



JULY 2015

The Fremont Newsletter

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LITTLE MISS FREMONT 2015

The Little Miss Fremont Pageant was held at noon on Saturday June 20, 2015 in the Ellis School Gym. Three wonderful young contestants Erica Smith, Tessa Donigian and Jordan Cloutier graced the stage along with Miss Fremont Candidates Ashley Buchanan and Meghan Mission for a wonderful display of Fremont's young women displaying art and talent!

Tessa Donigian was crowned Little Miss Fremont and received a tiara, trophy, and sash. She will be the Guest of Honor at Miss Fremont Scholarship Pageant and be Miss Fremont's Little Sister for the 2015-2016 Year!

The Little Miss Fremont Pageant is a fundraiser for the Miss Fremont Scholarship Pageant.



MISS FREMONT SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT 2015

Our 2nd Annual Miss Fremont Scholarship Pageant will be held Saturday, August 1, 2015 from 10:00 am -12 noon at the Olde Fremont Meeting House

Miss Fremont Amanda Arsenault will be crowning a New Fremont Queen.

Contestants: Ashley Buchanan and Megan Mission.
Seating will be limited.

FIRST ISSUE TAX BILLS

First issue tax bills are due Wednesday July 1, 2015 and hours that day are 12 noon to 7:00 pm. The Tax Collector has the following office hours:

Monday and Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon

Tuesday 7:30 am to 3:00 pm

Wednesday 12 noon to 7:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

ALL TOWN OFFICES will be CLOSED on Friday July 3, 2015 in observance of Independence Day. There are no delays in trash and recycling collections.

FREMONT COMMUNITY TV

Fremont Community Television (FCTV) Channel 22 is on the air. You will find a community bulletin board with information on current events, meetings, and office hours. You will also find live broadcast of several Board and committee meetings, including the Board of Selectmen on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm, Planning Board the first and third Wednesdays at 7:00 pm; Parks & Recreation the second Tuesday at 7:00 pm; Energy Committee the third Tuesday at 7:00 pm; and Zoning Board on the fourth Tuesday at 7:30 pm, Conservation Commission on the first Monday at 7:00 pm, and many other rebroadcasts including School Board, Budget Committee, concerts, parades, and other events. Some Boards and Committees do not meet as frequently during the summer, including the Energy Committee and Parks & Recreation, which will not hold July meetings.

Check out Channel 22 to see what's happening in Fremont! The most current programming is on a bulletin board slide as well.

To get your notice published on the community bulletin board, send a Power Point slide to FremontCTV@gmail.com. Use a font no less than 24 point in your submission and keep it "short and sweet" so it can be read in an 8-12 second scroll on the channel.

If you do not currently have Comcast, you can get the Town's Public Access Channel with the purchase of a basic cable package. Contact Comcast Customer Service for more information.

Those interested in learning more about or volunteering for FCTV can contact Bruce White at fremontctv@gmail.com or 895 3200 x 20. Fremont's Cable Committee members include Bruce White, Bill Millios and Karen Gehalo; and Alternate Leo Danjou. Their primary function will be to oversee FCTV. Beginning this summer, they will meet at 6:00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month, prior to the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

NEW FREMONT POST OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 9:15 am to 12:15 pm

and 1:15 pm to 4:15 pm;

Saturday 8:30 am to 11:00 am.

If you have any questions, please contact the Fremont Post Office during office hours at 603 895 2094.

FREMONT REVALUATION 2015

The Appraisal Firm of Vision Government Solutions is currently completing the Town's 2015 Revaluation Project. The following is a general outline and explanation of each phase of the project.

Vision Government Solutions will be working with the Selectmen/Assessor's Office to make the process a successful one. There are four major phases to a municipal revaluation that are being utilized: Market Analysis, Valuation, Field Review, and Informal Hearings.

PHASE 1: MARKET ANALYSIS

A variety of resources are used to analyze the real estate market. Appraisal personnel will be analyzing recent sales that took place over the last few years to determine which market factors influenced property values. Vision Government Solution's personnel visit all properties that have sold in the last 2 years. They will measure the exterior of all buildings and perform an interior inspection. Vision Government Solutions will also gather and use information from The Registry of Deeds, property managers, developers, and local real estate professionals. Once all the data is collected and reviewed for accuracy, the appraiser will determine land values and set neighborhood codes that rate the desirability of locations throughout the Town. Sales data collection and analysis will take place from mid-March through early June.

In late March, letters went out to commercial property owners to include any commercial/industrial uses as well as apartments. Vision is collection information on market rents and other cost factors to help determine value. Your input to this process as an owner is very important.

PHASE 2: VALUATION

Valuation is done using one of the three recognized methods: Replacement/Market Cost, Income Approach and Sales Comparison Approach. The Sales Comparison is the most widely used approach, and most easily explained to the taxpayer. During this phase, individual characteristics of the building are analyzed using information gathered in phase 1. Each property is compared to other comparable properties with similar characteristics. Then the market values of the improvements are added to the land value that was previously determined. This value is the final estimate for each parcel of property, building and land. This process will take place from late April through June.

PHASE 3: FIELD REVIEW

Field Review is the method of checking and re-checking both the values that have been determined and the data. During this review, properties are viewed in the field by experienced appraisers who double-check for uniformity and accuracy of information. This process will take place in June and July.

PHASE 4: INFORMAL HEARINGS

Once the Field Review is completed, a Notice of New Values will be mailed to each property owner. At this time, anyone with questions concerning the revaluation process or about the data on their property has an opportunity to meet with a member of Vision's staff to discuss their property value. This will take place in early August. Please watch for the letter to arrive with information about your property value, and the dates for the informal reviews. It is important that if you have questions about the information that you schedule a review while the Vision Appraisers are in town.

The State of NH Department of Revenue Administration monitors all phases of the Town's revaluation process and may also be in the field doing inspections and verifying data. Some homeowners will receive postcards announcing a visit by a State Appraiser as well, and other random drive-by or personal inspections on renovations, building permits, and sale properties may also take place. Any assessor from the NH DRA office will be in a marked State of NH car

and will have State Identification.

After all four phases are completed, all data, files, records, etc. used in the revaluation are then turned over to the Assessor's Office. This will allow the Town to maintain the data collected during the revaluation on a continual basis. The

If you have any questions during the process, which began in mid-March 2015, please contact Heidi or Jeanne in the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 10 Heidi or x 11 Jeanne.

NH NEW HANDS FREE ELECTRONIC DEVICE LAW Effective July 1, 2015

What does this mean?

- No use of hand held electronic devices capable of providing voice or data communication while driving or temporarily halted in traffic for a stop sign or traffic signal or other momentary delays.
- This includes cell phones, GPS, tablets, iPods, iPads or other devices that require data entry.
- Emergency calls to 911 or other public safety agencies will be allowed.
- One hand non-cellular 2-way radio use will be allowed.
- Teen drivers under the age of 18 will not be allowed to use any electronic devices (hand held or not) except to report an emergency. Anyone violating this will be subject to penalties and license suspension or revocation.
- Blue tooth or other hands-free electronic devices will be allowed.
- If your vehicle is not equipped with Bluetooth functionally, auto service centers can install after-market systems or over the ear devices can be purchased at retailers such as Staples, Best Buy or your cell phone carrier

Penalties for Violations

1 st Offense.....	\$100 fine
2 nd Offense.....	\$250 fine
3 rd Offense within 2 years.....	\$500 fine
<i>Penalty assessments will be added to the fines</i>	

Why is the NH Law Important?

- During the past 4 years, 116 fatal crashes in NH were caused by distraction.
- While texting, a driver is 23 times more likely to crash.
- Sending or receiving a text distracts the driver for almost 5 seconds.
- At 50 miles per hour, we travel longer than the length of a football field during that 5 seconds.
- Even dialing a phone number increases the risk of crashing by 3 times

www.Fremont.nh.gov

FREMONT LIBRARY GOLF TOURNEY

The 15th annual Fremont Library "Barb Baker Memorial" Golf Tournament will be held Monday September 14, 2015 beginning at 8:00 am at the Apple Hill Golf Course in East Kingston. The cost includes golf, riding cart, prizes, surprises, and will be followed by a great lunch and raffle.

If you would like to play, get prices, or be a sponsor, please contact John Hennelly at 603 770 4144 or by email at hollyhink@comcast.net. We look forward to seeing you at this fun community event! Proceeds support programs at the Fremont Public Library.

FREE LEGAL CONSULTATIONS

Sponsored by the Foreclosure Relief Project and the New Hampshire Bar Association

Are You Experiencing Problems With Your Mortgage Company? If You Are:

- In Danger of Foreclosure
- Having Difficulty with Your Mortgage Lender
- Experiencing Problems Obtaining or Enforcing a Loan Modification
- Required to Pay Money After Foreclosure

You may benefit from a FREE private consultation with a volunteer attorney!

July 15th, 2015 from 2-4pm
Derry Public Library in Derry

If you are interested in scheduling a FREE private consultation with a volunteer lawyer or would like to request more information, please contact Vanessa at (603) 715-3255 or FRP@nhbar.org

VOLUNTEER POSITION OPENING BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER

There is one remaining vacancy for a year long, volunteer, appointed position on the Fremont Budget Committee, through the March 2016 Town Meeting. In general, the position requires attendance at 12-16 evening meetings per year, busiest during the budget season between August and January annually; and quarterly the rest of the year.

The Fremont Budget Committee is accepting letters of interest through August 19, 2015 which is the date of their next meeting. Any Fremont resident who may have knowledge in financial matters or interest in such a position is encouraged to submit a letter of interest. A desire to serve the community and an interest in finances and budgetary matters of the Town and School District are a must. You must also be a registered voter in Fremont.

Interested candidates should address a letter to the Fremont Budget Committee as soon as possible, and send them by regular mail to: Fremont Budget Committee, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120; or to FremontTA@comcast.net if sent by email. Please provide contact information and any background and personal information that you would like to share to introduce yourself to the Committee. Following the completion of this term in March, the positions return to elected terms of varying lengths, as of March 2016. The positions remain open until filled by appointment of the remaining Budget Committee members.

The Committee meets on Wednesday August 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Fremont Town Hall at which time letters of interest will be reviewed. Interested candidates are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Questions can be directed to the Town Administrator Heidi Carlson at 895 2226 x 10. Minutes and budget reports can be viewed on the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov.

APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES FOR COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

INTERESTED PERSONS SOUGHT

The Town of Fremont is seeking individuals interested in becoming Town Representatives to the Rockingham Planning Commission. As governed by RSA 36:46-III; Commissioners are appointed by Selectmen for four year terms (except when more than one position is filled at once in which case the terms are staggered).

The Planning Board nominates a representative commissioner for consideration by the Selectmen and the Selectmen make the appointment. The Planning Commission is then informed in writing by the Selectmen of the appointment. The date of appointment, name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the newly appointed commissioner should be included in the notification letter.

If you are interested, please contact the Fremont Planning Board to express your interest, or send an email to FremontPZ@comcast.net or FremontTA@comcast.net. You can also fill out a Volunteer Form from the Town's website and mail, email or drop it off at the Town Hall.

YOUR JOB AS A COMMISSIONER

Just what is your role as a regional planning commissioner?

It is twofold: 1) to govern the Commission through decision-making and policy setting, with the staff carrying out your decisions; and 2) to communicate regularly between the Commission and the town or city you represent so that the town is aware of Commission activities and the Commission is aware of local issues and concerns.

What kinds of decision of Commissioners make?

- You decide on the nature and scope of the Commission's regional and local work programs.
- You decide on the Commission's annual operating budget-the monies to be spent to support the work activities outlined in the work program.
- You decide what the Commission's policies will be in specific areas like natural resources, land use, local technical assistance, water resources, housing, transportation, recreation and open space. The policies in turn govern the work effort.
- You decide whether the Commission participates in proposed new projects.
- You approve salary levels for the Commission staff.
- You represent the interests of the community that appointed you at Commission meetings. You carry back to your community news of Commission activities and relay your community's concerns and desires to the Commission.
- You review staff-produced plans and reports and ask for revisions or additional staff work.
- You set policy for and determine Commission administrative and personnel procedures.

When do you participate in the decision-making?

At monthly Commission meetings. Commission meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Commission's office and at locations that rotate to different communities in the region. (There are usually no meetings in August and December). In addition, an Executive Committee meets monthly and is empowered to make decisions about the operation of the Commission within the prescribed limited outlined in the by-laws. Some Commission meetings (about four per year) are also designated as MPO Policy meetings at which non-member towns and certain state and federal agencies involved with transportation are included in the decision making.

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST in the CONSERVATION COMMISSION, ZONING BOARD of ADJUSTMENT or OPEN SPACE?

Volunteers are need to help provide live broadcasting on Fremont Community Television. Requires only one or two nights per month. Computer knowledge is helpful, hands-on training provided. Camera bugs or videographers also needed on occasion. Contact us as FremontCTV@gmail.com.

Additionally, the Town is looking for volunteers to serve as Members on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Conservation Commission.

If you have an interest, please contact Meredith Bolduc at 895 2226 x 17 or FremontPZ@comcast.net.

We need you!

Are you interested in conserving the natural resources of the Town of Fremont?

The Fremont NH Conservation Commission is seeking volunteers!

What does the Conservation Commission do?

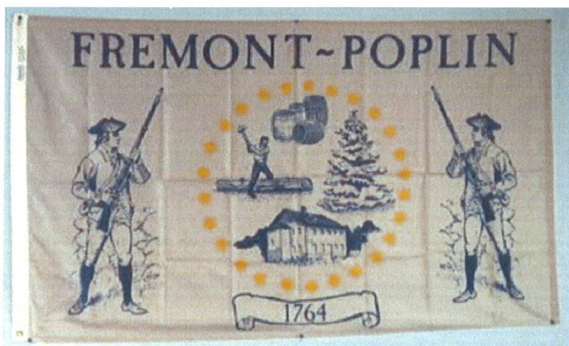
- Help manage town land for recreation and wildlife
- Steward and implement the Town Forest and Wildlife Management Plans
- Provide educational programs and hikes in your Town Forest in partnership with Open Space
- Work to establish conservation easements on properties in town
- Advise other boards on matters related to the town's natural resources

To learn more about conserving Fremont's natural resources, please contact the Conservation Commission or join one of the regular meetings on the first Monday evening of the month at 7 PM. For more information, visit the Town's Website or the Fremont Town Forest Facebook page.

FREMONT SOUVENIR FLAGS

The Fremont Historical Society has received another order for the Fremont 250th Souvenir Flag. Get yours before they are all gone! To get yours, visit the Selectmen's Office, Library, or Police Station during business hours. The cost is \$35.00. Cash or check payable to the Fremont Historical Society.

Get yours as soon as possible! Once this batch is gone, they are gone for good!



FREMONT FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

The Fremont Food Pantry is looking for volunteers. Due to recent resignations for personal reasons, both the President and Vice President positions are open and in need of immediate filling. The Food Pantry Officers meet monthly and assist individuals/families as needed with food distributions as well as special holiday baskets.

Please consider joining this worthy organization. Please contact Sherri at 770 8529 or Laurie at 231 3630 for more information or to discuss the time considerations and current schedule.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are a Fremont resident in need of emergency food, please call Sherri at 770 8529 or Laurie at 231 3630. All calls to the Pantry are confidential.

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS

Held at the Fremont Ball fields, 563 Main Street
Concessions Open

Bring your lawn chairs/blankets and bug spray and join us!
8:00 PM/ Dusk with Showings to be determined

Look for showings on town website or Fremont Parks and Recreation Facebook Page, or email: nicolecloutier725@yahoo.com

Dates:

Friday July 17

Friday August 7

Friday August 28

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.

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. Questions, contact Jan Brubacher, Leader at 603 303 1584, jbrubacher@comcast.net, www.4hpeppermintponies.org, www.northroadfarm.com. Financial Aid available. Stop by and visit the horses and ponies! Peppermint Ponies 4-H Club is a registered non-profit organization affiliated with the UNH Cooperative Extension, Brentwood, NH est. 2004

Selectmen's Office VM 10, 11

Tel: 895 2226 ~ Fax: 895 3149
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.net
FremontTownHall@comcast.net

**Tax Collector / Town Clerk
895 8693 VM 16**

Mon & Fri 9:00 am to 12 noon
Tues 7:30 am to 3:00 pm
Weds 12 noon to 7:00 pm
Thurs 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
FremontClerk@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 & 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

Food Pantry Laurie 231 3630 or Sherri 770 8529

Town & Department Contacts

Police Department 895 2229
Fax 895 1116
Mon – Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

EMERGENCY dial 9 1 1

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

Highway Dept - Road Agent

Leon Holmes Jr 603 300 7430

Fremont Public Library

Tel 895 9543 ~ Fax 244 1724
Mon noon to 6 pm / Tu & Th 1 to 7 pm
Wed & Fri 9 am to 5 pm
Sat 9 am to 2 pm

Ellis School 895 2511 sau83.org
432 Main Street

SAU # 83 895 6903 Fax 895 6905
5 Hall Road Suite 1 Fremont NH

Post Office 895 2094

Mon - Fri 9:15 - 12:15 am / 1:15 - 4:15 pm
Sat 8:30 to 11:00 am

Trash Pickup & Recycling – Waste Management of NH - 800 847 5303

FAA fremontathletics@yahoo.com

MEETING SCHEDULES**Town Hall**

Budget Committee 7:00 pm
Aug 19

Cemetery Trustees 4:00 pm
Aug 4 Sept 1

Conservation Comm 7:00 pm
Jul 13 Aug 3

Energy Committee 7:00 pm
Aug 18

FCTV 6:00 pm
Jul 14 Aug 11

Open Space 7:00 pm
Aug 4

Parks & Recreation 7:00 pm
Aug 11

Planning Board 7:00 pm
Jul 22 Aug 5, 19

Selectmen 6:00 pm
Jul 9*, 16, 23*, 30 Aug 6, 13*

* denotes worksession / no appts

Zoning Board 7:30 pm
Jul 28 Aug 25

Fremont Public Library

Library Trustees 4th Weds of the month 7:00 pm

Supervisors of Checklist

Jul 7 Aug 4 7-7:30 pm

Friends of Library 2nd Tues of the month 7:00 pm

Garden Club 4th Tues of the month at 7:00 pm Sept through April only