



**March 2021**

# THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

*We're Building Community*

## FREMONT TOWN HALL IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

## FREMONT during the COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This is a strange time in Fremont, and the world, as we deal with epic crisis in the Coronavirus. Town buildings are open by appointment only as continue to try and keep staff and the public safe. We have been successfully able to complete nearly all Town business online, via phone and email, and as needed with scheduled appointments. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we all come to grips with the "new normal" in every function and facet of our daily lives. The Town has remained overly cautious as we have very limited staff, and anyone of them getting sick will shut down an entire building or Department and we want to continue to be able to provide services.

The Town's website is the most up to date location to get information. We have posted "how to" for the most common municipal transactions, and you are free to call, email, mail, and use the drop box for various transactions. Click on this link to take you to the virtual "HOW TO" for Town transactions from the home page of our website:

<https://www.fremont.nh.gov/home/news/covid-19-updates>

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

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

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



## TOWN AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS

**Tuesday March 9, 2021**

Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Ellis School, 432 Main Street in Fremont. You can also apply for an Absentee Ballot if you cannot appear in person. Health concern is a valid reason, during the pandemic, to apply for an Absentee Ballot.

**Monday March 8, 2021** – Town Clerk open from 3:00 to 5:00 pm only for Absentee Ballots ONLY.

**Tuesday March 9, 2021** - Last day for the Town Clerk to accept completed absentee ballots BY 5:00 pm. Contact the Town Clerk for ALL ABSENTEE BALLOT QUESTIONS at 895 8693 x 308 or by email to [clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov).

**Tuesday March 9, 2021 - TOWN and SCHOOL ELECTIONS**  
Polls open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at Ellis School - 432 Main Street in Fremont. New voters can register with the Supervisors of the Checklist on March 9th.

**Friday March 12, 2021** - Last day for any person for whom a vote was cast to apply to the Town Clerk for a recount. Clerk will have special hours from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for that sole purpose.

**Tuesday March 16, 2021** - Last day for 10 voters of a town to petition Clerk to recount ballots on any question printed on the official ballot. Clerk will have special hours from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for that sole purpose.

**Friday March 19, 2021** - Last day for candidates for Town office to remove political advertising.

## 2021 FREMONT CANDIDATES DECLARED FOR OFFICE TOWN OFFICES

Budget Committee: 2 for 3 yrs.  
Jon Benson  
Brian McGinn

Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 yrs.  
No Candidates Declared

Library Trustee: 1 for 3 yrs.  
Emily Clark

Road Agent: 1 for 3 yrs.  
Leon F Holmes Jr

Selectman: 1 for 3 yrs.  
Neal R Janvrin

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

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

School Board: 1 for 2 yrs.  
Brittany Thompson

School District Moderator: 1 for 1 yr.  
James Thompson

School Board: 2 for 3 yrs.  
Gordon Muench  
Greg Fraize

School District Clerk: 1 for 1 yr.  
Shawn Perreault

School District Treasurer: 1 for 1 yr.  
Angela O'Connell

## Town Reports are available!

You can pick them up at the Town Hall (front entry or back porch upstairs), Library or Safety Complex (under front awning); and Ellis School inside. They will remain outside as long as no severe weather is predicted.

## LAND USE BOARDS NEED VOLUNTEERS!

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

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

Interested? Start attending meetings and consider joining a board as an alternate member to gain experience and knowledge of Town Regulations and become a full and valued member of a board. Contact Leanne Miner at 895 3200 x 306, [landuse@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:landuse@fremont.nh.gov) for more information. You can also check out what is happening at our meetings on the Town's website, FCTV, or Vimeo.

## TOWN OF FREMONT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Fremont Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday March 11, 2021 at 7:15 pm at the Fremont Town Hall basement meeting room, pursuant to NH RSA 36-A:4 and 5 and RSA 675:7 concerning the gifting of personal properties identified as Parcel 04-066 and 04-066.001 for conservation purposes. The parcels are 10.3 and 14.7 acres, respectively and are located adjacent to the NH DRED rail trail and portions of Spruce Swamp; and in close proximity to the Oak Ridge Town Forest. The property is owned by the Brown Family Trust which has also offered to pay all closing costs.

We ask the public to watch us from home on FCTV; or if you choose to attend, you are asked to wear a mask and will be screened for entry to the Town Hall. Written comments may be submitted to the Board of Selectmen by mail, electronically to [hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov) or dropped off in the Town Hall drop box for the Selectmen no later than 4:00 pm on the date of the hearing.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



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

x102.

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

The following documentation is required to complete the registration process:

Birth Certificate

Copy of most recent immunization records

Copy of most recent physical (must be dated within the last year)

Proof of Residency

Copy of Parent/Guardian ID

Completed registration paperwork



## WINTER PARKING BAN

The Town of Fremont Parking Ordinance: It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle at any time contrary to any of the following provisions of this Section unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

1. Within the Town of Fremont, from November 15 to April 1, no parking is permitted on any public street or any town-owned right of way, or in any town-owned parking lot between 12:00 midnight to 6:00 am.
2. In the event of a winter snowstorm requiring snow plowing and/or removal as deemed necessary by the Fremont Road Agent, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody and/or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked within the public right of way during a snowstorm. Vehicles interfering with snow plowing or removal operations shall be towed at the owner's expense.

## FREMONT PARKS & RECREATION EGG EVENT

In keeping with Covid guidelines, Fremont Parks & Recreation

will be doing something different for the Annual Egg Hunt.

This year, we will be delivering plastic eggs to participants' front yards for children ages 0-10.

On Friday March 26th or Saturday March 27th Fremont Parks & Recreation will deliver filled eggs to participants' front yard. These eggs will be filled with assorted candy and little toys.

The last day to sign up is



Tuesday March 23rd.

Please sign up through the google form below.

<https://forms.gle/BqLKD792G1N4s28R7>

If you have any questions, please email the Commission: at [fremontnhprd@gmail.com](mailto:fremontnhprd@gmail.com)

## ROADS & THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Obstructions in the Town's right-of-way are not permitted. Plantings, mulch, trees, rocks, and decorative pavers ARE NOT PERMITTED. These structures of any size obstruct drainage from the roadway and cause other road problems. The high amounts of winter snow will cause added drainage and runoff issues this spring. Please help keep the ROW area clear.

RSA 236:15 states that any building, structure or fence within or over any highway is a public nuisance. Please do not place any such items in the right-of-way as they are subject to being removed by the Highway Department. In general, the Town right of way is 13 feet on either edge of the paved surface. If you have any questions, please contact Road Agent Leon Holmes Jr at 300 7430.



## FREE KNIT WINTER HATS

Outside the front and rear entrances of the Fremont Town Hall (weather permitting) are boxes of winter hats and scarves for anyone who may need them! The generosity and skill of Fremont knitters, and a donation from the knitters at the RayFre Senior Center in Raymond makes this possible.

If you need one, **please help yourself**. If you cannot get to Town Hall, contact Heidi Carlson or the Fremont Food Pantry to get yours.



## FREMONT FOOD PANTRY

Anyone who needs assistance from the Fremont Food Pantry should contact Renee at (603) 244 1404 or Kim at (207) 370 5096. The Food Pantry is located at Basement level in the Fremont Town Hall. During COVID-19, the best way to make a donation to those in need of Pantry services is with a supermarket gift card or check.

Monetary/card donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall drop box or mailed in care of the Selectmen's Office to PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120.



## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Town of Fremont is looking for dedicated and energetic community members who are interested in recreational activities for residents of all ages, to volunteer for vacancies on the Fremont Parks & Recreation activities for youth and adults alike as well as the operations at the Town's ballfields. The Commission generally meets 6-8 times per year primarily planning the popular holiday events around Easter, Memorial Day Parade, Halloween and Christmas. Volunteers should have some creative energy and be willing to work with other volunteers. Positions interact regularly with the Selectmen's Office staff, park maintenance staff and the very involved FAA (who oversees all of the athletic teams in Fremont).

For many years the Commission has also planned and helped to execute Camp Fremont. The Commission prepares the annual budget and plans for field maintenance and upgrades as needed, working with the Selectmen and maintenance staff.

Questions can be directed to the Heidi Carlson in the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 301 or by email at [hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov).

COVID-19 has changed how we present community events, but we would still like to have recreational offerings for community members of all ages! If you think you have a few hours per month to dedicate to a worthwhile endeavor, maybe this position is for you! The Selectmen's desire is to fill the position(s) as soon as possible. Interested candidates can submit a letter/email of interest with your name and contact details, along with some information about your background and interest.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## POSITION OPENING FREMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY CUSTODIAN & MAINTENANCE PART-TIME

The Town of Fremont is seeking applicants for a part-time hourly position for maintenance and cleaning duties at the Fremont Public Library. Position may be up to 20 hours per week, and is hourly, non-exempt with a \$11.00 per hour rate of pay. Position requires cleaning of all library areas, washing windows, vacuuming and other building maintenance and snow removal duties as assigned. Must be reliable in all seasons, and able to work a flexible schedule to meet the varying seasonal demands. Seasonal exterior maintenance work will include, but not limited to, the use of snow blowers, lawn mowers and weed whackers. Strong interpersonal or customer service skills are required. Experience working with the public is preferred. Successful candidates will be required to submit to a complete background check. Position reports to the Library Director.

Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to [ericabney.fpl@gmail.com](mailto:ericabney.fpl@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, with our desire to fill the position in a timely manner. The Town of Fremont is an EOE.

## 2020 ABATEMENTS

If you have questions about your assessment, please feel free to contact the Selectmen's Office (Heidi, Jeanne or Kathy) by phone or email. All property assessing records are public information. You can also access the information online at the Vision Appraisal website at [www.visionappraisal.com](http://www.visionappraisal.com). We send updates in several times a year to the Vision site, and you can see the most recent date of updates when you log on. We are currently open by appointment and can review information with you and send you your property record card for a more in-depth review.

If you feel that your property is disproportionately assessed, or there are listing errors on your card, you can file an abatement. Our abatement information sheet is available at the Town Offices and on the Town website at [www.fremont.nh.gov](http://www.fremont.nh.gov). Abatement forms are available at the Selectmen's Office or can be downloaded from the NHBTLA website at <http://www.nh.gov/btla>; and there is a link on the Town's website. You need Form *Taxpayers 76:16 Abatement Application to Municipality*. You can also call or email the Selectmen's Office and we will get one to you. Abatement forms are DUE no later than Tuesday MARCH 1, 2021 at 12 noon. You cannot leave a form in the drop box after noon on Monday March 1. A postmark of March 1, 2021 WILL be accepted. Questions about abatements need to be directed to the Selectmen's Office, and not the Tax Collector.

## 2021 EXEMPTIONS & CREDITS

Applications for new exemptions or credits will be accepted at the Selectmen's Office until Thursday April 15, 2021 at 5:00 pm. A postmark of April 15, 2021 is also acceptable. DO NOT leave your application off in the drop box after 5:00 pm on April 15, 2021 as it cannot be accepted. If you would like a form or have any questions, please contact Jeanne in the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 303 or Kathy at 895 2226 x 302.

Forms are available on the website, or contact us to have one mailed out to you.

## FREMONT HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND MEETING HOUSE

The Fremont Historical Museum will open by Appointment ONLY for anyone interested in viewing the exhibits starting in May through October 2021. Masks and social distancing will be required of all visitors.



The Fremont Museum has over 50 exhibits and numerous artifacts that span the history of the town before and since it was incorporated as

Poplin in 1764.

Appointments can also be made to tour the historic 1800 Twin-Porch Poplin/Fremont Meeting House --one of only two 18th century twin-porch meeting houses remaining in the United States.

To make an appointment, or to order the 1000-page hardcover HISTORY OF FREMONT, NH - OLDE POPLIN 1764-2004 please contact Fremont Historical Society President Matthew E. Thomas at 603 895 4032. Please leave a message and he will get right back to you.

## BUILDING PERMITS

When you apply for and are issued a building permit, several things happen at the Town level. The Building Inspector reviews it for compliance and makes determinations on issuance. You will then pay a fee for the permit and inspection costs and the Inspector issues a permit that you post at your property during the time the construction is ongoing.

Once issued, the Inspector files a copy in the Selectmen's Office to be maintained permanently in the property file, and the information is provided to the Assessor's so that your improvements can be updated in your property assessment record.

At some point after issuance, the Assessor's Office visits all properties subject to a building permit. The Assessor will measure and list any improvements, and ask to view the interior of your home, if it involves an interior improvement or update. This is unrelated to the building permit inspection process, and is done for the accuracy of all Town assessing records. During the pandemic, you may receive a phone call instead, or the inspector may do an exterior inspection and ask any questions at the door only.

Questions about a building permit application or how to move ahead with improvements to your home should be directed to the Building Inspector, Larry Miner, at 895 3200 x 309 or by email to [BuildingInspector@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:BuildingInspector@fremont.nh.gov). Assessing questions can be sent to the Assessing Office in care of Jeanne Nygren at [jnygren@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:jnygren@fremont.nh.gov) or Heidi Carlson at [hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:hcarlson@fremont.nh.gov) or call us at 895 2226 at the Selectmen's Office for more information.

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## SAVE THE DATE

DRIVE-THRU and Socially Distanced:

**Rabies Clinic – Saturday April 17 at the Highway Shed from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm (not a Town event, but open to Fremont residents and the public)**

**Bulky Day – Saturday May 1 at the Highway Shed from 8:00 am to noon**  
**Please watch for more information.**



Because we cannot safely plan a socially distant event, the Annual Memorial Day parade and Ceremony will not take place in 2021. We ask everyone to observe this special day in their own patriotic way!



## EXETER ADULT EDUCATION COURSES OFFER SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

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

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

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

**Selectmen's Office VM x 301 Heidi  
x 303 Jeanne and x 302 Kathy**

Tel: 895 2226 ~ Fax: 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**

**895 8693 VM x 307**

Monday 9:00 am to 12 noon

Tuesday 7:30 am to 2:00 pm

Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon

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

email for an appointment

**Bldg & Planning 895 3200**

**Building Inspector VM x 309**

By appointment, generally 7:30 am to  
1:30 pm

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

**Planning & Zoning VM x 306**

Generally Tuesday & Thursday 11:00  
am to 4:00 pm by appointment.

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

**All Town Office services are by  
appointment only, please call or  
email ahead. Thank you!**

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Fremont NH 03044-0120

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ALL OF THE MOST  
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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)

**Welfare by appt 483 2881**

**Town & Department Contacts  
EMERGENCY dial 9 1 1**

**Police Department 895 2229**

Fax 895 1116

Mon – Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Fire Rescue Business 895 9634**

Raymond Disp 895 4222 Non-Emerg

**Highway Dept - Road Agent**

Leon Holmes Jr 603 300 7430

**Fremont Public Library – by appt**

Tel 895 9543 ~ Fax 244 1724

Tues and Fri by appointment

**Ellis School 895 2511 sau83.org**

**SAU # 83 895 6903 Fax 895 6905**

Both located at 432 Main Street

**Food Pantry Renee 244 1404 or**

Kim 207 370 5096

**Post Office 895 2094**

Mon - Fri 9:15 am - 12:15 pm and 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 Selectmen's Office 895 2226 x  
303 or x 302**

**2021 MEETING SCHEDULES**

**Fremont Town Hall**

**Conservation Comm 6:30 pm**

Mar 1 Apr 5

**FCTV Committee 6:00 pm**

Mar 15 Apr 19

**Planning Board 7:00 pm**

Mar 3, 17 Apr 7, 21

**Selectmen 6:30 pm**

Mar 3, 11, 18, 25 Apr 1, 8

**Zoning Board 7:00 pm**

Mar 23 Apr 26

**Budget Committee 7:00 pm**

TBD April or May

**Cemetery Trustees 4:00 pm**

Mar 23

**Fremont Public Library**

**Library Trustees 5:45 pm**

Mar 24

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Permit NO. 5

**RESIDENT OR  
BOXHOLDER**

**FREMONT NH 03044**

*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.*