



MARCH 2013

THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

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ABATEMENT & EXEMPTION INFORMATION

The deadline to file an abatement for your 2012 property assessment is 12:00 noon on Friday March 1, 2013 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 in the outside box after 12 noon on March 1st, but a March 1, 2013 postmark is acceptable.

The deadline to file a credit or exemption application form in the Selectmen's Office for the 2013 tax year is 12 noon on Monday April 15, 2013. Forms will not be accepted if dropped in the outside box after 12 noon on April 15th but an April 15, 2013 postmark is acceptable. These applications are available in the Selectmen's Office or on the Town website as indicated above. Please be sure you have all of the required documentation submitted with your application form.

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

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration has begun at Ellis School for the 2013-2014 school year. If you have a child who you would like to register for Kindergarten, please call or email Ms. Ford at kford@sau83.org or 895-2511 ext. 105 for more information. Please note: Children must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2013 in order to be eligible for Kindergarten. Kindergarten Parent Information Night will be held on Wednesday March 21, 2013 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Ellis School Library.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

March 2, 2013 – Supervisors of Checklist session from 11:00 to 11:30 am (**last day to register prior to Town and School Elections**).

March 11, 2013 – Town Clerk open from 3:00 to 5:00 pm only as this is the last time to request and submit an absentee ballot in person.

March 12, 2013 – Town and School District Elections – Polling held at Ellis School from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Same day voter registration permitted). All voters must have an ID.

March 15, 2013 – Last day for any person for whom a vote was cast to apply to the Town Clerk for a recount. The Town Clerk will be available from 3:00 to 5:00 pm only for the recount request.

TOWN CLERK HOURS

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

CLOSED Friday

Phone: 895 8693 Email: FremontClerk@comcast.net

THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Monday March 18, 2013
Monday April 1, 2013
Monday April 8, 2013

CANDIDATE DECLARATIONS

The following candidates have declared their candidacy for Town and School District Offices:

TOWN OFFICES

Budget Committee 1 for 2 yrs
Michael A Nygren

Budget Committee 2 for 3 yrs
Griffin Cordes
Patricia J Martel

Cemetery Trustee 1 for 3 yrs
Steven Harms

Library Trustee 1 for 3 yrs
Eric Abney

Selectman 1 for 3 yrs
Leon F Holmes Sr
Annmarie Scribner

Superv of Checklist 1 for 3 yrs
No candidates declared

Superv of Checklist 1 for 5 yrs
Catherine Murdock

Tax Collector 1 for 3 yrs
Sharon Girardi
Jeanne T Nygren
Yvonne F Ouellette
Marilyn A Peterson

Town Clerk 1 for 3 yrs
Shannon V Bryant
Sharon Girardi

Treasurer 1 for 3 yrs
Kimberly Dunbar

Trustee of Trust Funds 1 for 3 yrs
Patricia J Martel

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

School Board 2 for 3 yrs
Tammy Kitt
Andrew P Kohlhofer
Sue Lynehan
Antje McKee -Courcy

School Dist Clerk 1 for 1 yr
No candidates declared

School Dist Moderator 1 for 1 yr
No candidates declared

School Dist Treas 1 for 1yr
Elizabeth J Stanley

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

The Tax Collector has resigned effective February 20, 2013. The Deputy Kathy St Germain will assume this role until the March elections. Office Hours will continue to be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm through Town Meeting.

If you should need assistance from the Collector, please leave a voicemail message at 603 895 3200 x 14; send an email to FremontTax@comcast.net; or send a fax request to 603 895 3149. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience during this transition.

FROST BAN

The Town has a Frost Ban Ordinance. Watch for road postings as the ground begins to thaw. Contact the Road Agent at 300 7429 with questions. The Ordinance is posted on the Town's website.

The Winter Parking Ban is in effect through April 15th.

CANDIDATES NIGHT

A Candidates Night will be held promptly at 6:00 pm on Tuesday March 5, 2013 at the Ellis School Gymnasium. The Town and School District Moderator will oversee the event, which will provide for all candidates to introduce themselves and provide a few minutes of information to voters. The session is scheduled until 7:15 pm; at which time people can circulate and meet with candidates.

Please plan to join this event and learn more about the residents running for Town and School District Offices in 2013.

Voting for all Town and School District matters takes place on Tuesday March 12, 2013 with polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at Ellis School, 432 Main Street.

POLITICAL ADVERTISING SIGNS

NH RSA 664:17 Placement and Removal of Political Advertising:

"No political advertising shall be placed on or affixed to any public property including highway rights-of-way or private property without the owner's consent. The candidate shall remove all political advertising no later than the second Friday following the election unless the election is a primary and the advertising concerns a candidate who is a winner in the primary. Signs shall not be placed on or affixed to utility poles or highway signs. Political advertising may be placed within State-owned rights-of-way as long as the advertising does not obstruct the safe flow of traffic and the advertising is placed with the consent of the owner of the land over which the right-of-way passes.

No person shall remove, deface, or knowingly destroy any political advertising which is placed on or affixed to public property or any private property except the owner of the property, persons authorized by the owner of the property, or a law enforcement officer removing improper advertising. State, City, or Town Maintenance or Law Enforcement Personnel may remove political advertising placed on or affixed to any public property. Political advertising removed prior to election day by state, city, or town maintenance or law enforcement personnel shall be kept for one week at a place designated by the state, city, or town so that the candidate may retrieve the items.

As it pertains to the highway right-of-way provision, the Fremont Board of Selectmen, after consultation with the Fremont Town Clerk and Moderator, has outlined the following guidelines:

1. No political signs shall be placed on Town Property outside of the road right-of-way.
2. Within the road right-of-way [generally 13 feet from the edge of pavement or travel way], signs may only be placed with the direct abutter's permission. This refers to the abutter on that side of the street.
3. At the polling entrance, unattended political signs may be placed only on the actual polling day during open polling hours [7:00 am to 8:00 pm]; and only in the designated area as determined by the Moderator. The designated area will be appropriately marked and placed in an area that will not obstruct or hinder the safe flow of traffic. (This designated area allows the Town of Fremont to abide by the Attorney General's rules). Signs shall be removed immediately following the election.
4. A candidate or the candidate's representative must attend all other signs which will be permitted in an area designated by the Moderator in accordance with RSA 659:43.

The Town of Fremont designates the Fremont Safety Complex as the storage location for any political advertising signs removed for improper placement; or those found after having been displaced by wind or weather conditions. Contact the Town Clerk for further information.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL AND 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, in the Town Clerk Department or directly from the home page:



Also on the E-Reg site is an estimation tool to receive quick and convenient estimates for your vehicle registrations. The fees calculated are subject to change and may vary depending upon how, when and where you complete the registration process.

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. If you do not provide either of these documents, the Clerk's office **CANNOT** process the registration renewal without first printing a certified copy of the previous registration that will cost \$18.00.

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 newly acquired vehicle you **MUST** provide a bill of sale. The Clerk's office is required to make a photo copy of that bill of sale and submit it to the DMV. Also, when registering a newly purchased vehicle, whoever is listed as the owner or owners on the paperwork **MUST** appear in person at the Clerk's office to complete the transaction.

DOG LICENSE REMINDER

The 2013 dog license tags are now available. A current rabies certificate is required for licensing your dog(s). 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 E-Dog icon on the homepage. If you no longer have your dog, please contact Shannon Bryant at 895 8693 x 16 or by email at FremontClerk@comcast.net so we can update our records accordingly.

FIRE RESCUE OPEN HOUSE

The Fremont Fire Rescue Department is inviting families to come and see the Fire Department at our open house on Saturday March 9, 2013 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

It will include fire extinguisher training for homeowners, Q & A for homeowners on fire safety, including CO detectors and smoke detectors. We will demonstrate some of the equipment we use and the importance of having this equipment to serve the community.

We will have all of our apparatus for you to see, and will take photos of kids on the trucks.

Refreshments will be served, come have coffee, juice, brownies and other goodies with the men and women of the Fire Rescue Department and learn more about what we do. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL ELECTIONS

The Friends of the Library will meet April 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm to hold elections for the coming year. The current Board is asking members and residents interested in helping revitalize the Friends to attend this important meeting. The group helps the Library with programs, museum passes and supplies that may not be covered in the annual budget. For more information email FriendsOfTheFremontLibrary@gmail.com.

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.

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM DIRECTOR POSITION OPENING

The Town of Fremont is accepting applications for a Summer Camp 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 generally from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Camp Director 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, overseeing payroll and budgeted 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; and compile program reports as needed.

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, not to exceed \$5,000 for the summer. Interviews will begin as soon as possible.

The job description is available on the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov on the RFP and Job Postings page or by contacting the Selectmen's Office.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference. Items should be submitted 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. The Town of Fremont is an EOE. Position will remain open until filled.

FREMONT POST OFFICE

The Fremont PO has retail hours from 8:30 to 11:30 am and 2:00 to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and from 8:30 to 11:00 am on Saturday. Customers will have access to their mail receptacles in the lobby from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and from 8:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday. Post Office Box mail is available daily for pickup by 10:00 am.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

The Fremont Food Pantry will be hosting its annual Easter Holiday Food Baskets for Fremont residents in need. If you are a Fremont resident and would like to sign-up your family to receive a basket, kindly do so by Friday March 22, 2013 by calling Debbie at 895 3825. Distribution will take place on Wednesday March 27, 2013.

If you would like to help the Food Pantry by donating items, please contact Debbie Burke to inquire about the items most needed. You can reach Debbie at 895 3825. Gift Cards to Hannaford, Market Basket, and Walmart are always helpful.

Donations can be dropped off at the Fremont Town Hall during normal business hours. As always, monetary donations are graciously accepted and can be mailed to Fremont Food Pantry c/o Cindy Grasso, Treasurer, PO Box 2, Fremont, NH 03044-0002. For more information please call the number above. All calls to the Fremont Food Pantry are completely confidential.

FREMONT GARDEN CLUB

The FGC met on January 22, 2013 at the Fremont Public Library. Guest speaker, Mark Davis of Pawtuckaway Nursery Corporation in Lee NH, gave a talk on fruit tree varieties which grow well in this area, and the care of the same, for best results.

Carolyn Carr and Mary Kaltenbach provided refreshments.

The next meeting of the FGC will feature guest speaker Douglas McElroy of Newton Greenhouses. All interested persons are invited to attend.

SAVE THE DATE RABIES CLINIC

The Fremont Police Association will sponsor its annual rabies clinic on Saturday, April 13 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Fremont Safety Complex, 425 Main Street.

Rabies shots and microchips will be available. 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.

CHILDREN'S HOME BENEFIT

The East Kingston Community United Methodist Church and the Peoples United Methodist Church (Fremont) invite you to participate in a program to benefit the Chase Home for Children in Portsmouth, NH and the St. Charles Children's Home in Rochester, NH.

Gift cards in any amount for McDonald's, Wendy's, and Regal Cinemas would be greatly appreciated. The children love going out to eat and to the movies!

Please send or deliver the gift cards to: EKCUMC, PO Box 135, Depot Road - Route 107, East Kingston, NH 03827 -or- PUMC, PO Box 150, Main Street - Route 107, Fremont, NH 03044. For further information, please call Gerry Tilley at 603-895-6658. Thanks for your support.

FREMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET APRIL 2ND

Due to a conflict with meetings, the March meeting of the Fremont Historical Society has been postponed until Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:30 pm to be held in the Community Room at the Fremont Public Library. Anyone interested in local Fremont history is always welcome to attend any and all of our four yearly meetings. Admission is FREE...just bring your curiosity and thirst for more historical local knowledge and you're sure to have a great time!

Refreshments will be served after the program which will be on the HISTORY & PURPOSE OF TOWN POUNDS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. Almost every town in New England had a town pound usually a rectangular granite stonewalled enclosure whose purpose was to restrain stray livestock that often wrecked havoc & destruction when they escaped their farmyards. Learn why these Pounds were important, who managed them, which are the oldest & newest in New Hampshire and much more fascinating history about these ancient relics of our New Hampshire agricultural heritage. For more information please call FHS President Matthew E. Thomas at 895 4032.

FREMONT 250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING & NEWS

The 250th Anniversary of Fremont is fast approaching in June 2014 and the Committee is working hard to make sure it is a celebration full of fun, education, and memorable events. The 250th Committee respectfully requests voter support on Town Election Day March 12th approving Warrant Article #15 that will add \$5,000 to the existing 250th Celebration Expendable Trust Fund established in 2012. This money along with the funds the 250th Committee has raised and will continue to raise via donations and souvenir sales will all go towards sponsoring a two-hour 250th Anniversary Parade, Fremont Celebration Field Day, Fireworks Show, Concerts, Militia Encampment, Woodsmen Contest, Antique Car Show, Crafts & Food Fair, Northside versus Southside Fremont Tug-of-War Contest, Historical Exhibits & Woodcarving Demonstrations, Children's Games, Meeting House Ecumenical Church Service, Town & Cemetery History Tours, Horseshoe Contests, Longest Beard Contest, Hayrides, BBQ Pig Roast, Chili Contest, Pancake Breakfast, Antique Mart and strolling musicians. This will truly be a grand celebration which Fremonters will long remember and have fun enjoying the festivities and learning all about the truly historic and fascinating town they live in that was incorporated as the Town of POPLIN on June 22, 1764.

Anyone interested in helping the Committee make these events a reality are urged to attend our monthly meetings which are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Community Room at the Fremont Safety Complex. Our next meeting is Tuesday March 19th. Please join and help make this a wonderful celebration all Fremonters can take pride in. For more info please call 250th Chairman Matthew E. Thomas at 895 4032 or 250th Secretary Trish Coulombe at 997 9323. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

COOKING BASICS NUTRITION CONNECTIONS

The UNH Cooperative Extension offers 4-6 free in-home sessions tailored to your family's needs. Here's what you can learn: hands-on cooking, create a recipe file of family favorite meals; healthy choices for a healthy weight, stretch your food dollars, staying active and more.

If you qualify for Food Stamps, WIC, Medicaid, Housing Assistance, or other types of financial assistance, then you qualify for free participation in Nutrition connections Programs. Contact Terri Schoppmeyer at 679 5616 or by email at terri.schoppmeyer@unh.edu for more information and details about the program.

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 6-8 pm, 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 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.



TOWN OF FREMONT 2013 VOTER GUIDE

This guide has been prepared to provide you additional information for your voting decisions prior to entering the voting booth on Tuesday March 12, 2013. The Guide

contains all of the articles as they were amended at Deliberative Session, and some brief descriptions with additional information. You can use this document with the Warrant Summary Sheet, for review of the articles. You can bring the Summary Sheet with you on Election Day.

If you have questions about voting eligibility or absentee ballots, please contact Shannon Bryant in the Town Clerk's Office at 895 8693. Additional information is also available on the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov.

We hope this information is helpful for your understanding of the issues to be voted upon at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting. If you have specific questions that might be answered in advance of voting day, please feel free to call our office at 895 2226 x 10 or send an email to FremontTA@comcast.net.

Annmarie Scribner Brett A Hunter Greta St Germain
Fremont Board of Selectmen

In our fifth 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 remains one document. It is reviewed and discussed at the Deliberative Session. Following any changes at that session, a final format of the questions is created, called the Official Ballot. Also in follow-up to Deliberative Session held on February 5, 2013, this VOTER GUIDE has been created.

Voting on the Official Ballot will take place on Tuesday March 12, 2013 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 Town Clerk Shannon Bryant for information 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. We have included an estimate of what each article reflects as part of the total Town portion of the tax rate. This is only an estimate, but is based on conservative, 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
2009	\$3.44
2010	\$3.58
2011	\$3.36
2012	\$3.41

You can also refer to tax rate historical information in the 2012 Town Report.

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

Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years

Griffin Cordes

Patricia Martel

Budget Committee: 1 for 2 years

Michael A Nygren

Cemetery Trustee 1 for 3 years

Steven Hams

Library Trustee 1 for 3 years

Eric Abney

Selectman 1 for 3 years

Leon F Holmes Sr

Annmarie Scribner

Supervisor of Checklist: 1 for 5 years

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Supervisors of Checklist: 1 for 3 years

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Jeanne T Nygren

Yvonne F Ouellette

Marilyn A Peterson

Town Clerk: 1 for 3 years

Shannon V Bryant

Sharon Girardi

Treasurer: 1 for 3 years

Kimberly Dunbar

Trustee of Trust Funds 1 for 3 years

Patricia J Martel

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. A listing of all candidates is on the website for viewing.

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of amending ARTICLE XVIII of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by removing from the Corporate Commercial District the parcels located at Map 5

Lot 36 and Map 5 Lot 37, and update the Fremont New Hampshire Zoning District Map dated December 13, 2006 to reflect this amendment?

The Planning Board recommends this article.

Rational: These are the only two parcels on the south side of Shirkin Road that are in the Corporate Commercial District with an overlay of Flexible Use Residential use that front on Beede Hill Road. The owners prefer their property not to be zoned as commercial.

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of amending Article XVIII of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by updating the Fremont New Hampshire Zoning District Map dated December 13, 2006 to reflect the following amendment.

1. Where a property falls within the Village District, Corporate Commercial District or the Commercial Highway District and is also located on a red road which is zoned Flexible Use Residential, the applicable zoning regulations will be that of Village District, Corporate Commercial District or the Commercial Highway District.
2. Remove Shirkin Road west of Beede Hill Road from the list of Red Roads which are zoned Flexible Use Residential.

The Planning Board recommends this article.

Rational: The purpose of this amendment is to alleviate confusion relative to use of a property when that property falls within more than one zoned district.

ARTICLE 4: 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 seventy-one thousand three hundred eighty-five dollars (\$471,385) 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 ninety-six thousand three hundred eighty-five dollars (\$296,385) 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 8-0.
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) and Tank 5 (1975). The new truck will lower 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 2013. The total purchase price of the truck is \$471,385. 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 (\$296,385) in a five year lease/purchase agreement. Thus payments would be due in each of the five years beginning with 2014. The subsequent lease payments would have a tax impact in the coming years of repayment. The tax impact for year 2014 is \$0.18.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town of Fremont raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,509,590? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,543,795 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 8-0.
Majority vote required.
As amended at Deliberative Session.**

This is the total of all operating budgets for the Town, excluding warrant articles. It was amended by \$9,999 at deliberative session, intended for the Fire Rescue Department budget. The budget can be found on the State Form MS-7, which is available on the Town's website, in the 2012 Annual Town Report, or a printed copy can be obtained at the Selectmen's Office. A detailed line item spreadsheet is available on the Town's website showing the 2013 recommendations (on the Budget Committee page).

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

Wage increases have been included for all permanent town employees. If the operating budget is approved, this would be the first overall wage increase since 2008 (except for police personnel). 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.

Executive: Reduction in the number of print/mailed copies of the Fremont Newsletter, reduction in office expenses, Committee supplies, and advertising.

Election and Registration: There is only one local election for 2013.

Reappraisal of Property: Multi-year contract with MRI (Municipal Resources Inc) to include a CPI increase in the cost of contracted assessing services. The current contract represents a reduction in services compared to years past.

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 is down due to the cost encumbered from 2012 for repainting of the Olde Meetinghouse; with other maintenance and energy efficiency upgrades at Town buildings; and

additional work to be done on the computer systems at the Town Hall and the Safety Complex.

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.

Building Inspection: Continued reduction of staffing with only part-time coverage.

Highway Department: Block Grant revenue from the State of NH decreased to \$93,723 with State funding cutbacks. The budget includes funding for hottop/upgrade work. Overall it is the same as 2012.

Solid Waste Collection: The contract rate for solid waste and recycling pickup increased by 5% with a monthly fuel adjustment for prior 12 months, which was effectively an increase due to the increased cost of diesel fuel.

Vendor Payments: Reduction in some agency requests; some recommended at lower funding levels. The total is consistent with the 2012 default budget.

Parks & Recreation: Recommended at 2012 default level.

Library: Requested increase in staff coverage time, Budget Committee recommendation slightly above 2012 default level.

Debt Service: Interest payments reduced over the life of the bonds. One final payment will be made on the 2012 short-term note to complete purchase of the Smith property.

If the proposed operating budget passes, it is estimated at this time that the tax rate for the Town would increase by approximately \$0.21. 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 tax rate setting formula.

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 \$0.56 per thousand. This would fund important safety equipment for the Fire Department, a police cruiser, mosquito control, and plan for the future needs of the Town by funding Capital Reserve Accounts.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Emergency Management Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund to the Emergency Management Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, and vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Emergency Management Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this article 8-0.
2/3 vote required.
There is no tax impact for this article.**

There is no tax impact for this article. It will change the purpose of the Capital Reserve Fund and help the Town to purchase a generator or other equipment. The primary use at this time would be a generator for establishing an Emergency Shelter for the Town.

Articles 7 through 11 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 2012 Town Report or on the Town's website (Town Report 2012). The purpose of Capital Reserve funding is to create a more balanced effect on the tax rate by saving a portion of the cost every year so it is available when a capital purchase becomes necessary. Saving money in Capital Reserve Funds helps to balance the tax rate by reducing the impact of one-time large expenditures.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) 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 8-0.
Majority vote required.**

Article 7 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, we were able to get on the NH Bridge Aid list for future construction funding. The Town needs to think about saving for the future bridge needs.

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

CONTRIBUTION TO THE POLICE CRUISER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$16,500) to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 2-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 8-0.
Majority vote required.**

Article 8 proposes to add funds to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for police vehicles. The Town traditionally saves annually for the purchase of a replacement police cruiser every two years. This savings plan creates a more balanced effect on the tax rate, in that a payment of the same amount is made every year; and in the second year, the sum withdrawn to fund the purchase of a replacement police cruiser.

The cost to purchase and outfitting a new cruiser has increased as the Ford Crown Victoria is no longer manufactured. The amount of money saved aside each year is also being increased to fund the total cost of a new car every two years.

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

ARTICLE 9: 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 6-2.
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 2013 is \$471,385 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 \$0.14 per thousand.

ARTICLE 10: 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 Building Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-2.
Majority vote required.**

This appropriation is proposed to have enough in the Capital Reserve Fund to complete improvements to the existing highway barn, renovating it to a maintenance garage. In 2012, a sand and salt shed was constructed and materials moved from the former building. The second part of the shed plan is to close in the existing building so that it can be used for maintenance and secure storage. Building codes and other updates since the original plans were laid out have added some cost. It is anticipated that this sum would facilitate the final work to be done at the site to make it a fully functioning Highway Department garage.

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

ARTICLE 11: 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 8-0.
Majority vote required.**

This appropriation is part of a two year plan to replace the existing, aged, SCBA units for the Fire Department. These packs are for breathing air (for use in a fire or hazardous condition situation). The Department's current inventory of SCBA packs and tanks are more than 10 years old and it is time to replace them. This will fund 8 packs and all of the necessary attachments, and will outfit two of the trucks with new packs.

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

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand thirty-nine dollars (\$33,039) to purchase and equip a Police cruiser; and further to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) from the Police Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 8-0.
Majority vote required.**

This appropriation is primarily funded from Capital Reserves. The Ford Crown Victoria is no longer made as a police vehicle, and the conversion to a Ford Police Interceptor Sedan (a different size and style) means that some of the equipment inside the vehicle needs to be replaced. The Department is also changing the paint scheme of the vehicles with this purchase. This will replace the oldest car in the fleet. The next older vehicle will be retrofitted to a low-profile car.

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.02 per thousand. Only \$9,039 of the purchase price will be raised by taxation. The balance is already saved in a Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars (\$7,835) for the purchase of OHRV equipment; and further to authorize the withdrawal of seven thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars (\$7,835) from the OHRV Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 8-0.
Majority vote required.**

There is no amount to be raised from taxation for this article.

Passage of this article reduces the operating budget of the Police Department.

The funds requested in this article come from an account that is funded entirely through the Police Department's OHRV enforcement program. It reflects no impact on the tax rate as it is funded from court imposed fines. The equipment being requested will be used to enhance the Department's Special Services Unit in areas ranging from ATV Patrol to Search and Rescue. Key components targeted will be communications and our ability to operate in a remote and self-sufficient manner.

The article will fund batteries for portable radios, portable battery chargers, deep cell gel batteries, a siren system for the OHRV units, radar gun holders, and additional safety vests.

The tax impact of this purchase is \$0.00 as it is funded from the existing Special Revenue Fund. There are no tax dollars involved with this fund. The Police Department operating budget was reduced and the items will be purchase from this fund. If this article does not pass, there will be an increase in the operating budget next year to make the necessary equipment purchases.

ARTICLE 14: 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 8-0.
Majority vote required.**

This article requests funding to continue the mosquito control program, which has been in place for seven years in Fremont. The contractor has again offered the program with no increase in cost for 2013. 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 2012, and allows for up to two emergency sprayings of public lots and ballfields 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 adulticiding.

The 2013 program, if approved, would begin immediately following Town Meeting. The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.13.

ARTICLE 15: 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.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-1.
Majority vote required.**

This fund was created in 2012. This article proposes to set additional money aside for the planned 2014 celebration of the 250th Anniversary of Fremont. Currently a Committee of volunteers meets monthly to work on plans for this historic event for the Town. They are anticipating fundraising to cover costs as well, but want to begin saving for the celebration's larger expenses.

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

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in support of Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County Inc, a new social service agency. If approved, this would become part of the annual operating budget for social service agencies.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-2.
Majority vote required.**

This article proposes funding a new social service agency. The agency is a 501 (c) 3 organization started to help homeless children with families. It is an affiliate of a national organization, Family Promise, which was opened in 1988 and now has 181 open affiliates across the US. An affiliate helps homeless families regain housing by creating a program called Interfaith Hospitality Network (HIN). In this network, 10-13 congregations of any faith take turns hosting up to 5 homeless families in their church building, for one week at a time, 4-5 times per year. A professionally staffed Day Center works with the families on the issues that led to homelessness, helps them find jobs and stable housing.

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

ARTICLE 17: Pursuant to RSA 41:45-a, are you in favor of having the office of Town Clerk combined with the office of Tax Collector, thereby creating a new office of Town Clerk-Tax Collector to be held by one individual, with a term of 3 years?

The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article 8-0.

Majority ballot vote required.

If approved, an article shall be placed on the ballot at the next annual meeting (2014) to choose a Town Clerk-Tax Collector.

This article proposes to combine the positions of Town Clerk and Tax Collector to one position. If approved, there would be one elected position on the ballot for a combined Town Clerk-Tax Collector three year term in March of 2014. The intent of the Article is improved efficiency and customer service, and financial savings for the Town. There is no tax impact of this article in 2013.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to designate as Town Forests, in accordance with NH RSA 31:110, the following parcels of land:

Smith Land (Acquisition to supplement Glen Oakes Town Forest)

Map 4 Lots 086, 088, and 089

The Conservation Commission recommends this article.

The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article 8-0.

Majority vote required.

This article proposes to add the newly acquired Smith Land to the area already designed as the Glen Oakes Town Forest.

Please be sure to vote on Election Day,
Tuesday March 12, 2013.

All articles as shown here will be on the
Official Ballot. Polls are open from 7:00 am to
8:00 pm at the Ellis School, 432 Main Street,
Fremont NH.

Contact Town Clerk Shannon Bryant for absentee
ballot or other election information at 895 8693 x 16 or
by email at FremontClerk@comcast.net

Check the Town website for further information
and details at:

www.Fremont.nh.gov

Printed 2012 Town Reports will be available by
Monday March 4th. We will post notice on the
website once they arrive. You can pick them up at
the Town Hall, Library, and Safety Complex.

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Tues & Wed 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thurs 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

FremontTA@comcast.net

FremontTownHall@comcast.net

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Thurs 11:00 am to 7:00 pm
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FremontClerk@comcast.net

Bldg & Planning 895 3200

Building Inspector VM 18

Weds eves 5:00 to 7:00 pm and by
appointment; call well in advance for
inspections.

FremontBI@comcast.net

Planning & Zoning VM 17

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pm; Tues 1:00 - 4:30 pm

FremontPZ@comcast.net

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Bob Meade 895 3200 x 18

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Dawn Jarrell

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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

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Sat 9 am to 2 pm

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Stephanie 895 4454

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Management of NH - 800 847 5303

MEETING SCHEDULE

Town Hall - Main Floor

Parks & Recreation 7:00 pm

Mar 12 Apr 9

Open Space Feb 4 7:00 pm

Energy Comm 8:00 pm

Feb 28 Mar 28

Town Hall - Basement Mtg Room

Cemetery Trustees 3:30 pm

Apr 1

Conservation Comm 7:00 pm

Feb 4 Mar 4

Planning Board 7:00 pm

Feb 6, 20 Mar 6, 20

Selectmen 6:00 pm

Feb 28 Mar 7*, 14, 21*, 28

* denotes worksession / no appts

Zoning Board 7:30 pm

Mar 26 Apr 23 May 28

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Fremont Public Library

Library Trustees 4th Weds 7:00 pm

Supervisors of Checklist 7:00 - 7:30

pm See schedule on page 1

Friends of Library 1st Tues 7:00 pm

Garden Club 4th Tuesday 7:00 pm

Fremont Safety Complex

250th Comm Tuesdays 6:00 pm

Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, Jun 18