FEBRUARY 2011



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ELECTION INFORMATION

The filing period for Town Offices is open through Friday, January 28, 2011. Open Town positions include:

Selectman: 1 for 3 years
Road Agent: 1 for 1 year
Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years
Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years

Budget Committee Member: 1 for 1 year 1 for 2 years 2 for 3 years

You must be a Fremont resident and a registered voter to declare candidacy for office. You can register to vote with the Town Clerk during regular office hours and also with the Supervisors of the Checklist during posted sessions.

You need to see the Town Clerk during regular office hours to complete the declaration of candidacy form if you are interested in running for elected office for the Town or School District.

The application for request for absentee ballot for the March town/school election is on the town's website on the Town Clerk's page at www.Fremont.nh.gov.

FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

If anyone is interested in becoming a candidate for a position with the Fremont School District the following positions are available:

School District Clerk: 1 for 1 Year School District Moderator: 1 for 1 Year School District Treasurer: 1 for 1 Year School Board Member: 1 for 2 Years School Board Member: 1 for 3 Years

The filing period is open through Friday, January 28, 2011. The last time to file will be from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Friday, January 28, 2011 with the Town Clerk. Please see the Town Clerk for more information and School District Declaration of Candidacy forms.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend these important sessions:

Jan 26 – Last day to register to vote with the Town Clerk or Supervisors of the Checklist to be eligible to vote at the School District Deliberative Session. Supervisors to meet at the Library from 7:00 to 7:30 pm.

Jan 28 – Last day to declare candidacy for Town and School District Offices with the Town Clerk. Last day to register to vote with the Town Clerk for Town Deliberative Session. Office hours are 8:30 am to 12 noon; and 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Jan 29 – Last day to register to vote for the Town Deliberative Session with the Supervisors of Checklist. Supervisors meet at the Fremont Public Library from 11:00 to 11:30 am.

Feb 5 – School District Deliberative Session at 9:00 am at Ellis School

Feb 8 - Town Deliberative Session at 7:00 pm at Ellis School

Feb 9 – Snow date for Town Deliberative Session at 7:00 pm at Ellis School

Feb 12 – Snow date for School District Deliberative Session at 9:00 am at Ellis School

Feb 21 - President's Day - All Town Offices CLOSED

Feb 25 - Last day to register to vote for Town and School Elections with the Town Clerk from 8:30 am to noon.

Feb 26 – Last day to register to vote for Town and School Elections with the Supervisors of Checklist from 11:00 to 11:30 am at the Library

Feb 28 - Town Reports available for pickup

Mar 8 - Town and School District Elections - Polls open 7:00 am to

8:00 pm at the Safety Complex, 425 Main Street

Mar 11 – Last day for any person for whom a vote was cast to apply to the Town Clerk for a recount. Clerk will be available during regular hours 8:30 am to noon and also from 3:00 to 5:00 pm (for recount purposes only).

Mar 15 – Last day for 10 voters of the Town to petition the Town Clerk to recount ballots on any question printed on the Official Ballot. The Clerk will be available from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

TOWN VOTING

The final form of the Town Meeting Official Ballot will be decided at Deliberative Session on Tuesday evening February 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm. This important interactive session will begin at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend to review and/or amend the items presented for voter consideration in 2011.

In case of inclement weather, the Deliberative Session will be held on Wednesday evening February 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Ellis School.

A separate newsletter will be coming out shortly containing the Town Warrant Narrative for consideration at Deliberative Session. Please watch for this important notice. Feel free to contact the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 if you have any questions regarding the items for voter consideration.

SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTING

Fremont voted to adopt SB2 for the method of voting for the Fremont School District as of March 2011.

Instead of voting for the school budget at the School District Meeting, a Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 5th at 9:00 am in the Ellis School Gym at which time all School Warrants including the proposed School Budget will be presented to the voters. During this Deliberative Session, all registered voters are allowed to attend and amend the Warrant Articles with motions made from the floor. This is much like the process that occurred at the Traditional School District Meeting in the past however voting on the final budget does not occur at this session. This is the big difference. After the Deliberative Session the final School Warrants are then placed on the Official Ballot and voters go to the polls on March 8, 2011 to cast their vote.

Please mark your calendars with the important dates noted.

It is important to note that the Deliberative Session is a very important part of the SB2 process which gives the voters the opportunity to weigh in on what is placed on the Official Ballot. Just as the Traditional School District Meeting allowed voters to speak and amend warrant articles and school budget appropriations, so to does the Deliberative Session. Don't miss out on your chance to participate, learn and understand what will be voted on at the polls on March 8th.

The Fremont School District would like to thank you for your past support. We look forward to your participation and continued support at both the upcoming Deliberative Session and the Election on Tuesday March 8, 2011.

DOG LICENSES FOR 2011

Dog License Reminder: The 2011 dog license tags are available. A current rabies certificate is required for licensing your dog(s) as the Clerks office is required by law to retain a copy of the vaccination certificate. You may call the office to inquire if the rabies certificate on file is still valid. Please be sure to license your dog(s) by April 30th to prevent the initiation of a late penalty of \$1.00 per month. As required by RSA 466:1, all dogs must be licensed each year by April 30th. For your convenience, the license(s) can be mailed for an additional fee of \$1.00 per license or you can also license your dog(s) online by going to the Town Clerks page on the Town's website at Fremont.nh.gov and click E-Dog. If you no longer have your dog, we ask that you please contact the Clerks office at 895-8693 so we can update our records accordingly.

All Town Offices will be CLOSED on Monday February 21, 2011 in observance of President's Day.

There are no delays in trash collection due to the holiday.

RABIES CLINIC

The Fremont Police Association will sponsor its annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Fremont Safety Complex, 425 Main Street.

Rabies shots are \$10 and microchips, \$25. ResQ microchips from Bayer are universally read and have **Free** lifetime registration. Call 895-3425 to reserve your chip. Dogs need to be leashed and cats need to be in carriers. Please present certification of previous vaccination; otherwise your animal will receive a one-year vaccine. David Smiley, DMV of Smiley Veterinary of Auburn will administer the vaccines and microchips. The Town Clerk will be available to issue dog licenses. The deadline is April 30 to license your dogs.

HIKE & SEEK CONTEST MONTH 4

Well, did you get out to the Woodland Trail in Glen Oakes? If you haven't, this is a great trail for snow shoeing or cross-country skiing. SO, don't let a little snow keep you inside! Did you figure out the "GLEN" question? Don't know where to find the answer? Well, the Fremont Library is a wealth of information!

For February, we are back to Oak Ridge. This may require a little more effort as part of Meetinghouse Road is not plowed. You may have to park at the corner of Poplin and walk in. Continue on Meetinghouse and a short distance past the kiosk you will find the start of the Marsh and Ridge trails. Your question of the month follows.

At the entrance to the Marsh trail and Ridge trail on Meetinghouse Road, you have to walk between two large objects. They are:

- (a) Two large glacial erratics (fancy word for big rock)
- (b) Two large fallen tree trunks
- (c) A large boulder and huge Oak tree
- (d) A trash can and trail sign for the Ridge and Marsh Trails

If you missed ANY of the questions to date, it's not too late. Go to the town's website, http://fremont.nh.gov/fnhqosc1.shtml and scroll down to "Fremont Hike and Seek Contest - click here for rules". You can get all the questions to date and the full set of rules. Remember that answers will not be due until the end of April!

FRIENDS OF THE FREMONT LIBRARY

We are pleased to announce that the Friends will begin meeting regularly on the first Tuesday of every month in the library at 7:00 pm. Whether you are currently a FOFL member or simply a community member, your opinion is important to us! Watch out our upcoming museum pass survey, we'd love to hear what museums and programs you'd most enjoy.

Please contact Cheryl Rowell at rowells4@myfairpoint.net or Stephanie Allen at stephanieallen28@comcast.net or 734-2662 with any questions or concerns.

FREMONT GIVING TREE

Thanks to all who helped to make this year's Giving Tree a huge success! This year, a record number of 106 children were helped on the Giving Tree list. We were able to provide them with Christmas wishes, winter clothing, hats, scarves, mittens, boots and stocking stuffers, with Christmas wrap, tape & bows included. In addition, we were delighted to provide Christmas Gift Bags to our senior residents as well.

None of this would have been possible if it weren't for the generous donations from people and organizations from within our Fremont community. Again, sincere thanks and Happy New Year to all

FREMONT FOOD PANTRY

The Fremont Food Pantry would like to thank all of those people who generously donated to the Food Pantry during our 2010 Holiday Season. We had record numbers of Holiday Food Baskets prepared for our residents in need. We were able to provide beautiful baskets for Thanksgiving & Christmas filled with all the necessary items to prepare a wonderful holiday meal. This included turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, fresh vegetables including potatoes, squash, carrots and onions, butter, rolls, desserts, pickles & olives, juice/soda, fresh fruit, disposable turkey tin, gift card to grocery store, and other little holiday items for that special touch!

The Fremont Food Pantry is open year round to residents in need, as well as the Holiday Baskets that we provide. The Pantry runs solely on donations and volunteerism from within our community. Thanks so much for continuing to support our efforts.

FREMONT PARKS & RECREATION PAT'S PEAK EVENTS

Throughout February and March on Saturdays from 3-10 pm, all can enjoy a day of "Pay-One-Price" skiing, snow tubing, and snowboarding fun! Tubing starts at 5 pm. The price is \$36 per person and includes lift ticket, tubing, rental equipment (except for helmets), bon-fire and live entertainment! Children 5 and under are free, with the exception of \$18 rental equipment if needed. Children must be 42 inches tall AND 5 years old for tubing. You don't have to be from Fremont, invite friends to enjoy! Dates are as follows: February 5 and 19, and March 12. This event is facilitated by the Fremont Parks & Recreation Commission. Payment for the event is due the Saturday prior. For more info contact Nicole Cloutier at nicolecloutier725@yahoo.com or 568 8151.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CLASS

This comprehensive preparedness training, developed by FEMA and used in all 50 States, helps residents take care of themselves, their families and neighbors during an emergency. Topics include: Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Psychology, Safety Strategies involved in a Terror Attack, Light Search and Rescue, Incident Command Systems, CPR and First Aid. Those who complete the course will receive a Certificate of Completion from the NH Fire Academy, and CPR and First Aid certification from the American Heart Association.

This class completes the core training requirements for the Strafford County Citizen Corps (SCCC), a team of medical and non-medical volunteers who train to support and assist local first responders during emergencies. No commitment to the SCCC is required from those who enroll in the class. Following the completion of Community Emergency Response, participants can continue to attend trainings through the SCCC (such as Traffic Control, Search & Rescue, Basic Disaster Life Support, Fire Rehabilitation, etc.), which are offered every other month.

Classes will meet Mondays, April 4th-18th, and May 2nd-9th, from 6:30-8:30 pm and Saturday, May 14th from 8:30 am-3:30 pm at the Fremont Safety Complex. For more information, or to register, contact Samantha Brann at 335-0168 or sbrann@hscstrafford.org.

FREMONT 250TH ANNIVERSARY

The next meeting of the Fremont 250th Anniversary Committee will take place on January 26, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Fremont Safety Complex. Anyone interested in joining the Committee is welcome to attend. Exploratory committees are looking into the feasibility of various proposed events and activities. Fremont will celebrate it's 250th Anniversary in 2014. For more information please call Matthew Thomas at 895-4032.

BUILDING & LAND USE OFFICE HOURS

The Building Inspection and Land Use Offices will see some changes in 2011. The office hours have been reduced to part-time.

The Land Use Office is open on Tuesday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:00 to 4:00 pm; Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. A Building Inspections schedule will be formulated and will be posted as soon as it is complete. Check Town buildings and the website for updated and additional information.

Call the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 if you need inspection information in the interim period.

WINTER PARKING BAN REMINDER

It is 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; and
- 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, or on any public street or any town-owned right of way during a snow storm. Vehicles interfering with snow plowing or removal operations shall be towed at the owner's expense.

PART-TIME SUMMER CAMP OPENINGS

The Town of Fremont is accepting applications for a Summer Camp Director and Assistant / Activities Director for our Camp Fremont Summer Recreation Program. Camp Fremont runs for six weeks, daily from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with extended care available from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Camp Director and Assistant Director Position duties include: research, scheduling and conducting field trips, bus rentals, and guest-speakers; establish curriculum and activities; effective parental communication through greeting parents, dealing with parental concerns, writing newsletters, and updating information on the Parks & Recreation page of the Town's website; monitoring payroll, and budget expenses, and review of all A/P related to the program; maintain inventory and purchase supplies; act as a leader and mentor to counselors, providing them with guidance and opportunities to grow; manage disciplinary issues; evaluate camp and staff; advertise and conduct an informational night; compile reports.

Position requires a background in Education, preferably Physical Education/Recreation, or previous experience as a Camp Director, Assistant Director, or Lead Counselor. Salary commensurate with experience. Interviews begin February 8, 2011.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference. Items should be submitted in person or by US Mail to: Town of Fremont, Parks & Recreation Openings, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120. Hand-carried submissions can be delivered to the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall, 295 Main Street in Fremont.

Full job descriptions are available on the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov on the Parks & Recreation page or by contacting the Selectmen's Office. The Town of Fremont is an EOE. Position will remain open until filled.

FREE IRISH MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY TWO OLD FRIENDS

The Library Association is excited to announce the return of Two Old Friends to the Fremont Library on March 4th at 7:00 pm. Mac McHale and Emery Hutchins, original founders of Northeast Winds, will delight the audience, both young and old, with music from Ireland, the mountains, and the sea. With banjo, guitar, mandolin, concertina, bodran, octave mandolin, and heart-warming vocal harmonies the Friends tell a story in music. The performance will give you plaintive ballads and foot-stomping shout tunes; soaring mandolin solos, gospel sing-alongs, and story-telling. There is something for everyone.

The concert is free and open to the public. This night of music is generously sponsored by the Fremont Library Association. For more information please call 895-9923 or email rowells4@myfairpoint.net.

ROADS & THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Obstructions in the Town's right-of-way are not permitted. Plantings, mulch, trees, rocks, basketball hoops, metal rebar or other stakes, and decorative pavers ARE NOT PERMITTED. These structures of any size obstruct drainage from the roadway and cause other road problems. The high amounts of winter snow will cause added drainage and runoff issues this spring. Please help keep the ROW area clear. Items within the right-of-way cause a danger to equipment and the motoring public.

The Highway Department has seen increasing incidents of children playing in the snowbanks and building forts and tunnels near the road edge. This is of great concern to drivers who are plowing. Please keep children and their snow forts well outside of the right-of-way area so that there are no accidents with plows. Some additional high wing work needs to be done to push bankings back further and make room for additional snowfall.

RSA 236:15 states that any building, structure or fence within or over any highway is a public nuisance. Please do not place any such items in the right-of-way as they are subject to being removed by the Highway Department. In general, the Town right of way is 13 feet on either edge of the paved surface. If you have any questions, please contact Road Agent Mark Pitkin at 300 7429.

WINTER CAUTIONS

In addition to other winter hazards, the heating season carries an increased threat of carbon monoxide poisoning. The most common sources of carbon monoxide are heating systems and generators. Cooking appliances, space heaters and motor vehicles left running in attached garages or adjacent to buildings can also be dangerous sources of CO.

Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless and tasteless. The only way to tell if it is present is with a CO detector. Be sure that you have a CO detector in your home. Change the batteries in smoke and CO detectors twice per year when you change your clocks.

The early symptoms of CO poisoning include headache and fatigue can mimic flu symptoms. Anyone who may have been exposed to CO should immediately be moved to fresh air. If your CO detector sounds, evacuate everyone from your home and call 911 immediately.

Be sure that your street number is visible with the snow; and be sure that you can exit your home and that snow does not block an escape route, or block a chimney or power vent to your home. This will also cause a backup of dangerous CO in your home.

4H CLUB

Peppermint Ponies 4H Club - Does your child love horses? Girls, boys 5 - 18 years are welcome to club meetings to learn more about horses, ponies, 4H and group, hands-on activities. No experience or horse ownership necessary. Contact Jan Brubacher, Leader at 303 1584, j.brubacher@comcast.net or www.northroadfarm.com.

Town Hall Office Hours

Tel: 895 2226 ~ Fax: 895 3149

Selectmen's Office VM 10,11

Mon & Fri 8:30 am to 12 noon

Tues & Wed 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Thurs 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

FremontTA@comcast.net

FremontTownHall@comcast.net

Tax Collector 895 3200 X 14 Thursday 11:00 am to 2:00 pm FremontTax@comcast.net

Town Clerk 895 8693 VM 15,16 Mon & Fri 8:30 am to 12 noon Tues & Wed 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Thurs11:00 am to 7:00 pm FremontClerk@comcast.net

Bldg & Planning 895 3200 Building Inspector VM 18 New hours to be determined FremontBl@comcast.net

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

Health 895 3200 x 18 Deputy Trudie Butler 679 8630

Town & Department Contacts

Police Department 895 2229
Fax 895 1116
Mon – Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
police@fremontnhpd.com

EMERGENCY dial 9 1 1

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

Highway Dept - Road Agent Mark Pitkin 300 7429

Fremont Public Library

Tel 895 9543 ~ Fax 895 0549 Tues & Thurs 1:00 to 8:00 pm Wed & Fri 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Sat 9:00 am to 2:00 pm www.fremontpubliclibrary.org

Food Pantry Kathy 895 1162 Stephanie 895 4454

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

Post Office 895 2094 Mon - Fri 8:30 - 11:30 am / 12:30 -4:30 pm Sat 8:30 to 11:00 am

Welfare by appt 895 3200 x 10

MEETING SCHEDULE Town Hall - Main Floor Parks & Recreation 7:00 pm Feb 8 Jan 11 **Energy Committee** 8:00 pm Jan 27 Open Space Comm 7:00 pm Feb 1 Highway Study Comm 6:00 pm Jan 31 Town Hall - Basement Mtg Room Cemetery Trustees 3:30 pm Monday Jan 3 Conservation Comm 7:00 pm Feb 7 Jan 10 Planning Board 7:00 pm Jan 5, 19, 26 Feb 2, 16, 23 Selectmen 6:00 pm Jan 6, 11, 13, 20, 27 Feb 3, 10

Zoning Board 7:30 pm Jan 25 Feb 22 www.Fremont.nh.gov

Fremont Public Library
Library Ttees 4th Wednesday 7:00 pm
Garden Club 4th Tuesday 7:00 pm
Supervisors of Checklist 1st Tuesday
Of the month, 7:00 to 7:30 pm
Jan 4 and Jan 18 Feb 1
Trash Pickup & Recycling – Waste
Management of NH - 800 847 5303

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Deadline for submittal is the 15th 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.