



FEBRUARY 2014

THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

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OFFICE CLOSURES

All Town Offices will be CLOSED on Monday February 17, 2014 in observance of President's Day. There are no delays in trash and recycling collections.

The Town Clerk's Office will be CLOSED on election day, March 11, 2014. Please plan accordingly.

TOWN CLERK HOURS

Monday 12 noon to 7:00 pm
Tuesday 12 noon to 5:00 pm
CLOSED Wednesday
Thursday 12 noon to 7:00 pm
Friday 12 noon to 5:00 pm

Please contact the office at 895 8693 or check the website at www.Fremont.nh.gov if you have questions or need information.

2014 DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS

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

See the Town's Proposed Warrant Articles inside this newsletter.

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

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

The last day to register to vote to be able to participate in the Deliberative Sessions is Saturday January 25, 2014 with the Supervisors of the Checklist. They will meet at the Fremont Public Library from 11:00 to 11:30 am. You cannot register to vote at the Deliberative Sessions.

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

TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTIONS

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

TOWN POSITIONS OPEN in 2014

Selectman: 1 for 3 years
Moderator: 1 for 2 years
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 1 for 3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years
Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years
Supervisor of Checklist: 1 for 6 years
Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years
Budget Committee: 1 for 2 years

Budget Committee: 2 for 1 year
Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years

SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITIONS OPEN in 2014

School Board Member: 1 for 3 years
School District Treasurer: 1 for 1 year
School District Clerk: 1 for 1 year
School District Moderator: 1 for 1 year

You must be a Fremont resident and a registered voter to declare Candidacy for Town or School District Office. To complete the Declaration of Candidacy form, you must see the Town Clerk during regular office hours. Election questions can be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at 895 8693.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to get this Newsletter printed so that information is out to voters in advance of the Deliberative Sessions, we had to print and send it prior to the Candidate Declaration period ending. After the declaration of candidacy ends on January 31st, a list of candidates will be posted on the Town's website and at Town Buildings.

TOWN OF FREMONT PUBLIC HEARING

The Fremont Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing at 7:30 pm on February 13, 2014 at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street, in the basement meeting room, in accordance with NH RSA 40:14 regarding a petition submitted for the Town Meeting Warrant relative to rescission of SB 2 in accord with RSA 40:13. In case of inclement weather, this hearing will be held at 7:30 pm on February 20, 2014.

The public is encouraged to attend.

MISS FREMONT

250TH ANNIVERSARY PAGEANT

We are going to be awarding scholarship money to 3 contestants **1st - \$1,000; 2nd - \$600; and 3rd - \$400;** and the chance to represent our program as Miss Fremont for the entire 250th celebration year, throughout 2014.

This year is Fremont's 250th Celebration and the Miss Fremont Scholarship Pageant will include the only other crowned Miss Fremont of 1964, Jane Turner. The pageant will take place on Sunday~ June 15th at 2:00 pm at the Ellis School.

If your daughter (or someone special in your life) is currently an 8th grader through graduating senior in High School, and a resident of Fremont, she is eligible!

Contestants will be competing in the following categories:

- 10 minute private interview with judges
- On-Stage Questions
- Appearance Wear Competition
- Talent Performance
- Evening Gown Competition

Please submit your application no later than February 15, 2014.

Please contact Mary Wheaton-Pinder, Miss Fremont Director and 250th Celebration Committee member, with any questions or to request an application, via email at maryw@fremontnhpd.com.

TOWN OF FREMONT BOND PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen and the Fire Rescue Department will hold a bond hearing in accord with NH RSA 33:8-a to discuss issuance of a lease/purchase agreement for the proposed fire truck. The hearing will be held as part of a regular Selectmen's Meeting on Thursday January 30, 2014 at 7:30 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall.

The purchase price is \$461,775; with a down payment to be made from the existing Capital Reserve Fund, in the amount of \$175,000. This will result in the balance of \$286,775 being paid in a five year lease arrangement.

There is no tax impact of this purchase in 2014. The proposed new truck would replace two aging fire trucks.

The public is encouraged to attend the hearing and learn more about this purchase in advance of the Deliberative Session on February 5, 2014, and Town Voting on March 11, 2014.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND PUBLIC HEARING

The Fremont Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing at 7:45 pm on February 13, 2014 at the Fremont Town Hall (basement meeting room) in accordance with NH RSA 31:95-c & d regarding rescission of a Special Revenue Fund, created in 2001, for OHRV and Town Ordinance Fines.

The 2014 Warrant will consider rescinding this article in favor of creating a Revolving Fund for the same purpose. These votes do not affect the tax rate, and self-fund the necessary equipment for the Town to provide proactive OHRV patrol, thus helping to reduce the Police Department operating costs for maintenance and upkeep of OHRV equipment.

In case of inclement weather, this hearing will be held at 7:45 pm on February 20, 2014. The public is encouraged to attend.

250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE PRESS RELEASES

For information please contact: Matthew E. Thomas, Fremont 250th Anniversary Committee Chairman
Telephone: 603 895 4032 or Cell: 603303 6383

FREMONT 250TH CELEBRATION VENDORS WANTED

Fremont will be proudly celebrating the 250th anniversary of its incorporation as the **Town of Poplin** on Thursday, June 19th to Sunday, June 22nd. The name of the town was changed to Fremont in 1854.

The Fremont 250th Anniversary Committee is looking for food vendors, craft vendors, antique dealers, artisans, entertainers, and musical vendors to participate in Fremont's 250th Anniversary Field Day Celebration. The all-day event will take place on Saturday, June 21st from 9:00a.m. until 10:00p.m. at the Peterson's Brookvale Farm on Martin Road where the Annual Grass Drags are held. Three bands are already booked to perform on the grounds throughout the day.

The 250th Field Day promises to be a very exciting event complete with three musical concerts, Revolutionary War & Civil War Encampments & Military Re-enactments; Antique Vehicle Show, Antique Mart, Food & Craft vendors, children's games, demonstrations, exhibits, entertainers, Miss Fremont 2014, Shagg's Tribute Concert, Tug-Of-War Contest between North & South sides of Fremont, and much more ending the evening with the 50-piece Timberlane Band Concert and a Spectacular Fireworks Show. This will be the **first Fireworks Show of the summer** in this area. This is a rain or shine event with only the Fireworks Show postponed to the next night in the event of inclement weather. Rates for a 10' X 10' space are very reasonable \$30.00 for craft and antique vendors,

\$5.00 for pre-registering for the antique vehicle show, (prizes will be awarded) \$10.00 for cars that show up at the gate; and \$125.00 for food and/or entertainment vendors.

Vendors must supply all their set-up supplies including tents, tables, chairs, and generators for electricity if needed. Space is on a first come first serve basis.

This event is expected to attract thousands of people, weather permitting. For more information please contact Rick or Mary Wheaton-Pinder at 603 244 9767 or email Trish Coulombe at dantric4@yahoo.com.

250TH CELEBRATION TOWN FLAG FOR SALE

The Fremont 250th Anniversary Committee is very pleased to announce that it has produced the FIRST TOWN FLAG in New Hampshire that will be available for residents and friends of the town to purchase and fly from their porches and flagpoles. This limited supply of only 50 - 3' X 5' Fremont Town Flags is a **unique souvenir item** that will help support Fremont's upcoming 250th Anniversary Celebration in June. The cost is just \$35 per flag. The light gray Town Flag shows the words FREMONT - POPLIN (Poplin being the original name of the Town from 1764 to 1854). It shows a round seal depicting barrels, spruce tree, pioneer logger and the 1800 Meetinghouse encircled by gold stars with the incorporation date of 1764 shown underneath the seal. The seal is flanked on both sides by colonial minutemen holding rifles ready to fight for, and defend our American Independence during the Revolutionary War. The flag accurately portrays symbols closely associated with Fremont's proud, colorful heritage. If you love Fremont, this is a must have item. To purchase yours, please call 895 3425 or visit Mary Wheaton-Pinder at the Fremont Safety Complex during business hours M-F 8:00 am to 4:00 pm; or Matthew Thomas at 895 4032.

FREMONT 250TH COMPETITION NORTHSIDE VS SOUTHSIDE

In tribute to the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War, the Fremont 250th Anniversary Committee is sponsoring a friendly fundraising competition between town residents living on the Northside and Southside of Fremont with Main Street (Route 107) being the dividing line which divides the town in a diagonal manner. The purpose is to see how proud and dedicated locals are to their section of town and to help raise funding to support Fremont's upcoming 250th Anniversary Celebration in June. Currently the Southside of Fremont is winning the competition, but not by a wide margin. If you would like to participate in this friendly competition please visit the Fremont 250th Anniversary Website at www.fremont250thcelebration.org or by email to fremont250@yahoo.com and you can either pay through Paypal or send a check to Jean Ragonese, 250th Committee Treasurer, 93 Sandown Road, Fremont, NH 03044. Be sure to indicate on the check which side of town you are supporting.

Will the North CONQUER the South, or will the South RISE again? You decide with your support! Be sure to watch which side of town is winning the competition on the large thermometer board posted out in front of the Fremont Safety Complex at 425 Main Street, opposite Beede Road. **Thanks to all town residents** for showing your community spirit by helping the 250th Committee make this a unique and enjoyable fundraising event.

Fremont by the way, proudly sent 99 soldiers into the Civil War (1861 to 1865) of which 22 died. Not one native Fremonter ever deserted during the Civil War! The last surviving Fremont Civil War soldier was Samuel J. Willey (who lived on the north side of town) and died on July 17, 1927.

GLEN OAKS TOWN FOREST REOPENED

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

PART-TIME LABOR/MAINTENANCE POSITION

The Town of Fremont is seeking a dedicated and energetic applicant for a part-time, non-exempt general labor and maintenance position within the Town. Position is approximately 20 hours per week and includes all cleaning, care and maintenance of Town Buildings (Town Hall, Safety Complex, and Library) and Park Facilities; seasonal winter duties to include, but not limited to snow shoveling, operating a snowblower, maintenance for snow and ice conditions at buildings and adjacent walkways; and summer duties to include, but not limited to lawn care, mowing, trimming, tree pruning, raking, and general groundskeeping as assigned. There are other duties as assigned related to general maintenance and upkeep of town buildings, grounds, and equipment.

The ideal candidate will be a true self-starter and able to work with minimal direct supervision. Must be reliable in all seasons, and able to work a flexible schedule to meet the varying seasonal demands. Position is primarily supervised by the Town Administrator.

Experience working with the public is preferred. Successful candidate will be required to submit to a complete background check. Experience in building or related trades is preferable, but a combination of experience and trade skill will be considered. Strong interpersonal or customer service skills are required. Interested candidates should submit a resume, three references, and cover letter of interest to Board of Selectmen, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120 as soon as possible.

Questions can be directed to the Heidi Carlson at 895 2226 x 10 or by email at FremontTA@comcast.net. The job description is available at the Fremont Selectmen's Office or on line (RFP & Job Postings section) at www.Fremont.nh.gov. The Town's desire is to fill the position as soon as possible, but it will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. EOE.

RESTORATION OF INVOLUNTARILY MERGED LOTS

In accordance with NH RSA 674:39-aa, any owner of lots merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes prior to September 18, 2010 and without the consent of the owner may request that the lots be restored to their premerger status.

Application for Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots Pursuant to RSA 674:39-aa can be found at the Fremont Town Hall and on the Town web site. The application must be completed and returned to the Board of Selectmen prior to December 31, 2016. Instructions and general information for lot restoration are included in the application form.

ABATEMENTS, CREDITS & EXEMPTIONS

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

The deadline to file a credit or exemption application form in the Selectmen's Office for the 2014 tax year is 4:00 pm on Tuesday April 15, 2014. Forms will not be accepted if dropped off after 4:00 pm on April 15th but an April 15, 2014 postmark is acceptable. These applications are available in the Selectmen's Office or on the Town website as indicated above. Please be sure you submit all of the required documentation with your application form.

Contact the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 11 with any questions regarding assessing, abatements, or exemption and credit applications.

2013 TOWN REPORT

The 2013 Town Report is being prepared. It is available on the Town's website as reports are completed. Print copies of the full book will be available for pickup approximately February 28, 2014 at the Town Hall, Library and Safety Complex. We will post a notice on the home page of the website when the books are ready for pickup.

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

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

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

1. Click on "Subscribe to E-Alerts" from the home page (left side navigation bar) of the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov.
2. Click on "Add my name to a list"
3. Enter your email address
4. Check off boxes of all material you want to receive. Be sure to include "Town Newsletter" to get the monthly newsletter.
5. Hit "send my request"
6. You will get an email back from the web hosting site that you MUST REPLY TO in order that your email address is added to the distribution list.
7. Once you complete all of these steps, you will get an email each time one of the items is posted to the website. When you click on the link in your email, it will take you directly to the Newsletter, or other news item you have subscribed to.

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

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

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

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

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

RIGHT-OF-WAY UPDATES

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

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

TOWN CLERK INFORMATION VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS

When renewing your vehicle registration or boat registration in person, you **MUST** provide the Clerk's office with the current registration or the "courtesy" renewal notice that you received in the mail. This is a State law.

ID FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

When registering a vehicle with the Town Clerk's office you **MUST** present a valid photo id or driver's license in order for your transaction to be completed. This requirement has been issued by the NH Department of Safety – Fraud Unit.

NEW VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

When registering a vehicle that is less than 15 years old, you must provide either of the following: the title, signed by the previous owner or the title application that the dealer gave you. If you have the title, all owners **MUST** be present when registering, with their valid ID, to sign the title application. If you have the title application, anyone can register your vehicle for you, on your behalf, however they must present their ID.

TRANSFER OF PLATES

If you are transferring plates from your old vehicle to another one you **MUST** turn in the current registration for the old vehicle. This has to be sent to the state with the transfer documentation. Failure to have this document in hand will require you to purchase a duplicate at a cost of \$18.00.

Please note: **PLATES CAN ONLY BE TRANSFERRED FROM ONE VEHICLE TO ANOTHER IF THE PRIMARY OWNER REMAINS THE SAME.**

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL & DOG LICENSING RENEWAL AVAILABLE ON-LINE!



Internet transactions will be accepted through a kiosk to renew your motor vehicle registrations and renew your dog licenses from your computer at home. Customers will be directed to a secure web site through the kiosk. The Town of Fremont will receive all applicable fees and there is no charge to the Town for the electronic payment. Customers are charged a convenience fee for the transaction.

All inquiries are directed through our software provider's website and there is no direct access to the Town's computers or their systems.

Go to www.fremont.nh.gov and look for the online service links shown below, on the Town Clerk page page:



GET YOUR DOG LICENSED BY APRIL 30

2014 dog licenses are available. A current rabies certificate is required for licensing your dog(s) as the Clerk's Office is required by law to retain a copy of the vaccination certificate. Please call the office to inquire if the rabies certificate on file is still valid. You must 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 license your dog(s) online by going to the Town Clerk page on the Town's website at www.fremont.nh.gov and click E-Dog. If you no longer have your dog, please contact the Clerk's office at 895 8693 so we can update our records accordingly.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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

The Winter Parking Ban is in effect November 1 through April 15th annually. Full text of the

Ordinance can be found at:

http://www.fremont.nh.gov/Pages/FremontNH_Highway/OrdinanceDocs/park.pdf

CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S SMITH PROJECT

The Fremont Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee have a YouTube slide show about the Smith Project and Spruce Swamp at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lml9b5ddp0>

FREMONT PLAY GROUP

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

PEPPERMINT PONIES 4H HORSE CLUB

Does your child love horses? Girls, boys 5 - 18 years are welcome to club meetings to learn more about horses, ponies, 4-H group, hands-on activities. No experience or horse ownership necessary. Club meeting are held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, year round. Participate in 4-H exhibits at Stratham and Deerfield Fairs, 4-H Riding Club, 4-H Horse Apprentice, 4-H Horse Shows and 4-H Summer Horse Day Camp. Questions, contact Jan Brubacher, Leader, Instructor, Owner 603 303 1584, j.brubacher@comcast.net. For more information and to sign-up for meeting announcements go to www.4hpeppermintponies.org or www.northroadfarm.com. Financial Aid available.

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

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD

A Public Forum will be held on Friday January 31, 2014 at 9:00 am for the State to accept public comment on the *DRAFT Assessing Reference Manual for Taxpayers, Selectmen and Assessors*. To view the manual, visit the DRA website at http://www.revenue.nh.gov/munc_prop/assessing-board/schedule.htm.

If you cannot attend the forum but would like to submit comments, please e-mail them to asb@dra.nh.gov or send them by mail to: NH Department of Revenue Assessing Standards Board
PO Box 487

Concord NH 03302-0487

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

2014 TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLE NARRATIVE

IN PREPARATION FOR DELIBERATIVE SESSION TO BE
HELD WEDNESDAY 05 FEBRUARY 2014
AT 7:00 PM AT ELLIS SCHOOL
SNOW DATE: THURSDAY 06 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7:00 PM
AT ELLIS SCHOOL

We hope this information is helpful for your understanding of the issues to be voted upon at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting. If you have specific questions that might be answered in advance of the Deliberative Session on Wednesday February 5, 2014, please feel free to call our office at 895 2226 x 10 or send an email to FremontTA@comcast.net.

Brett A Hunter Leon F Holmes Sr Gene Cordes
Fremont Board of Selectmen

This document contains the written warrant articles and additional narrative information on each article, to assist you in better understanding the subject matter prior to discussing it at Deliberative Session.

In our sixth year of the SB2 Town Meeting, we endeavor to provide additional information to assist voters in making informed decisions about the many municipal challenges facing the Town. The Official Warrant is reviewed and discussed at the Deliberative Session. Following any changes at that session, a final format of the questions is created, now called the Official Ballot. Following Deliberative Session, a VOTER GUIDE will be prepared to include any changes from Deliberative Session, and will include all of the material to be voted on at the polls March 11, 2014.

At the Deliberative Session, Articles 2 through 22 will be discussed. Articles 4 through 22 can be amended by floor vote, and may appear differently on the Official Ballot, depending on actions at the Deliberative Session on February 5th. **We hope to see you at this important, interactive session.**

Voting on the finalized Official Ballot will take place on Tuesday March 11, 2014 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 895 8693. Absentee ballot applications are also available on the Town Clerk page of the website at www.Fremont.nh.gov.

By law, the Selectmen and the Budget Committee must consider any "Special" Warrant Article requesting funds and make a recommendation on the proposed expenditure. In 2009 voters decided to have the Selectmen and Budget Committee's tally votes on articles printed, along with those recommendations as outlined by Statute. The Official Warrant is written as outlined by Statute.

The type of vote required appears at the end of each article, such as majority, 2/3 or 3/5 vote 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 provided as reference information:

Year	Town Portion of the Tax Rate
2010	\$3.58
2011	\$3.36
2012	\$3.41
2013	\$3.86

You can also refer to tax rate historical information in the 2013 Town Report.

ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS

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

This article will list out all candidates running for an elected office within the Town. There will be a separate ballot for candidates running for Fremont School District offices. Sample ballots will be posted at the Town Hall, Ellis School, Safety Complex, Public Library and the Fremont Post Office for viewing before Election Day. We will have a listing of all of the candidates on the website for viewing.

If you would like to run for Town or School District Office, the sign-up period is January 22, 2014 through January 31, 2014. You must sign up with the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Office hours include Monday and Thursday from noon to 7:00 pm; and Tuesday and Friday from noon to 5:00 pm. The office is closed on Wednesdays. The School District Clerk will also be at the Town Hall on Friday January 31st from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Current Town Positions open include: Selectman 1 for 3 years; Town Clerk/Tax Collector 1 for 3 years; Moderator 1 for 2 years; Trustee of Trust Funds 1 for 3 years; Library Trustee 1 for 3 years; Supervisor of Checklist 1 for 6 years; Budget Committee 2 for 3 years; 1 for 2 years; and 2 for 1 year; Cemetery Trustee 1 for 3 years.

CONSIDER A ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of amending ARTICLE XVIII of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by changing Section 10.10 (a) to read as follows:

Article XVIII Section 10.10 (a) Standards for Building Lots and Site Design

Lot Shape and Size: House lots and building envelopes should generally be square or rectangular in shape and contain adequate upland area to accommodate average-sized houses and typical amenities such as garages, pools and sheds, including reasonable areas for expansion of these buildings. The minimum lot size shall be no less than three quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) of an acre or thirty two thousand six hundred and seventy (32,670) square feet per dwelling unit.

At least one half (1/2) of an acre or twenty one thousand seven hundred and eighty (21,780) square feet of contiguous land of every lot laid out (after the adoption of this amendment) for residential use shall be buildable land with soils dry enough to permit for installation and use of facilities for disposal of sanitary waste(s) disposal facilities and shall not have slopes exceeding twenty percent (20%).

(added text is in italics)

The Planning Board recommends this article.

Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is so that lots could be configured and sized to accommodate everything that has to be on a building lot (well, septic system, driveway, and buildable space) plus reasonable expansion.

CONSIDER A ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of amending ARTICLE XVIII of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by changing Section 10.11 (e) to read as follows:

Article XVIII Section 10.11 (e) Open Space Standards

"Landscaping: Landscaping of common areas (such as community greens, cul-de-sac islands, and along both sides of new streets) shall be landscaped with deciduous shade trees may be required by the Planning Board". The minimum caliper of trees along roadways shall be three (3) inches measured at a point six (6) inches above the root ball, and spaced every one hundred (100) feet along the road right-of-way. Species shall be deciduous shade trees and shall be salt tolerant.

(added text is in *italics*, deleted text lined out)

The Planning Board recommends this article.

Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to relieve specific requirements of the developer so that plantings are at the discretion of the Planning Board and not mandatory to be specific items.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REGULATING HORSES, FARM ANIMALS & POULTRY

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Ordinance:

TOWN OF FREMONT REGULATION OF HORSES, FARM ANIMALS AND POULTRY

Pursuant to the authority conferred by the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 31:39, I (b) in order to promote the general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Fremont, the following Ordinance is hereby enacted:

SECTION 001. REGULATION

1.1 It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any horse, farm animal or poultry to either willfully or negligently allow such animal to run at large in public places. "Run at large" shall be construed to mean off the property of the owner or keeper and not under the control of the owner or keeper by leash, cord, chain, or otherwise.

1.2 Any horse, farm animal or poultry found in a public place, and not under the control of its owner or keeper, may be taken into custody by the Fremont Animal Control Officer or a Fremont Police Officer. The Officer shall make reasonable efforts to notify the owner or keeper of the animal, before seizing it.

1.3 Any horse, farm animal or poultry that is seized by the Fremont Animal Control Officer or a Fremont Police Officer in a public place, where the owner or keeper cannot be identified or located, shall be held by the Town at a Town approved facility. The owner or keeper of the animals shall be responsible for all damages and expenses incurred in the capturing, transporting and holding of the escaped animal, boarding costs, and any medical care required by the holding facility.

SECTION 002. PENALTIES

2.1. Any owner or keeper of a horse, farm animal or poultry who willfully or negligently permits such animals to run at large in public places, may be subject to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000 for each

offense. Any fine or penalty collected under this Ordinance shall be paid to the Town of Fremont.

2.2. In addition to any penalty, in conjunction with any penalty, or as an alternative to any penalty imposed under this Ordinance, the Town of Fremont may request that the Court require the owner or keeper of the horse, farm animal or poultry which has been impounded for running at large, to pay for the boarding and impoundment fees established by the animal shelter or holding facility and any reasonably necessary medical expenses incurred during the impoundment of the animal regardless of whether the owner or keeper retrieves the animal.

**The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.
Budget Committee recommends this article 4-2.
(Majority vote required)**

This article proposes a new ordinance that parallels the NH Statute relative to animals at large, adding poultry to it. The purpose is to educate residents about the potential fines so that everyone keeps their own animals controlled such that they do not damage the property of others. This will provide for fair and equal treatment so that property and safety are maintained.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK – Long term lease/purchase arrangement with a \$175,000 withdrawal from the existing Capital Reserve Fund. There is no tax impact in 2014.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/ purchase agreement to purchase a new Fire Truck at a cost of four hundred sixty-one thousand seven hundred seventy-five dollars (\$461,775) and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$175,000) and authorize the withdrawal of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for a down payment to lower the agreement amount to two hundred eighty-six thousand seven hundred seventy-five dollars (\$286,775) payable over a term of five (5) years. The agreement does not contain an escape clause.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-0.
(3/5 ballot vote required)**

This article proposes the purchase of a new fire truck for the Fremont Fire Rescue Department. The proposal is for a new KME Predator Panther 3,000 gallon pumper tanker truck. The new truck would replace two older trucks, the Department's Engine 3 (1979) – in need of major repairs; and Tank 5 (1975) – currently out of service. The new truck will lower overall operating and maintenance costs.

Current NFPA standards recommend that fire apparatus should be front line 20 years; five years on second or third line; and then removed from service.

The tax impact of this article is zero in 2014. *The total purchase price of the truck is \$461,775. It is proposed to remove \$175,000 from the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for a down payment, and finance the balance of the cost (\$286,775) in a five year lease/purchase agreement. Thus payments would be due in each of the five years beginning with 2015. The lease payments would be approximately \$62,000 annually with the current low interest rate estimate of 1.75 to 2%. Beginning in 2015, these lease payments would have an estimated tax*

impact of \$0.17 and go down to approximately \$0.15 in the last year of repayment, 2019.

2014 OPERATING BUDGET

ARTICLE 6: 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 \$2,505,364? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,504,378 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Fremont or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Note: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.

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

This is the total of all operating budgets for the Town, excluding warrant articles, which was reviewed at the January 15th Public Budget Hearing. The full budget detail can be found on the State Form MS-7, which is available on the Town's website and in the 2013 Annual Town Report.

With SB2 in place, this master budget article includes the number recommended by the Budget Committee of \$2,505,364. This is down \$7,226 from the appropriated budget in 2013. The recommendations of Selectmen and Budget Committee can be viewed on the State Form MS-7 in the 2013 Town Report.

Following are some highlights of any significant changes in the operating budgets, based on the Board of Selectmen's recommendations:

A wage increase was added by the Budget Committee for all permanent Town employees. Once again, Departments tried to remain cognizant of the difficult economic times as well as their needs. Selectmen and the Budget Committee reviewed each budget before making a recommendation.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Reflects an overall reduction in the budget due to combining the positions of Town Clerk and Tax Collector. This will be the first year of a combined position being elected for a 3 year term. There is one salary proposed, and a Deputy stipend, as well as some training funds.

Election and Registration: There are three elections (local, State and Federal) for 2014.

Reappraisal of Property: Multi-year contract with MRI (Municipal Resources Inc) to include a CPI increase in the cost of contracted assessing services. Work will begin in 2014 on the recertification / revaluation process which is due for April 1, 2015.

Personnel Administration: Increased due to health insurance premium increases, and an increase in mandatory NH Retirement costs. Overall the Town's full-time work force remains at a reduced level. State mandated increases in NH Police Retirement were significant.

General Government Buildings: The budget includes some necessary repairs to Town buildings; and includes the majority of computer upgrades and maintenance for the Town.

Planning & Zoning: Continued reduction of staffing with only part-time coverage.

Police Department: Wage matrix adopted in 2011 to help with retention. Matrix allows for step increase based on merit. Budget includes a lease payment for a replacement cruiser to reduce overall operating and fleet maintenance costs.

Fire Rescue Department: Increases for new equipment and funding of the LOSAP retirement/retention program.

Building Inspection: Continued reduction of staffing with only part-time coverage. Allowance for an increase of two hours per week to cover increased traffic in the office and building starts.

Highway Department: The budget includes funding for some hot top and upgrade work. Overall it is the same as 2013, with some part-time hours added.

Solid Waste Collection: The contract rate for solid waste and recycling pickup down significantly when contract was rebid in fall of 2013. No fuel adjustment.

Parks & Recreation: Recommended at 2013 default level, reduction in programs by approximately \$3,000.

Library: Requested increase in staff coverage time, and building; maintenance.

Debt Service: Interest payments reduced over the life of the bonds. The final payment was made in 2013 on the Smith land purchase.

The Budget Committee's proposed operating budget is nearly the same as the approved operating budget for 2013, thus would create less than a one cent increase in the tax rate.

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 \$0.31 to the tax rate. We are also 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.

The estimated tax impact is shown for each of the warrant articles in the narrative portion. If the other warrant articles as proposed by the Town pass, the Town's portion of the tax rate is estimated to increase \$0.90 per thousand. This would fund important safety equipment for the Fire Department, mosquito control, and plan for the future needs of the Town by funding Capital Reserve Accounts.

APPOINT SELECTMEN AS AGENTS OF A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, previously established in 1984.

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

There is no tax impact for this article. It will simply make the Selectmen the authorized agents of the fund, and allow them to spend money already saved in order to purchase a police cruiser to help alleviate the vehicle maintenance problems currently faced by the Police Department.

Article 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 request funding for five existing Capital Reserve Funds with each purpose specified. Money voted will add to what has already been set aside. These funds accrue over time and are then used to offset the cost of larger capital purchases when needed. To see the amount already saved in each of these funds, refer to the Annual Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds in the 2013 Town Report or on the Town's website (Town Report 2013). Saving money in Capital Reserve

Funds helps to balance the tax rate by reducing the impact of one-time large expenditures.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE BRIDGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

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 Bridge Construction and Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-1.**
(Majority vote required)

Article 8 proposes to add funding to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for future bridge engineering and construction. Currently two of Fremont's bridges are on the States "red list" that are in need of significant repair or replacement. With funding allocated in 2012 and 2013, we were able to get on the NH Bridge Aid list for future construction funding. Late in 2013, the Selectmen contracted with an engineering firm to take the first steps necessary for replacement of the Martin Road Bridge. We hope to save sufficient funds prior to the estimated construction season of 2020-2021. At that time, Bridge Aid will secure the balance of the costs incurred and reduce the burden on Fremont taxpayers.

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.04 per thousand.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Town Hall Renovations Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-1.**
(Majority vote required)

Article 9 proposes to add funds to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for renovations to the basement of the Town Hall. This fund will continue to save for the proposed renovations. The future plan is for the work to renovate the basement area and provide for the following: maintain the existing Planning and Zoning and Building Inspection Offices; provide for one additional small future office space within the proposed layout; enlarge and utilize space in the existing meeting room (total space of approximately 700 SF - currently it's about 390 SF); replace the aging heating systems (circa 1965); increasing energy conservation with improved efficiency of units. The HVAC system is about 1/3 of the total cost of renovations; increase energy conservation with removal of "cold spaces" throughout the building; provide for a single bathroom at the basement level (no bathroom currently exists in the basement); provide for a second method of egress to the rear of the building (easterly side); remodel the existing entrance and correct water entry problems (west side of building); replace the existing propane hot water heater, incorporated into new HVAC system. Continued space for the Fremont Food Pantry and a future vault location for storage of Town Records are planned into the layout.

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.03 per thousand.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROPERTY REASSESSMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

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 Property Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund.

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

This fund plans for future revaluation/recertification work, which is required by the NH Constitution and Statutes to be done every five years. Funds added will fund the property reassessment process (revaluation or recertification), due for April 1, 2015.

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.03 per thousand.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIRE TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-1.**
(Majority vote required)

This fund plans for the future purchase of fire apparatus. The goal of the fund is to be able to replace equipment when needed with less impact to taxpayers. The cost of the truck being proposed for purchase in 2014 is \$461,775 and it is anticipated that the next new fire truck would be comparable in price in 4-7 years. At the present time, NFPA recommends a 20-year life cycle for fire apparatus and the Department currently has three pieces exceeding this life span.

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.13 per thousand.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 4-2.**
(Majority vote required)

This fund plans for the future purchase of highway equipment including snow plows, sanders, and trucks.

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.07 per thousand.

**CONTRIBUTION TO THE EXPENDABLE TOWN TRUST
FUND FOR BUILDING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE –**

No amount to be raised by taxation

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 Town Expendable Trust Fund for building repairs and maintenance. This sum to come from Unreserved Fund Balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.

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

This article is proposed to save additional money into the Expendable Trust fund which funds needed emergency repairs or maintenance at Town Buildings. There is no tax increase for this article as it will be funded from fund balance.

**PURCHASE NEW BREATHING AIR EQUIPMENT FOR
THE FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT – Part 2 of a 2 year
equipment replacement plan**

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-seven thousand eighty-eight dollars (\$47,088) to purchase eight Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fremont Fire Rescue Department.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 4-2.**
(Majority vote required)

This appropriation is part two of a two year plan to replace the existing SCBA units for the Fire Department. These SCBA units are for breathing air and are required to be used by any firefighter entering into a fire or hazardous situation. The Department's current inventory of SCBA units is more than 10 years old and it is time to replace them. This will fund 8 units and all of the necessary attachments, and will outfit two of the trucks with new SCBA units.

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.13 per thousand.

FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO WHITTIER DRIVE

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to reconstruct approximately 3,000 feet of Whittier Drive.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this
appropriation 3-2-1.**
(Majority vote required)

This appropriation will fund approximately 3,000 feet of improvements to Whittier Drive.

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.27 per thousand.

FUND THE MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-nine thousand five hundred fifty dollars (\$49,550) to continue the Public Health Mosquito Control Program.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-1.**
(Majority vote required)

This article requests funding to continue the mosquito control program, which has been in place for eight years in Fremont. The contractor has again offered the program with no increase in cost for 2014. The Selectmen have placed this article on the warrant so that the community can have an opportunity to consider it annually and decide whether or not to proceed this year with a town-wide program. The program is consistent with what was done in years 2008 through 2013, and allows for up to two emergency sprayings of public lots and ball fields at Memorial Park and Ellis School, should that be necessary.

The overall mosquito control program is a comprehensive program beginning with surveillance, monitoring, and trapping and testing of adult mosquitoes; to treatment of larvae (a major focus of an effective control program) through adult stages. The 2014 program, if approved, would begin immediately following Town Meeting.

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.13.

**CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOWN EXPENDABLE TRUST
FUND FOR THE 250th CELEBRATION OF FREMONT**

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the 250th Celebration Expendable Trust Fund for the June 2014 Celebration.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 4-2.**
(Majority vote required)

This fund was created in 2012 and will set aside additional money for the planned 2014 celebration of the 250th Anniversary of Fremont. An energetic Committee of volunteers continues to meet monthly to finalize plans for this historic event for the Town. Many activities are planned for the weekend beginning June 19, 2014 to celebrate our rich history.

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.01.

**CONSIDER RESCINDING THE PREVIOUSLY
ESTABLISHED SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR OHRV
AND TOWN ORDINANCE FINES (TO BE CONVERTED
TO A REVOLVING FUND FOR THE SAME PURPOSE).**
There is no tax impact of this article.

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict all of the revenues from Police Department OHRV and Town Ordinance fines and forfeitures, to expenditures for the purpose of Purchasing OHRV Safety and Enforcement Equipment? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Police Department OHRV Safety and Enforcement Equipment Fund, separate from the general fund. Any

surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or the source of the revenue. Should Article 19 fail, this article shall be null and void.

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

This article proposes to discontinue the Special Revenue Fund which was established in 2001. The funds are proposed to be put into a Revolving Fund in Article 19, so these articles are mutually exclusive. Changing the status of the fund will allow the Selectmen and Police Chief to use funds accrued from fines to be able to purchase equipment and supplies needed for OHRV patrols.

Ultimately, if this fund is discontinued and the Revolving Fund is created, it will reduce the overall operating costs of the Police Department because already saved funds can be used for the necessary purchases.

There is no tax impact of this article as it does not involve tax dollars.

A public hearing will be held to discuss the article on February 13, 2014 at 7:45 pm as part of the Selectmen's Meeting. The snow date for the hearing is February 20, 2014.

CREATE A REVOLVING FUND FOR OHRV AND TOWN ORDINANCE FINES. There is no tax impact of this article.

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of providing public safety services. All revenues received from the Police Department's OHRV fines and forfeitures and Town Ordinance fines will be deposited into the fund and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's General Fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen and Police Chief and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Said funds may be expended for purchasing OHRV safety gear and enforcement equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be deposited into this fund and further to authorize this amount from the Unreserved Fund Balance. The name of the Revolving Fund will be the Police Department Safety and Enforcement Revolving Fund. Should this Article fail then Article 18 shall be null and void. Should Article 18 fail, then this Article also fails.

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

This article proposes to create a Revolving Fund for OHRV and Town Ordinance Fines, which were previously held in a Special Revenue Fund. This fund will help to reduce some of the operation and maintenance costs of the Police Department, as the OHRV patrol equipment is funded from these fines. The fund purchases such items as batteries for portable

radios, portable battery chargers, deep cell gel batteries, and additional safety vests.

If this article does not pass, there will be an increase in the operating budget next year to make the necessary equipment purchases.

There is no tax impact of this article as it does not involve tax dollars.

CREATE A REVOLVING FUND FOR POLICE SPECIAL DETAILS. There is no tax impact of this article.

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of police special detail wages, benefits, administrative costs, supplies, equipment, and cruisers and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited into the fund. Further, all revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. After payment of police special detail wages, benefits, administrative costs, supplies and other equipment, the fund may also be used for the purpose of purchasing new cruisers for police special details. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

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

The article will create a new fund that will be self-funding and cover all of the costs of police special details. Any excess after payment of the Town's costs (payroll wages and taxes, retirement costs and insurances), will be saved toward the purchase of cruisers. It is anticipated this will save tax dollars in the long term.

There is no tax impact of this article.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Emergency Management Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 4-2.
(Majority vote required)**

This article proposes to add funds to the Capital Reserve Fund for Emergency Management equipment. The current plan is to purchase a generator (with State grant funding) to make the Ellis School a shelter, and to replace the Safety Complex generator (also with grant funding). The Town is required to have 50% matching funds on hand to be eligible for the State and other grant programs that become available. The primary use at this time would be a generator for establishing an Emergency Shelter for the Town.

The estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.13.

CONSIDER RESCINDING THE PROVISIONS OF NH RSA 40:13, KNOWN AS SB2

ARTICLE 22: Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Known as SB2), as adopted by the Town of Fremont, NH on 3-13-2007, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? (By petition)

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 4-1.
(3/5 ballot vote required)

This article was submitted by petition and proposes to rescind the provisions of SB2 and would change voting back to a Traditional Town Meeting at which all articles are deliberated and voted on the floor of the meeting. A public hearing will be held to discuss the article at 7:30 pm on February 13, 2014 as part of the Selectmen's Meeting. The snow date for the hearing is February 20, 2014.

**Please be sure to vote on Election Day,
Tuesday March 11, 2014.**

**All articles (including any amendments
from Deliberative Session) will be on the
Official Ballot. Polls are
open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at
Ellis School
432 Main Street
Fremont NH.**

**Contact the Town Clerk for absentee ballot
or other election information at 895 8693.**

**Check the Town website for further
information and details at:**

WWW.FREMONT.NH.GOV

LAND USE BOARDS NEED YOUR HELP!

**The Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board both
have openings for Board Members and Alternate Board
Members.**

Are you interested in Fremont's Zoning and Planning and land use endeavors?

Are you a resident of the Town and a registered voter?
Do you have the desire and the time to dedicate to the community?

The Planning Board meets at 7:00 pm on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. In addition to hearing and working

through subdivision and site plan review applications the Planning Board is responsible for the ongoing process of updating the Subdivision, Excavation, Driveway, Site Plan Review Regulations and the Master Plan. They are also responsible for the Capital Improvements Plan and for any amendment to the Fremont Zoning Ordinance to be put before the voters of the Town.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets at 7:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month and also conducts a site visit for each application. This Board deals strictly with the Zoning Ordinance and hears requests for relief of the Ordinance in the form of applications for Special Exceptions, Variances, Appeals from Administrative Decisions, and Equitable Waivers of Dimensional Requirements.

The process for becoming a Member of any Board or Commission is for the candidate to sit in on several meetings to see if he/she feels it is something he/she wants to pursue. If the Board Members agree with the appointment, they issue a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen, the candidate meets briefly with the Selectmen and if they agree the appointment is drawn for signature by the Selectmen.

The positions require dedication, the desire to implement and work with the Town's regulations, ordinances and procedures, and a willingness to participate in community issues. This knowledge can be gained as you attend meetings and become familiar with regulations and ordinances.

Contact Meredith Bolduc at 895-3200 x 17 for more information. You can see her during business hours in the Land Use Office in the basement level of the Town Hall or contact her by email at FremontPZ@comcast.net.

Additional information, minutes, and regulations can be seen on the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov and clicking on Planning Board or Zoning Board pages.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

There are currently several open positions for volunteer elected positions to the Fremont Budget Committee. See the Candidate Declaration article on the front page of this newsletter for information on how to sign up.

In general, the position requires attendance at 14-16 evening meetings per year, busiest during the budget season between September and January annually; and quarterly the rest of the year.

Any Fremont resident who is a registered voter, and has knowledge in financial matters or interest in such a position, with a desire to serve the community and an interest in finances and budgetary matters of the Town and School District can be a candidate.

Questions can be directed to the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 10. Interested candidates are also highly encouraged to attend any Committee meetings as posted in this Newsletter and on the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov.

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER

The Town welcomes our new Deputy Health Officer, Carla Smith. Many of you will know her as the Ellis School Nurse. She has an impressive background (MSN, RN & CEN) and will be a great asset. She will be working with Health Officer Bob Meade.

Town Hall Office Hours

Tel: 895 2226 ~ Fax: 895 3149

Selectmen's Office VM 10, 11

Mon & Fri 8:00 am to 12 noon

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

Thurs 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

FremontTA@comcast.netFremontTownHall@comcast.net**Tax Collector / Town Clerk**

895 8693 VM 15,16

Mon & Thurs 12 noon to 7:00 pm

Tues & Fri 12 noon to 5:00 pm

FremontClerk@comcast.netFremontTax@comcast.net**Bldg & Planning 895 3200****Building Inspector VM 18**

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

and by appointment

FremontBI@comcast.net**Planning & Zoning VM 17**

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

FremontPZ@comcast.net**Health** Bob Meade 895 3200 x 18**Welfare** By appt 895 3200 x 12**Town & Department Contacts**

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Fire Rescue Business 895 9634

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Raymond Disp 895 4222 Non-Emerg

Highway Dept - Road Agent

Mark Pitkin 300 7429

Fremont Public Library

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Wed & Fri 9 am to 5 pm

Sat 9 am to 2 pm

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

Feb 11 Mar 11

Open Space 7:00 pm

Feb 5

Energy Comm 7:00 pm

Jan 28 Feb 25

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

Feb 3

Conservation Comm 7:00 pm

Feb 3 Mar 2

Planning Board 7:00 pm

Feb 5, 19 Mar 5, 19

Selectmen 6:00 pm

Jan 30* Feb 6*, 13, 20*, 28

* denotes worksession / no appts

Zoning Board 7:30 pm

Jan 28 Feb 25

Fremont Public Library**Library Trustees 4th Weds 7:00 pm****Supervisors of Checklist**

Sat Jan 25 & Mar 1 11-11:30 am

Friends of Library 1st Tues 7:00 pm**Garden Club 4th Tues 7:00 pm**

Sept through April

Fremont Safety Complex**250th Comm 3rd Tuesday 6:00 pm**

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 the 15th of each month for
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 accepted. Submissions may be
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