - Last day for candidates for Town/School District office to remove political advertising.

## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 9:30 to 10:00 am at the Fremont Public Library. This will be the final correction of the checklist before Town and School Election Day.

You can still register and vote on Election Day, March 12, 2024.

Please bring proper ID and proof of citizenship.

## CANDIDATES NIGHT



The Moderator will host a Candidate's Night on Friday March 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall Basement meeting room. Feel free to attend in person, watch on FCTV Channel 22 or 1073 (hi-def) or livestream on Vimeo. It will also be rebroadcast until Election Day.

### TOWN CANDIDATES

Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years  
Patricia J. Martel Sherri Leatherman

Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years Moderator: 1 for 2 years  
Steve V. Tomasz Michael Rydeen

Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years Road Agent: 1 for 3 years  
Emily Clark Leon Holmes Jr.

Select Board Member: 1 for 3 years  
Gordon Muench Jon E. Benson

Supervisor of Checklist: 1 for 6 years  
Cathy Murdock

Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years  
Mary A. Anderson

### SCHOOL DISTRICT CANDIDATES

School Board Member: 2 for 3 years  
Gordon Muench Greg Fraize

School District Moderator: 1 for 1 year  
James H. Thompson

School District Clerk: 1 for 1 year  
Shawn Perrault

School District Treasurer: 1 for 1 year  
No Candidates declared

See the full TOWN VOTER GUIDE inside this Newsletter

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

### Trash and Recycling Reminder

- All trash must be bagged before putting it in your toter.
- **Trash and recycling should be at the curb by 6:00 am on your collection day.**
- NO YARD WASTE is allowed for pickup. This includes grass clippings, leaves, and brush.
- NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS are allowed for pickup.
- Trash will not be retrieved from sheds beside the road.
- No construction debris of any kind is accepted for pickup.



## TOWN OF FREMONT 2024 Voter Guide

This Guide has been prepared to provide you with additional information prior to entering the voting booth on Tuesday March 12, 2024. It contains all Articles for consideration with brief

descriptions and additional information about the subject matter of each. Only Article 13 was amended at the Deliberative Session. You can use this document with the Warrant Summary Sheet for review of the Articles. You can bring the Summary Sheet with you on Election Day if you like. We hope that this information is helpful for your understanding of the matters to be voted upon at the 2024 Town Meeting. If you have questions, please feel free to call our office at 603 895 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 A Barham  
Fremont Select Board

We endeavor to provide additional information about the challenges facing the Town of Fremont. The Official Warrant was discussed at Deliberative Session on February 3. This document includes the same language for each Article as you will see on the Official Ballot. To see the language of the full Zoning Amendments (Articles 2, 3 and 4) you can view the Official Warrant or the Warrant Article Narrative. These are available at the Town Hall or on the Town's website on the Town Report page. This final format of all questions is now called the Official Ballot.

Final voting on the Official Ballot will take place on Tuesday March 12, 2024 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.

**Within this Narrative, we will provide additional information under each Article.**

**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  
Patricia J. Martel      Steven V Tomasz  
Sherri Leatherman

Moderator: 1 for 2 years      Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years  
Michael Rydeen      Emily Clark

Select Board Member: 1 for 3 years      Road Agent: 1 for 3 years  
Gordon Muench      Leon Holmes Jr  
Jon E. Benson

Supervisor of Checklist: 1 for 6 years  
Cathy Murdock

Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years  
Mary A Anderson

*Once they are back from the printer, 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.*

**ARTICLE 2:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendments No. 1 and 2 as proposed by the Fremont Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows: to change all references to "elderly" housing throughout Article 13, Section 1301 to "age-restricted" housing and to change all references to "elderly" citizens or residents to citizens or "residents aged 55 years and older"? And further to modify Article 13, Section 1301.2 (General Standards) to remove the explanatory note and revise the name of the state agency that provides housing estimates used to calculate the total number of dwelling units allowed in Fremont in subparagraph B; and to clarify how to calculate the number of bedrooms allowed if the development is located partially within the Aquifer Protection District in subparagraph C? **The Planning Board recommends this Article 5-0. (Majority vote required).**

*This amendment will change all references to "elderly" housing throughout Zoning Ordinance Article 13, Section 1301 to "age-restricted" housing and to change all references to "elderly" citizens or residents to citizens or "residents aged 55 years and older." This will also modify Article 13, Section 1301.2 (General Standards) to remove the explanatory note and revise the name of the state agency that provides housing estimates used to calculate the total number of dwelling units allowed in Fremont in subparagraph B; and to clarify how to calculate the number of bedrooms allowed if the development is located partially within the Aquifer Protection District.*

**ARTICLE 3:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Fremont Planning Board to the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows: to add definitions in Article 4, Section 403 for Self-Storage Facility and Warehouse; and to amend the Table of Uses in Article 7, Section 708 to include the

newly defined uses of Self-Storage Facility and Warehouse, and to indicate in which districts they are allowed, under what conditions they are allowed, and in which districts they are prohibited? **The Planning Board recommends this Article 5-0. (Majority vote required).**

*Article 3 will amend the Fremont Zoning Ordinance to add definitions in Zoning Ordinance Article 4, Section 403 for Self-Storage Facility and Warehouse; and to amend the Table of Uses in Zoning Ordinance Article 7, Section 708 to include the newly defined uses of Self-Storage Facility and Warehouse, and to indicate in which districts they are allowed, under what conditions they are allowed, and in which districts they are prohibited.*

**ARTICLE 4:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Fremont Planning Board to the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows: to add Article 15, Solar Ordinance to include definitions, a table of uses for multiple types of solar structures or arrays, and to indicate in which districts they are allowed, under what conditions they are allowed, and in which districts they are prohibited? **The Planning Board recommends this Article 5-0. (Majority vote required).**

*Article 4 would add a Solar Ordinance (known as Zoning Ordinance Article 15) to the Fremont Zoning Ordinance to include definitions, a table of uses for multiple types of solar structures or arrays, and to indicate in which districts they are allowed, under what conditions they are allowed, and in which districts they are prohibited.*

**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 \$4,452,620? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,286,089 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 6-1. (Majority vote required)**

*Article 5 contains the Operating Budget for all Town Departments, exclusive of Warrant Articles. The estimated tax impact of the overall total operating budget is expected to be slightly over the current year, perhaps by \$0.20. This estimate accounts for*

*anticipated valuation increases as well as exemption and credit changes in the coming year. In 2023 the total Town portion of the Tax Rate was \$4.41 including all Warrant Articles voted in 2023. 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 2023 Annual Town Report. Copies are also available from the Select Board's Office. The operating budget includes some important decisions about the Town's services, staffing, and operating costs.*

*With SB2, the "master budget" Warrant Article includes the Budget Committee recommendation of \$4,452,620. We are pleased to report that only \$40 was not recommended by the Committee. We worked hard this year to make updates that will 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 2023 of \$4,154,386. The tax impact is lessened somewhat by the increase in property values and other improvements. We used several grants and State revenues for improvements that did not impact the tax rate. With less requested in Warrant Article appropriations, we feel that the changes in 2024 will be very close to the tax impact of 2023.*

*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 3%. New full-time Finance/HR position proposed for half of the year. This will work toward getting staffing levels closer to the Town's needs and add depth to our skill set. The Board feels this is long overdue and necessary to keep up with changing finance and HR duties and requirements. The Executive budget covers all operating costs of the Select Board's Office.

**4140 Town Clerk Tax Collector:** This budget covers operating costs of the Clerk/Collector Office. There are some increases in service contracts. Town employees covered in this budget include a proposed 3% wage increase. There is still considerable work done by mail (thus postage remains constant).

**4141 Election & Registrations:** Increased due to four elections versus one in 2023. Town/School elections in March are a minor cost aside from printing ballots. The other three State/Federal (2 of which are Primaries) will add significant cost and staff needs. We are pleased to report a lot of new election helpers, some of whom are volunteers! We continue to purchase additional voting booths to get up to date and improve our 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, utility appraisal contract, tax assessing software & maintenance, tax mapping services, and web-hosting of tax maps and assessing data. We have seen increases in the web-hosting and support contracts (across many departments). We find that the majority of users access online data so maintaining this access is important. The cyclical process balances out annual costs and reduces the 5<sup>th</sup> year revaluation cost. We are at the end of the existing Capital Reserve Fund (and in a separate Warrant Article will ask to close that account). This offsetting revenue has slightly reduced the appropriation in recent years, and we will now see the full cost of assessing properties in 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. This cyclical approach allows us to keep about the same budget line, except for CPI cost increases annually, and does not create the large every fifth-year revaluation cost.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> full-time Police Officer approved in 2023, half of a year of benefits for the proposed full-time Finance position, and three-quarters of a year of a full-time Library Director position. We have budgeted based on our actual current employee census.

**4191 Planning & Zoning:** This covers all office functions, administration and clerical support to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The office is 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 completed the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and continues with annual Master Plan chapter updates.

**4194 Government Buildings:** This budget covers the maintenance of the Town Hall, Safety Complex, Highway Shed, Museum, Meetinghouse and Historic Building and some custodial support to the Library. It includes annual fire suppression system maintenance, alarm systems maintenance and monitoring and staff 3% wage increases. 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 subscriptions, server maintenance and firewall program costs. We have seen increases due to cybersecurity upgrades.

**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 guiding residents with lot sales and burials. Staff 3% wage increases are included.

**4196 Insurance:** This covers all property and liability insurance coverages. It increased as there was no lingering credit on our account (as in past years). This vendor provides municipal coverage, a unique market. Cybersecurity insurance increases have been significant.

**4210 Police Department:** Includes 3% wages for administration and a more significant increase for uniformed personnel in an attempt to better recruit and retain trained staff. We again saw turnover in 2023 and at year end still have one full-time vacancy. 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 and tasers. Because we were delayed a full year on cruiser replacements (finally received in June 2023), online units are becoming maintenance issues (having been used 1+ years longer than anticipated).

**4220 Fire Rescue Department:** Budget is level funded. We are budgeting for current statistics on call volume and for EMS on-call coverage for nights and weekends. 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 annually. Wages include a 3% increase.

**4240 Building Inspection:** Current Inspector works 28-32 hours per week on average. Budget includes a 3% wage increase, training, mileage reimbursement and office supplies. Code Enforcement and building activity continue to increase. Permit fee revenue covered the full cost of operations in 2023.

**4290 Emergency Management:** Includes minimal allowance for supplies and contract services in the event of a major weather event (flood, ice storm); includes annual PM service contracts on all building standby generators (Town Hall, Safety Complex & Highway Shed).

**4312 Highway Department:** Wage increases in addition to 3% for recruitment and retention. Includes annual paving and road improvements of \$421,000 to 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 2024 is Martin Road in conjunction with the bridge work. Work will then begin on repaving subdivisions throughout Town. We have also seen an increase in snow removal costs.

**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. Our Warranty for the work is void without this engineering inspection.

**4323 Solid Waste Collection:** The Select Board negotiated a new contract in the fall of 2023 which includes delivery of a recycling toter to all households in 2024. The increase in population (measured by occupancy certificates issued) is calculated along with a 5% annual increase in future years. 2024 does not have a fuel adjustment (the reset year), but that would also be included in future years. There were significantly more CO's issued in 2023 and current trending is that it will continue to increase. Voters are asked to accept the trash and recycling pickup contract in Warrant Article 19 so that we have a contract secured for at least five years. This line also covers the recycling processing fees, which can be reduced by our good effort at recycling, keeping the stream clean with only allowable recyclables. Recycle processing fees have fluctuated greatly in the past three years.

**4324 Solid Waste Disposal:** MSW 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 no longer budget for recycling bins based on conversion to recycling toters, but we will continue to offer bi-annual Bulky Day events. 53B dues include our participation in one annual Hazardous Waste Day event.

**4414 Animal Control:** Wage adjusted for 3% 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. 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:** Payments for assisted persons. Budget is level funded despite an over expenditure in 2023 due to a wide variety of case circumstances. We did see some continued outside assistance available from outside agencies (residual pandemic grant funds) and have tried to use these 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. A few agencies did not timely submit a request for 2024, so this is slightly lower than past years.

**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 3% wage increase, dealing with the many areas of fields and parks to care for. Additional field improvement work is included. Funding for the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween (child and adult activities) and Christmas Tree Lighting events are included as we have returned to in-person events! Some other new Town Events are also being considered. No camp program is budgeted.

**4550 Library:** This budget covers all staffing, books, and programs of the Fremont Public Library and maintenance of the building. Employee wage increases of 3% are included. There is an increase of 7 hours per week for the Children's Librarian due to workload and programming, and a new 10 hour per week Aide position as well as additional hours (approximately 2 per week) to make the Library Director position full-time. Continued building maintenance and repair items are also included. We were able to accomplish a lot in 2023 with the HVAC conversion completed and the roof stacks repaired.

**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. There is a new

\$1,500 item this year to allow for professional consulting assistance on some land preservation transactions.

**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 \$0.45 to the tax rate. These are statutory parts of the tax rate, which we do not control. We assume 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 and continued growth in the housing and commercial stock help balance the changes in the budget requests as do increases in revenue. We are also using grant funds to offset expenses.

The estimated tax impact is shown for each of the Warrant Articles in the narrative portion. Each of the Warrant Articles is considered individually. The financial impact of each individual Article is included with each rationale.

Articles 6, 7 and 8 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 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) 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. (Majority vote required)**

*This savings account funds bridge replacement work. The Martin Road Bridge replacement has been engineered and is near final approval by NH DOT. The Town became eligible for reimbursement from NH Bridge Aid in July 2022. The Town has done an RFQ for Construction Engineering Services and the bridge construction will be bid shortly. Work must continue to progress on the bridge replacement, or we will lose our share of the Bridge Aid funding and be forced to pay for it fully through taxation. This fund is being used to make payments until we are reimbursed our first 80% (of the design engineering costs paid from 2014 to the present). Following bid award, we will be eligible to submit for another Bridge Aid disbursement of half the construction costs. Those funds will be used to pay expenses until the next disbursement can be collected. Bridge Aid covers 80% of the total project cost (thus taxpayers fund 20%). The estimated tax rate impact of this Article is \$0.18. The 12/31/2023 balance in the fund is \$240,725.42.*

**ARTICLE 7:** 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 7-0. (Majority vote required)**

*This savings account helps fund the cost of replacement Highway Department equipment. We have recently replaced major equipment but feel saving for future needs is important and helps to balance long term effects on the tax rate. The estimated tax rate impact of this Article is \$0.04. The 12/31/2023 balance in the fund is \$47,696.69.*

**ARTICLE 8:** 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 Select Board recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0. (Majority vote required)**

*This savings account helps fund the cost of replacement apparatus to create a more balanced tax rate. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.09. The 12/31/2023 balance in the fund is \$317,763.06. We have not yet deducted the \$305,000 voted in 2023 as a payment on new truck, which is due to be delivered in the summer of 2024.*

Articles 9, 10 and 13 request funding for existing Expendable Trust Funds, also savings accounts, set up for non-capital costs. All three are funded from unassigned fund balance and have no impact on the current year tax rate. This means that savings from the 2023 budget (excess revenue or unspent appropriations) will be used to fund these savings accounts.

**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 additional amount to be raised from taxation. **The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1. (Majority vote required)**

*This savings account is used for server replacement so that the periodic 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 2023 and has no further tax impact in 2024. The 12/31/2023 balance in the fund is \$20,672.36.*

**ARTICLE 10:** 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 8-0. (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 2023 and has no further tax impact in 2024. The 12/31/2023 balance in the fund is \$13,025.92. With this savings account we were able to complete HVAC replacement and the next major replacement is expected to be carpet/flooring replacement in the building, which is now 23 years old.*

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will authorize an increase in the Town Clerk Tax Collector's annual salary by one thousand one hundred ninety-four dollars (\$1,194) to be a total of forty thousand nine hundred seventy-four dollars (\$40,974); and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand one hundred ninety-four dollars (\$1,194) for this purpose. **The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1. (Majority vote required)**

*This represents a 3% salary increase for the Town Clerk Tax Collector. The estimated tax rate impact of this Article is less than \$0.01. It is the Town's practice to include any changes to an Elected Town Officials salary/stipend as a separate Warrant Article.*

**ARTICLE 12:** 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 recommends this appropriation 4-3. (Majority vote required)**

*This will continue an annual program in Fremont for mosquito control, primarily with larval treatment in wetland areas. The estimated tax rate impact of this Article is \$0.06. This is the same cost and scope as the 2023 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.*

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Parks & Recreation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. **The Parks & Recreation Commission recommends this Article 4-1. The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1. (Majority vote**

**required)** (All recommendations were based on the original \$5,000 request, before it was amended at Deliberative Session).

*This Article would add to the Town Expendable Trust Fund created in 2023 for the purpose of structural amenities. This might include a pavilion, field improvements such as gates or fencing, or playground equipment as examples. Use of these funds in the future will include a Town Meeting vote. There is no additional tax impact of this Article for 2024. The 12/31/2023 balance in the fund is \$5,032.54.*

*This Article was amended at Deliberative Session from the \$5,000 requested by Parks & Recreation. If there is not enough money in the Unassigned Fund Balance to fund the increase from \$5,000 to \$10,000 then some amount up to the \$10,000 would be transferred to the fund.*

*Articles 14, 15, 16 and 18 are housekeeping articles to close out and repurpose savings accounts. Some are for purposes that are just systematically funded annually in the operating budget and thus no longer needed, and some are completely obsolete. This will result in some additional revenue to the General Fund in 2024.*

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fund Name	Date Created	12/31/2023 Balance
Property Assessment	1995	\$1,599.88
Library	1979	\$112.66
Police Cruiser	1984	\$103.26

Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. **The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this Article 7-0. (Majority vote required)**

*Article 14 would close out the three old Capital Reserve Funds with small balances and return the money to the Town's General Fund to offset the tax rate in 2024. The revenue generated is less than - \$0.01 on the tax rate.*

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, created in 2001 and transfer said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to the municipality's general fund. **The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 8-0. (Majority vote required)**

*This Article would close out the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. DRA has required us to write two separate Articles (15 and 16) to close this fund, and in the next Article (16), transfer the money from the General Fund Balance into the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. There is no tax impact of this Article, it simply transfers funds from one savings account to another. We are using an estimate of*

\$2,600 to make the appropriation exact, and a round number acceptable to DRA. Passage of both Articles 15 and 16 is necessary to transfer the money and keep only one Fund, and to avoid appropriating new funds for Article 16.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,600) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve 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 8-0. (Majority vote required)**

*This Article will take the funds from discontinued Article 15 and place the money in the Fire Truck CRF. There is no tax impact of this Article, it simply takes the saved funds for a rescue vehicle and puts them toward a future fire vehicle. The cleanup of these Articles is proposed to reflect the combined nature of our Fire and Rescue services into one Department. If Article 15 fails, Article 16 would appropriate new money for this purpose. The goal is to discontinue one fund and put the money in another fund (by passing both 15 and 16).*

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund, to the Fire Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund; and to change the purpose from fire truck to any fire rescue apparatus the Fire Rescue Department would purchase. **The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this Article 7-1. (Two-thirds vote required)**

*This Article would better reflect our combined Fire Rescue Department and include Fire and Rescue/EMS future apparatus (ie: fire truck, EMS vehicle, ambulance). There is no tax impact of this Article. The Article reflects combination Fire Rescue Department and would address need for future apparatus.*

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the DARE Expendable Trust Fund, created in 2016. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. **The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this Article 7-0. (Majority vote required)**

*This Article would close out an old and now obsolete Expendable Trust Fund that was previously used for the DARE Program. That curriculum is no longer active. The residual balance (as of 12/31/2023 is \$917.67) and any further accrued interest, will be returned to the Town's General Fund to offset the tax rate in 2024. The revenue generated is less than -\$0.01 on the tax rate.*

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will approve the Select Board entering into a five (5) year contract through 12/31/2028 with Waste Management for the

curbside collection, transport and disposal of solid waste, recyclables, and bulky waste from the Town of Fremont with an annual increase of 5% plus an adjustment for additional housing units (currently \$206.88 with a 5% annual multiplier) and a fuel adjustment based on an established baseline of \$4.00 per gallon. The contract will require the Town to continue to use Waste Management and will require Waste Management to provide services at a guaranteed price. The 2024 cost of \$304,908 is included in the operating budget, Article 5, and no additional funds are raised by this Article for 2024. The contract calls for a blended value for recycling which fluctuates based on the market and quality of recycling efforts, and will also provide a 64 gallon recycling toter to each household. **The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0. (Majority vote required)**

*This Article would approve the Select Board entering into a five year contract for trash and recycling collection for years 2024 through 2028. This contract was renegotiated for a five-year extension with Waste Management, with the added option for a 64 gallon recycling toter to be delivered to all households. This was thought to be a great option, at a reasonable cost for the Town given pricing increases globally. In order for the contract changes to be supported in future years default budgets, the Town's voters are asked to approve this Article. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is shown in Article 5; and would be reflected in 5% annual increases and increases for occupancy permits for new units in future years of the contract. If the contract does not pass, the Town will have reduced services or will cut down on other services to be able to fund trash collection of some kind. The contract is available on the Town's website (Trash & Recycling Page); or at the Select Board's Office. The recycling toters are slated for delivery to Fremont households during the week of May 6, 2024 with collections in the recycling toter to begin the following week (May 16 and 17 collections in Fremont).*

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to designate as Town Forest, in accordance with NH RSA 31:110, the following parcel of land: 04-077. **The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0. The Conservation Commission recommends this Article 4-0. The Budget Committee recommends this Article 6-1. (Majority vote required)**

*This Article would add parcel 04-077 to the Town Forest designation, making it subject to the Town Forest Ordinance. The parcel was purchased by the Town in 2023 with grants and funds from the Conservation Commission's Land Use Change Tax Fund. The parcel abuts the Glen Oakes Town Forest and is accessible from Copp Drive. The parcel is 23.69 acres. There is no tax impact for this Article.*

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to form an America 250<sup>th</sup> 1776-2026 Celebration Committee of five members, for Fremont to officially observe this milestone in American History. The obligations of the

Committee will cease 06/30/2027. The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this Article 6-0. (Majority vote required)

*This Article would provide for a Committee to be established to plan celebration events and activities appropriate for America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday in the year 2026. Their work would begin in the summer of 2024 if this Article is approved. There is no tax impact in 2024. The Committee would generate ideas and perhaps ask for some budget funding in future years to support events for the celebration in 2026.*

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to change the name and purpose of the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Expendable Trust Fund to the Town Commemorative Events Expendable Trust Fund. **The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this Article 7-1. (Two-thirds vote required)**

*This Article would better reflect the use of this savings account toward any milestone celebrations in Fremont, NH or US history. It was originally created to fund the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town in 2014, and would plan to be used next for some local celebrations in 2026 around the Birthday of the USA. There is no tax impact of this Article. It would simply be a savings account to use toward future commemorative events.*

**BE SURE TO VOTE on TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2024  
from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm  
at the Ellis School Gym, 432 Main Street, Fremont NH.**

Contact the Town Clerk for an absent ballot for Town/School elections. You can also get the form from the website and submit to the Clerk by fax (603 895 3149) email ([clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov)), the drop box at the front of the Town Hall or by mail to PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120. You CANNOT drop off your ballot in the drop box. You can submit by mail or personally hand it to the Clerk or her office staff ONLY.

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.

## TOWN REPORTS

The printed books will be available in late February or early March. You can pick them up at the Town Hall, Library, or Safety Complex once they are back from the printer. The information is all posted online now. Click on Town Reports from the homepage, and choose 2023.



## YOU CAN TEXT 911 IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

### When:

- If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability.
- If you cannot speak due to an injury or medical condition.
- If you are in a dangerous situation and it's not safe to call.
- If you cannot make a call because of poor cellular service.
- If your battery is low.

### How:

- Type 911 in the 'To' field
- Type a short description of the emergency.
- No pictures, videos, emojis or group texts.
- Type exact location of the emergency.
- Answer 911 call taker's questions.
- Be brief and concise – follow instructions.

Visit: [911.nh.gov](http://911.nh.gov) for more information

## FREMONT FIRE RESCUE EMERGENCY DISPATCH

In ANY EMERGENCY DIAL 9 1 1  
Fire Rescue Non-Emergency 603 895 9634  
Dispatch Services have changed over to the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department at 603 679 2225.

## 2024 VETERAN CREDITS & ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS

New exemptions or credit applications will be accepted at the Select Board's Office until Monday April 15, 2024, at noon. A postmark of April 15, 2024, is also acceptable. Forms are available on the website or contact us to have one mailed to you. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne or Kathy in the Select Board's Office at 603 895-2226.

## THE SNHS VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM

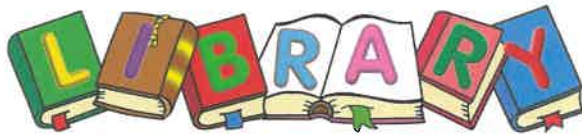
**Is Your Income \$64,000 or less?**  
**Get your taxes prepared and e-filed for FREE!**

It's easy to schedule an appointment by visiting [NHTaxHelp.org](http://NHTaxHelp.org) to see the full list of free tax sites in the state and to make their appointment.

For Military or no internet service dial 211.  
For more information email Patte Ardizzoni at [pardizzoni@snhs.org](mailto:pardizzoni@snhs.org)

The EITC is a support for working people who don't make a lot of money. According to the IRS, about 1-in-4 eligible New Hampshire residents fail to file for the EITC, leaving an estimated \$49 million unclaimed. The IRS also encourages self-filers with internet access and a household income up to \$73,000 to take advantage of [www.MyFreeTaxes.com](http://www.MyFreeTaxes.com).





## 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



To help fund the Friends we are selling:

Book bags large and small

Friends' stickers and Fremont mugs

If you are interested in joining, please call the library 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.

Friends of the Fremont Library will meet on  
March 12, 2024 at 3:30 pm.



## 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.

## PLANNING BOARD OPENINGS

There is an immediate opening for TWO (2) new members on the Fremont Planning Board.

Contact Land Use Administrator Leanne Miner at 603 895 3200 x 306 or [landuse@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:landuse@fremont.nh.gov)

On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 am to 4 pm.

Get involved in shaping Fremont's future!

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for submittal is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for publication in the following month. Please send all submissions to [hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov)

## 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

Is eating right a concern for you? 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.

## 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.



## CONTRACT EXTENSION

### VIEW CONTRACT ON THE TOWN WEBSITE

The Select Board recently signed a contract extension for a 5-year term with Waste Management. Given the rate of inflation, the Board felt this was an economical decision and the new contract will include the distribution of a 64-gallon toter for recycling at each residence. Most Fremont residents recycle, and this will help alleviate multiple bins and keep recycling dry and secure. We are looking for voter support of Warrant Article 19.

Toters are scheduled to arrive in Fremont in early May, with distribution scheduled to begin May 6<sup>th</sup>. It is anticipated that the first collection with recycling toters will be Fremont's collections on Thursday and Friday May 16 and 17. Recycling bins will not longer be picked up once toters are in use.

We are working on a mailing once all is firm, and a way to recycle bins if needed.

## TOTER REPAIRS/REPLACEMENTS

ALL calls for toter repair/replacements must be reported to the Select Board's Office and WM is notified every Wednesday. The process could take up to two weeks from the time WM is notified.

Please leave toter near the street or where it is easily visible from the street, during the time it is pending repairs. You should continue to put it near the street on your designated pickup day.

**For Toter Repairs: Call the Select Board's Office at 603 895 2226 x 302 or email [kclement@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:kclement@fremont.nh.gov)**  
**Please DO NOT call WM Customer Service for Toter repairs/replacements.**

Remember to put your trash and recycling out every week. Saving either up for any period of time affects the collection and the route. **Please do both every week!**

**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)**

## 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 the **Scribe 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!

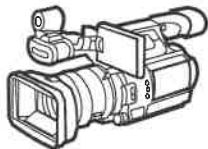
### FCTV

Remember to follow our Town and School District's public  
meetings live or replayed on Cable Channels 22, 1073 & 8. In  
addition to the live broadcast of meetings on Channels 8, 22 & 1073.

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



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.

### FCTV CHANNEL 22

### HIGH-DEFINITION CHANNEL 1073 RE-BROADCAST SCHEDULE

FCTV Coordinator Bill Millios has put together the weekly  
rebroadcast schedule for programming on FCTV. This schedule is  
being updated on the Town website and will be broadcast on the  
bulletin board. If you missed a meeting or certain broadcast, you  
would have a couple opportunities each week to watch it. You can  
always view meetings by clicking on the Vimeo link. The Vimeo  
library is only maintained for a couple of months due to storage  
restrictions with our account.

#### Sunday

6:00 am – Cable Committee  
9:00 am – Faith for Today  
10:30 am – Raymond Baptist Church  
1:00 pm – Cemetery Trustees

4:00 pm – Conservation Commission  
7:00 pm – Select Board  
10:00 pm – Parks & Recreation Commission

#### Monday

6:00 am – Cable Committee  
7:00 am – Cemetery Trustees  
10:00 am – Planning Board  
1:00 pm – Zoning Board  
4:00 pm – Conservation Commission  
10:00 pm – Parks & Recreation Commission

#### Tuesday

7:00 am – Cemetery Trustees  
10:00 am – Select Board  
1:00 pm – Planning Board  
4:00 pm – Parks & Recreation Commission  
10:00 pm – Conservation Commission

#### Wednesday

6:00 am – Cable Committee  
7:00 am – Select Board  
10:00 am – Cemetery Trustees  
1:00 pm – Select Board  
4:00 pm – Parks & Recreation Commission  
10:00 pm – Zoning Board

#### Thursday

7:00 am – Cemetery Trustees  
10:00 am – Planning Board  
1:00 pm – Conservation Commission  
4:00 pm – Planning Board  
10:00 pm – Select Board

#### Friday

7:00 am – Zoning Board  
10:00 am – Select Board  
1:00 pm – Planning Board  
4:00 pm – Conservation Commission  
7:00 pm – Select Board  
10:00 pm – Parks & Recreation Commission

#### Saturday

7:00 am – Zoning Board  
10:00 am – Select Board  
1:00 pm – Cemetery Commission  
4:00 pm – Planning Board  
7:00 pm – Open TBA Programming  
10:00 pm – Open TBA Programming

### FREMONT'S JUST IN CASE PROGRAM

The *Just in Case Program* is a comprehensive town-wide registry  
of patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-  
related disorders. As its name might suggest, the *Just in  
Case Program* functions as an emergency tool in the event that an  
individual wanders and becomes lost or disoriented. Fremont Police  
officials may then refer to the *Just in Case* database for easy  
identification in order to provide a quick and safe return of that  
individual.

This program is also used to identify people in our community  
living with mental or physical disabilities. Registration in this  
program alerts the police to a person's diagnosis and emergency  
contact, as well as what both calms and triggers the individual, so  
police officers can better respond to a person's individualized needs  
during an encounter.

#### How to register

Family, friends, and caregivers interested in registering someone  
in the *Just in Case* program with the Fremont Police Department

may do so by downloading the *Just In Case* registration form at the Fremont Police Department website located at <https://www.fremont.nh.gov/police-department/pages/forms>, filling it out and emailing it to [rbarbosa@fremontnhpd.com](mailto:rbarbosa@fremontnhpd.com).

You can also mail the physical form to the Fremont Police Department at 425 Main Street Fremont, NH 03044 or drop it off in person at the same address. We would encourage providing a photo in the email or a physical photo along with the form if it is mailed or dropped off. Including the photo, like the rest of the form and program is completely voluntary and optional.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE 911 CARES

**DID YOU KNOW?** New Hampshire 911 CARES is a program which allows individuals to register specific medical conditions under their phone number.

That way if you ever needed to call 911 from one of the registered phone numbers, the 911 dispatcher would be able to see the name, address, and medical condition of the CARES Individual and relay that information to first responders before they arrive on scene. When a phone call is received from a telephone number associated to a CARES Individual, the medical condition(s) and other information submitted by the account holder is displayed on the 911 computer screen and can be shared with first responders so they can have a better understanding of the emergency situation before they even arrive on scene.



The 911 CARES database can be accessed at [cares.desc.nh.gov](https://cares.desc.nh.gov) or by calling our business line at 603-271-6911, option 4

## LAMPREY HEALTH CARE MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES

Lamprey Health Care offers Mobile Health Services. They do weekly visits at the Deerfield Town Offices, 8 Raymond Rd, Deerfield NH on Fridays, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. No appointments are needed, just drop in. They offer a variety of services; you can call them at 603 895 3351.

**Fremont PD is reporting an uptick in thefts from unlocked vehicles. Please keep your vehicles and property locked. Report any suspicious activity at 603 895 2229 or call 911 in any emergency.**

## SEEKING PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS!

The Town of Fremont at its annual meeting approved two more appointment member positions to its Parks & Recreation Commission. We are looking for two dedicated and energetic community members who are interested in recreational activities for residents of all ages, to volunteer for the new vacancies on the Fremont Parks & Recreation Commission.

Questions can be directed to Parks & Recreation Commission Chair Michelle Gallant via email at [fremontnhprd@gmail.com](mailto:fremontnhprd@gmail.com).

Interested candidates should plan to attend a meeting to see how operations work and talk with the Commission. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest outlining pertinent interests and qualifications to [fremontnhprd@gmail.com](mailto:fremontnhprd@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Please include all of your contact information.

## Learn at your pace.



The Exeter Adult Diploma program is now registering students for the Winter/Spring 2024 semester. This program is designed for students who did not complete high school but who would like to earn a diploma by taking courses in the evening similar to those taken by high school students. Classes are small and are offered Monday and Thursday evenings.

Adults interested in this program should call the Adult Education office ASAP at 603-775-8456 to arrange an appointment with the Program Director. Prospective students are asked to bring a copy of their high school transcript and certificates of any other training in order to evaluate how many credits they have already earned. In addition, older students may also qualify for work experience or military credits.

### FREE ENGLISH-ESL CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Exeter Adult Education welcomes non-native speakers of English to join English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESL) classes.

For more information about these programs, visit our website: [adulthood.sau16.org](http://adulthood.sau16.org) or call 603-775-8456 to speak with Michelle Voto, Program Director.

## EXETER ADULT EDUCATION COURSES OFFER SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Kick off 2024 by checking out our Enrichment and Community Education Classes and do something fun for yourself! Continue exploring a hobby you already enjoy, learn a foreign language, improve your health and wellness, start to develop technology or personal and professional development skills or join a class to create something in any of our new handcraft classes. Pre-registration is necessary for all courses as class sizes are limited. PLEASE NOTE: As of January 2024, we will not be mailing out a semester brochure with course information. A link to print a copy at home will be available on the website on January 8, 2024.

Registration for community education classes will open on Monday, January 8, 2024 on the website. <http://eae-catalog.sau16.org/>

## CONTACT FOR TOWN SERVICES

Please don't use a search engine to find current office hours for Town Services. Please use the Town's website: <https://www.fremont.nh.gov> to get the current information.

Using a search engine does not necessarily bring you to current data. You can always call the main number at the Town Hall for further information as well, at 603 895 2226. We answer the phone whenever we are in the office.

Many customers use Google or another search on their devices only to find the department information provided by them is incorrect.

**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  
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 and  
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 call 603 512 5455  
Herb and email forms to  
[htardiff@comcast.net](mailto:htardiff@comcast.net)

**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**  
Rock County Disp 603 679 2225

**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 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 DROP IN  
DATES: Weds 2/21 and 3/20 6-7 pm

**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**

**2024 MEETING SCHEDULES**  
**Fremont Town Hall**

**Conservation Comm 6:30 pm**  
Mar 4 Apr 1  
**FCTV Committee 6:30 pm**  
Mar 18 May 20  
**Planning Board 7:00 pm**  
Feb 21 Mar 6, 20  
**Select Board 6:30 pm**  
Feb 15, 22, 29 Mar 7, 14, 21, 28  
**Zoning Board 7:00 pm**  
Mar 26 Apr 23  
**Cemetery Trustees 4:00 pm**  
Apr 10  
**Parks & Recreation 6:15 pm**  
Feb 13 Mar 5

**Fremont Public Library**  
**Library Trustees 5:45 pm**  
Mar 20

**Supervisor of Checklist**  
Saturday Mar 2, 2024 9:30 – 10 am  
At Polls Mar 12, 2024 7 am - 8 pm

**Friends of the Library 3:30 pm**  
Mar 12

The Fremont Newsletter  
Select Board's Office  
PO Box 120  
Fremont NH 03044-0120

***We're Building Community***

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR  
ALL OF THE MOST  
UPDATED  
TOWN INFORMATION:

[www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov)

Please send email for the  
Newsletter  
to: [hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov)

*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.*

ECR  
Presorted Standard  
**US POSTAGE PAID**  
Fremont NH 03044  
Permit NO. 5

**RESIDENT OR  
BOXHOLDER**

**FREMONT NH 03044**