



DECEMBER 2015

The Fremont Newsletter

We're Building Community

VETERAN'S OPEN HOUSE

Fremont proudly honored Veterans at the Annual Open House on Wednesday November 11, 2015 at the Town Hall. We had wonderful participation from our community and were pleased to share time with so many of our honored Veterans and hear their remembrances.

Thank you to all who were able to come and participate and shared a wonderful meal. Your help is greatly appreciated. Many hands helped to make it particularly successful and smooth! Thank you one and all!

HOLIDAY FAIR

The Fremont Parks and Recreation is hosting a Holiday Fair! On Saturday, December 12 from 5-7 PM in the Ellis School Gym. Join local vendors to do some holiday shopping, eating, crafting or sign up for a table and sell your own goods!

Cost is \$15 for vendors to book a table, all proceeds benefit the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund.

Contact nicolecloutier725@yahoo.com for info on becoming a vendor! Vendors must pay/book no later than DECEMBER 1st.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

All Town Offices are CLOSED on Thursday and Friday November 26 and 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. There is a one day delay in trash and recycling during Thanksgiving week.

All Town Offices at the Town Hall will be open normal hours Monday through Wednesday during the week of Thanksgiving.

All Town Offices will be closed

WAYS TO HONOR AND HELP OUR VETERANS

The Wreaths Across America Programs in East Kingston, NH and Fremont, NH offer many opportunities for community members and organizations to honor and help our veterans. Maybe you'd like to knit or crochet a hat for a homeless veteran. In September, we began collecting home-made hats and currently have approximately 150 in hand. We gathered over 200 last year and would love to have even more to give this year. Fifty of these hats top the stockings we stuff with toiletries. Hats can be dropped off at the Kingston Community Library in Kingston, NH during library hours through December 18th.

Toiletries are needed to stuff those fifty stockings. Soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, shaving cream, disposable razors, hand lotion and shampoo would be greatly appreciated. Again, please drop your donation off at the Kingston Community Library BY December 18th. You are welcome to join us on Saturday, December 19th at 10 AM to stuff the stockings for our homeless veterans who are serviced by the Liberty House in Manchester, NH and the Veterans Northeast Outreach Center in Haverhill, MA. New and gently used quilts and afghans are also needed.

Sponsoring a wreath to be placed on a veteran's gravesite in East Kingston, NH and Fremont, NH is another option. Wreaths cost \$15. Ten dollars cover the cost and delivery of the wreath. The remaining five dollars is given to the two homeless veterans centers previously mentioned. Full and partial sponsorships can be arranged for by phone. Please call 603-895-6658.

Volunteers are needed to unload the truck when the wreaths arrive as well as to place wreaths on the gravesites. We expect the wreaths to be delivered sometime between Monday, December 7th and Friday, December 11th. You'll need a flexible schedule as we usually find out when the truck will be delivering the wreaths the day before. Just call 895 6658 and we'll add you to the list.

Perhaps you'd like to place a star on our Heroes Christmas Tree to remember a friend or family member who has served. There is no cost. Once again, please call 895 6658 and a star naming your loved one will be placed on the tree in front of the Fremont Town Hall during the holiday season. Currently, 500 stars decorate the tree in remembrance of our veterans.

On SATURDAY December 12th at 12 NOON, a Wreaths of Remembrance Ceremony will take place at the Veterans Memorial Monument in front of the Fremont Town Hall at 295 Main Street. The ceremony is part of a day of nation-wide ceremonies, including one held at Arlington National Cemetery, that remember and honor our veterans. Please bring your children so they can learn how important a sacrifice our veterans have made for their freedom.

For information regarding any of these opportunities to honor and help our veterans, both past and present, please call Gerry Tilley at 603 895 6658. Thanks!

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Join the Fremont Parks and Recreation for our Annual Tree Lighting on Sunday, November 29 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM! Join us at 4:00 pm at Ellis School and listen to holiday music while we offer light refreshments, crafts, goodies and more! Be sure to bring your phone/camera in case Santa makes a surprise visit!

The tree lighting will begin sharply at 5:30 PM as we walk across the street to the Safety Complex, with caroling around the tree during the annual countdown to the tree lighting.

This year the People's United Methodist Church will be caroling along with us! As always, volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated. Please contact nicolecloutier725@yahoo.com with any questions or to volunteer. We hope to see you there!



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TAX RATE PRESS RELEASE

We are in receipt of the 2015 tax rate. The Selectmen's Office, with input from the Superintendent's Office, has prepared this information for you in an effort to assist in your understanding of the 2015 rate. The new tax rate, set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration is \$29.00 per thousand. This breaks down as follows:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Town	3.58	3.36	3.41	3.86	3.58	4.37
Local School	19.42	20.54	20.99	21.26	21.38	21.32
State School	2.52	2.37	2.35	2.39	2.25	2.28
County	1.03	1.00	1.05	1.00	1.01	1.03
Total	\$26.55	\$27.27	\$27.80	\$27.51	\$28.22	\$29.00

Major changes took place again in 2015 as we undertook the second recertification process following the 2005 full revaluation. So both the 2010 and 2015 tax years were a new cycle in terms of looking at prior year landmarks. The recertification only slightly increased overall property values due to the current market conditions. The Town's next recertification cycle is April 1, 2020.

A key component to the annual setting of the tax rate is the total amount of town-wide assessed valuation. This is the total value of all taxable land and buildings in Fremont. We saw another marked increase in values in 2015. The values have changed as follows:

Year	2013	2014	2015
Total Assessed Valuation	\$373,723,497	\$382,722,639	\$389,025,519

The School District returned \$374,158.26 from FY15 (period ending June 30, 2015) appropriations which greatly helped to minimize the increase in the tax rate predicted for 2015. The Town voted a one-time expense to fund a new fire truck, as well as several capital reserve planning expenses. These caused some increases in the Town portion of the tax rate. If you have specific questions about the Town's portion of the tax rate, they can be directed to the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall at 895 2226 x 10 or x 11.

The net School appropriation increased \$40,472 over 2014-15, this included passing a new contract for the teachers (2 year) as well as the support staff (3 year). Through conservative spending by the School Board, the District was able to return \$374,158.26 in fund balance. If you have specific questions about the school expenses, you should contact the Superintendent's Office, SAU #83 at 5 Hall Road, Unit 1, Fremont NH at 895 6903.

The State School tax portion went up by \$0.03 from \$2.25 to \$2.28 per \$1,000 in 2015.

As in all years, the local tax rates (Town and School) are a direct reflection of the action and votes taken by the voters of Fremont at the annual Town and School District Deliberative Sessions, following by March ballot voting.

The portion of the Rockingham County budget attributable to Fremont increased by \$14,602 to a total of \$400,520. Veteran Credits increased by \$750 to \$105,500. Elderly, disabled and blind exemptions decreased by \$20,000 to \$1,220,000.

Current use values did not change significantly, due to the slight variation in the Town's equalized valuation. There was new value attributable to new homes, garages, sheds, and other property value improvements and the expiration of the telephone exemption. Additions to the tax base help to offset expenditures increases and more evenly balance the tax rate. The State again deleted Shared Revenues to offset town and county expenses, resulting in a revenue reduction as well.

The Tax Collector's Office at the Town Hall will be open the following dates for payment of taxes:

Monday & 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

SECOND ISSUE TAX BILLS ARE DUE DECEMBER 9, 2015

*You can drop your bill off while the Selectmen's Office is open, or in the drop box, but can not get a receipt unless you see the Collector or Deputy, or leave a stamped return envelope with your payment. *

If you have questions about your assessment, please feel free to stop by the Selectmen's Office and review the records. All property assessing records are public information. You can access the information online at the Vision Appraisal website at 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. The Selectmen's Office is open Monday and Friday 8:00 am to 12 noon; Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm; and Thursday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. We will also be glad to mail you out your property card if you call and make that request.

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. 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 also 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 out to you. Abatement forms are DUE no later than Tuesday MARCH 1, 2016 at 4:00 pm. A postmark of up to March 1, 2016 WILL be accepted. Postmarks after March 1, 2016 will not be accepted.

You can drop off tax payments with a stamped self-addressed returned envelope, and the Collector will mail out your receipt. The Selectmen's Office and Tax Collector's Office are located at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street; on the main floor.

Fremont Selectmen's Office
PO Box 120

Fremont NH 03044-0120
603 895 2226 x 10 or x 11

FremontTownHall@comcast.net
FremontTA@comcast.net

Fremont Tax Collector
PO Box 120

Fremont NH 03044-0120
603 895 8693 x 16

FremontClerk@comcast.net

FEMA PUBLIC HEARING

The Fremont Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing in accordance with NH RSA 31:95-b to discuss acceptance and expenditure of FEMA funds in the amount of \$17,964.68 received for highway maintenance costs incurred during the January 2015 blizzard.

The hearing will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday December 10, 2015 at the Fremont Town Hall, Basement Meeting Room, 295 Main Street, Fremont NH. The public is invited to attend.

THE "NEW SENIORS" MEETING

The next meeting of the "New Seniors" will be Tuesday December 8, 2015 at 1:00 pm. We will meet at the Fremont Public Library Community Room. Eric Abney, Fremont Library Director, will speak about all the new attractions the Library is offering as well as the traditional offerings.

There will be a little Christmas celebration after the meeting. A light snack or beverage will be received happily.

Always remember 70 is the new 50. You can call Suzanne with any questions at 895 2415.

PEOPLES UMC – FREMONT DECEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

We invite you to join us at the many opportunities in December at Peoples United Methodist Church in Fremont. As we are the only church in town, we are your community church!

On Saturday, 12/5 at 8:45 am we leave from the church parking lot to go caroling to homebound residents of Fremont – if you know of any homebound person that would like us to come caroling please call Dawn DiManna 603 702 1943.

On Sunday 12/6 at 10:30 am the children will present their Christmas Pageant during worship; and that evening at 5:00 pm the annual Blue Christmas Service will be offered to anyone who has suffered a loss and is struggling this holiday season – following the service there is a free Blue Christmas dinner.

On Saturday, 12/19 at 7:00 am there will be a free men's pancake breakfast in the education hall at Peoples UMC for food and fellowship – come get to know us!

Christmas Eve services will be at 7:00 pm – a family oriented service and also at 11:00 pm – a candlelight service – we hope you can join us!

Coming up in January there will be a Community Pork Dinner 1/9/2016 with seating at 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm with proceeds going to Missions, a snow date of 1/10 is planned.

On Sunday evening January 17th at 5:00 pm there will be a Community Peace Worship Service. Please contact Dawn DiManna, Peoples UMC Lay Leader at 603 702 1943 with any questions!

FREMONT GARDEN CLUB

The FGC met on October 27, 2015 at the Fremont Public Library. Guest speaker, Jon Worrall of Warriors@45 North talked about this program for wounded veterans. Warriors is a non-profit organization which provides care and rest through outdoor activities at no cost to our Wounded or Deployed Warriors.

In addition, the club was shown a video on Cecilia Thaxter's Gardens on Appledore Island.

Refreshments were provided by Lorraine Downing and Mary Kaltenbach. The next FGC meeting will be on November 17th and will be the Greens Workshop, making swags and kissing balls for Christmas decorations of the town buildings.

The FGC is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs Inc and the National Garden Clubs Inc New England Region.

KNIT A HAT FOR A HOMELESS VET

The Knitting Clubs of the Kingston Community Library and the Fremont Public Library invite you to knit a hat for a homeless veteran.

Last year we collected 250 knitted and crocheted hats. We need at least 50 hats to top Christmas stockings filled with toiletries. The Liberty House (Manchester, NH) and the Veterans Northeast Outreach Center (Haverhill, MA) will distribute the stockings and all additional hats to the homeless veterans that they service.

If you would like to help, make your hats at home and drop them off at the Kingston Community Library during library hours through December 18, 2015. Yarn donations would also be sincerely appreciated.

Join the knitting groups from the Fremont Public Library and the Kingston Community Library as we give back to those who have served us well and ensured our freedom.

For further information call Gerry Tilley at 603 895 6658.

TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTIONS - CANDIDATE DECLARATION PERIOD

The filing period for Town and School District Offices begins on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 and runs through Friday, January 29, 2016. You can sign up during any Town Clerk Office hours. On Friday January 29, 2016 the Town Clerk and School District Clerks will be available from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for sign-ups only, at the Fremont Town Hall.

TOWN POSITIONS OPEN in 2016

Selectman: 1 for 3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years
Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years
Budget Committee: 1 for 2 years
Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years
Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years
Treasurer: 1 for 3 year
Moderator: 1 for 2 years
Supervisor of Checklist: 1 for 6 years

SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITIONS OPEN in 2016

School Board Member: 2 for 3 years
School Board Member: 1 for 1 year
School District Treasurer: 1 for 1 year
School District Clerk: 1 for 1 year
School District Moderator: 1 for 1 year

Additionally any interested School District Candidate can contact School District Clerk Patricia Coulombe by email at dantric4@yahoo.com to make other arrangements to sign up within the candidate declaration period.

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

To complete the Declaration of Candidacy form, you can see the Town Clerk during regular office hours, or contact the School District Clerk. Other election questions can be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at 895 8693.

WATCH FOR CONTINUED UPDATES TO ELECTION INFORMATION!

FRIENDS OF THE FREMONT LIBRARY

Our annual fudge sale will run till December 1st. These boxes of yummy fudge make great employee gifts as well as gifts for teachers and family or just for your own delight. You can order your fudge at the library, call 603 244-2205, or email us at friendsofthefremontlibrary@gmail.com.

Our annual elections will take place at our next regular meeting Tuesday December 1st at 7:00 pm.
The slate of Officers and Directors is as follows:

President	Kirsten (Kristy) Butler
Vice President	Dori Smith
Treasurer	Joan Robinson
Corresponding Secretary	Cathy Murdock
Recording Secretary	open
Director	Pat Angus
Director	open

If you are interested in filling one of the open positions, please call Warren Gerety at 603 244-2205.

FRIENDS of the LIBRARY CONTINUED

EXCITING NEWS:

The Friends along with Fremont's Parks & Recreation will be hosting a monthly activity in the Fremont Library's Community Room starting in January. These new fun events are being spearheaded by Kristy Butler and Dori Smith. Watch for more news about these exciting new activities.

If you are not aware, there is a Fremont Community Page on Facebook where events and other happenings are posted. The Friends have begun to use this social media to post their activities.

Our annual membership drive is still going on. Pick up a membership form at the Library or email us at friendsofthefremontlibrary@gmail.com.

The Community Room at the Fremont Library has new curtains installed donated by the Friends.

The Friends meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the Fremont library at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in helping your local library please join us.

PRINCIPAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Fremont School District is assembling a principal search committee for the next permanent Principal of Ellis School. We are looking for one community member at-large who has no ties to the school. The purpose of this position is to have one committee member with as open a mind as possible that represents Fremont residents not involved with the school in any way. The Committee will meet on a set schedule (see the interest form posted on the Town and School websites) from December through February 16th when the Fremont School Board will choose the new principal.

The interest form is due to the SAU office at 5 Hall Road, Unit 1, Fremont, NH 03044 by Monday, November 30th at 4pm. Contact SAU 83 at 895 6903 with any questions.

SANTA CLAUS is COMING to TOWN

The Fremont Police Department is pleased to announce that the 16th Annual Fremont Santa Claus Parade will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2015. The Rain Date for the Parade will be Sunday, December 20th.

The Parade procession is scheduled to leave the Fremont Safety Complex at 10:00 AM. The procession will run until Santa's Route has been completed. As in the past, Police, Fire, and Rescue personnel will escort Santa around town. The sound of sirens, and the sight of flashing lights will announce his arrival in your neighborhood. Children of all ages are invited to come to the roadside and wave to Santa as he makes his rounds. As always, Santa would not make a visit to town without passing out goodies.

The Parade route is as follows:

1. Begin at the Safety Complex
2. Straight onto Beede Hill Rd.
3. Right onto Poplin Dr.
4. Right onto Meetinghouse Rd.
5. Right onto Louise Ln.
6. Left onto Rowe Dr.
7. Right onto Ann Ln.
8. Right onto Louise Ln.
9. Right onto Main St.
10. Left onto Scribner Rd.
11. Left onto South Rd.
12. Right onto Danville Rd.
13. Left onto Cooper Dr.
14. Right onto Whitman
15. Right onto Hawthorne
16. Straight onto Hooke
17. Right onto Taylor
18. Right onto South Rd.
19. Left onto Danville Rd.
20. Right onto Red Brook Rd.
21. Right onto Main St.
22. Right onto Walker to the end
23. Straight onto Susan's Way to the end.
24. Left onto Main St.
25. Right onto Kelsey
26. Right onto Deer Run
27. Left onto Kelsey
28. Right onto Main St.
29. Right onto Riverside Dr.
30. Left onto Pigeon Ln.
31. Left onto Bean Rd.
32. Left onto Pine St.
33. Right onto Riverside Dr.
34. Left onto Main St.
35. Right onto Brentwood Rd.
36. Left onto Grist Mill Rd to the Cul-de-sac
37. Left onto Brentwood Road
38. Left onto Route 125
39. Left onto Commercial Way in Brentwood
40. Left onto Godfrey Ln.
41. Right onto Tuck Dr
42. Left onto Ingalls Ln.
43. Left onto Karlin Rd.
44. Left onto North Rd
45. Right onto Lyford Dr
46. Right onto Sleeper Circle
47. Right onto Brown Brook Crossing,
48. Right onto Sleeper Circle
49. Right onto Lyford Dr.
50. Right onto North Rd.
51. Left onto Tavern Rd
52. Left onto Lynette and return back to Tavern
53. Right onto Tavern Rd.
54. Straight onto Leavitt Rd.
55. Left onto Shirkin Rd.
56. Left onto Wildwood Dr.
57. Right onto Vetter Dr
58. Right onto Barrel Run
59. Left onto Shirkin Rd.
60. Left onto Beede Hill to the Safety Complex
61. Left onto Main St from Safety Complex
62. Right onto Spaulding around Cul-de-sac
63. Left onto Frost
64. Right onto Beede Hill Rd.
65. Back to Main St, then right on Main St.
66. Right onto Prescott Rd (Raymond)
67. Right onto Midnight Sun
68. Right onto San Antonio to the end
69. Left onto Midnight Sun
70. Left onto Pulaski to the end
71. Straight onto Midnight Sun
72. Left onto Prescott
73. Left onto Route 107
74. Left onto Pond to the end
75. Left onto Main St.
76. Left onto Christopher
77. Right onto Country to the end
78. Right onto Emergency access for Tarah Way
79. Right onto Linda Ln.
80. Left onto Main St.
81. Left onto Hall Rd. then around the loop
82. Left onto Main St.
83. Right onto Sandown Rd.
84. Left onto Cavil Mill
85. Left onto Sandown Rd.
86. Right onto Victoria Farm to the end
87. Right onto Sandown Rd to the Town Line
88. Right onto North Road in Sandown
89. Right onto Compromise Way (Sandown)

90. Right onto Treaty Court
 91. Right onto Dakota Dr to the end
 92. Right onto Treaty Ct
 93. Right onto Compromise
 94. Left onto North Rd in Sandown
 95. Left onto Sandown Rd
 96. Left onto Chester Rd.
 97. Right onto Whittier Dr.
 98. Left onto Grapevine
 99. Left onto Apricot
 100. Left onto Whittier Dr.
 101. Right onto Nathaniel Brown to the end
 102. Right onto Merrill
 103. Right onto Whittier Rd.
 104. Right onto Senter to the end
 105. Right onto Whittier Dr.
 106. Left onto Kingman Ct. to the end
 107. Left onto Whittier Rd.
 108. Right onto Sandown Rd.
 109. Left onto South Rd.
 110. Left onto Danville Rd.
 111. Right onto Main Street
 112. Left onto Copp Dr.
 113. Left onto Andreski to the end
 114. Right onto Copp Dr.
- Right onto Main St back to Safety Complex and the Parade is complete. Happy Holidays to all!!

FREE HOME RETENTION CLINIC

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 With A Loan Modification

You may benefit from speaking with a lawyer one-on-one for FREE!

The Clinic will include:

- Introduction to the Foreclosure Relief Project
- Brief overview of the foreclosure process in New Hampshire
- Introduction to loan modifications and other workout options
- Private meeting with an attorney to assess your situation and advise you of your options

December 9, 2015

2PM-4PM

Kelley Library in Salem

If you are interested in attending a FREE clinic or would like to request more information, please contact Vanessa at (603) 715 3255 or FRP@nhbar.org to pre-register. Seating is limited, **so pre-registration is required.**

TOWN OF FREMONT PART-TIME POSITION OPENINGS

Part-Time Land Use Administrative Assistant

The Town of Fremont is accepting resumes from qualified applicants for a part-time administrative assistant position for the Land Use Boards. Job description available on the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov; or by request at the Selectmen's Office. Position is 20-24 hours per week and includes all clerical and administrative work related to the Land Use Boards.

Night meetings and excellent office and interpersonal skills are required. Position has a variety of pre-requisite skills which can be found in the job description. Excellent recordkeeping, organizational, written, office skills a must. Working knowledge of NH Statutes and local rules and regulations required. Successful candidate will be required to submit to a complete background check.

Interested candidates should submit resume, three letters of reference, and cover letter to Board of Selectmen, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120 as soon as possible. EOE, position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

Selectmen's Office Clerical Position

The Town of Fremont is seeking qualified applicants for a part-time clerical position (approx. 10 hours/week) in the Selectmen's Office. Requires interaction with the public, a wide variety of clerical duties. Excellent recordkeeping, organizational, computer, written and interpersonal skills a must.

Preference given to candidates with municipal experience, as well as a working knowledge of QuickBooks, Word, and Excel. Successful candidate will be required to submit to a complete background check. Attendance at some evening meetings required.

Interested candidates should submit a resume, three letters of reference, and cover letter to Board of Selectmen, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120 as soon as possible. EOE, position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

Questions should be directed to Heidi Carlson, Town Administrator at 603 895 2226 x 10 or by email to

FremontTA@comcast.net.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS for both positions can be found with the position postings on the Town website, or by contacting Heidi Carlson.

PLANNER HOURS

In the interim period while we search for an assistant to Fremont's Land Use Boards, we have contracted with the Rockingham Planning Commission to have our Circuit Rider Planner, Jenn Rowden, here in Fremont.

Jenn is available in the Land Use Office on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30 to 3:30 pm through March. She can assist you with Planning Board applications and questions, as well as other land use questions.

ROCKINGHAM MPO LOOKING for a FREMONT TAC REPRESENTATIVE

The Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (Rockingham MPO) is a federally designated entity that administers the urban transportation planning process for the 26 communities of the Rockingham Planning Commission. This organization is staff by the Rockingham Planning Commission and has two standing committees on which each of the communities has representation. The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), which has one appointed member from each community; and the Policy Committee which is composed of the community appointed RPC Commissioners as well as regional, state, and federal planning partners.

The purpose of the TAC is to provide technical advice and recommendations to the Policy Committee concerning transportation issues that have a bearing on the region. Specifically, this often involves prioritizing transportation improvement, reviewing studies, and providing input to New Hampshire DOT and other agencies. The TAC does not establish policies for the organization, but makes recommendations to the Policy Committee in that regard. This letter is to ensure that each of the RPC communities are represented on the Transportation Advisory Committee and provide

the opportunity for a community to appoint a person to the TAC if the position is vacant or the current appointee can no longer participate.

TAC members are often town/city planners, planning board members, public works employees or other members of community leadership. Citizens particularly interested in transportation issues have also been appointed as well.

TAC meetings are normally held approximately six times a year on the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:00 am, at the Rockingham Planning Commission offices in Exeter. The meeting usually lasts for 2 hours. Meeting times and days are reviewed occasionally to ensure that the schedule remains workable for committee members. If this may interest you as a way to get involved in local transportation planning, please contact Heidi Carlson at 895 2226 x 10 or by email at FremontTA@comcast.net as soon as possible.

DRIVEWAY PERMITS REQUIRED

Please be advised that a permit is required to do any work on your driveway on a Fremont Town Road. This includes paving or repaving, or any changes to location or layout of your driveway.

For Town roads, please visit the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov and go to the Highway Department page to get a permit application form, or visit the Selectmen's Office or the Building Inspector's Office. A permit is also required to install a new driveway on any lot.

For State roads, please contact the NH Department of Transportation, Division Six Office at 603 868 1133.

Please be sure you do this as some recent work has been done without the proper permits (subject to a \$100 fine); and may have to be redone if drainage and other requirements are not done properly.

The Town takes no responsibility for damage to driveways that are constructed or reconstructed without the proper permits and inspections.

Contact Road Agent Leon Holmes Jr at 603 300 7430 if you have any questions or to schedule an inspection.

FREMONT SOUVENIR FLAGS

There are a few 250th Souvenir Flags remaining. 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! Plan ahead as they will make a great gift this holiday season!



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.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

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. We are also looking for a person to serve as an Alternate on the Cable Committee.

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 Heidi Carlson at 895 2226 x 10 or FremontTA@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 non-holiday Monday evening of the month at 7:00 pm. For more information, visit the Town's Website or the Fremont Town Forest Facebook page.

What does the Zoning Board of Adjustment do?

- Hear appeals of land use issues and administrative decisions
- Consider variances to the terms of the Town's Zoning Ordinance
- 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 a position on the Zoning Board, please contact the Land Use Office at 895 2226 x 17 and leave your contact information. The Board generally meets the fourth Tuesday of the month if there are pending cases. Check the meetings calendar on the Town website. The next meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm. You can also see the Town's Zoning Ordinance and other information on the website by clicking on the Zoning Board link under Boards and Commissions.

IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR FREMONT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER

There is one vacancy for a year long, volunteer, appointed position to 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. 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 position remains open until filled by appointment of the remaining Budget Committee members.

The Committee meets next on Wednesdays throughout the fall season at 7:00 pm at the Fremont Town Hall. Check the meetings calendar for meeting location (first floor or basement meeting room). Interested candidates are encouraged to attend a meeting and get involved as soon as possible as the budget season is upon us!

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. Most meetings are live broadcast on FCTV Channel 22, and rebroadcast as scheduling permits.

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; Zoning Board generally on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm (third Tuesday in December 2015), Conservation Commission on the first Monday at 7:00 pm, Cable Committee on the second Tuesday at 5:30 pm; and Budget Committee on alternating Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Many other meetings are taped for rebroadcast, including the School Board, some Budget Committee, as well as concerts, parades, and other community events. As the holiday season approaches, some meeting are moved to accommodate holidays, so check the Meetings Calendar on the Town Website at www.fremont.nh.gov for the most current schedule of meetings and events.

FCTV is also completing the equipment purchases necessary to broadcast live from the Fremont Public Library. We anticipate having a CIP meeting at that location on Monday December 14th at 7:00 pm, which should be broadcast live.

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 Leo Danjou. Their primary function is to oversee FCTV. The FCTV Committee meets at 5:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month, prior to the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, in the basement meeting room. Come and see what they have planned!

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Commencing the 2016-2017 budget process, the Fremont Budget Committee will meet on the following scheduled evenings at 7:00 pm for review and discussion of the School District Budget and Town budget and Warrant Articles. Meetings are primarily held on Wednesdays (one exception noted below). **THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.** Consult the Town's website for the most

up to date meeting schedules and locations.

December 2, 2015 – first floor meeting room

December 9, 2015 – basement meeting room

December 16, 2015 – first floor meeting room

December 23, 2015 – basement meeting room

Meetings held in the basement are for live broadcast on FCTV and others will be taped for rebroadcast. The Town Hall is located at 295 Main Street, Fremont NH.

The Public Budget Hearing for final review of the Town 2016 and School District 2016-2017 fiscal year budgets will take place on Tuesday January 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm with a snow date for this hearing on Wednesday January 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm. This hearing is likely to be held at the Fremont Public Library.

PETITION WARRANT ARTICLES **Due Tuesday January 12, 2016**

Town Articles shall be submitted by 12 noon to the Selectmen's Office at 295 Main Street, Fremont NH.
School Articles shall be submitted by 4:00 pm to the SAU Business Office at 5 Hall Road, Suite 1, Fremont NH.

DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS

School District Deliberative Session
Saturday January 30, 2016 at 9:00 am
Snowdate: Monday February 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Town Deliberative Session
Tuesday February 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Snowdate: Wednesday February 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Deliberative Sessions are held in the gymnasium at Ellis School,
432 Main Street in Fremont.
The Public is encouraged to attend.

PEPPERMINT PONIES 4H HORSE CLUB

Does your child love horses? Girls, boys 5 - 18 years are welcome to Peppermint Ponies 4H 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, j.brubacher@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

Tuesdays 12:30 to 3:30 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

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
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
Dec 2, 9, 16, 23 Jan 12, 13
Cemetery Trustees 4:00 pm
Dec 8
Conservation Comm 7:00 pm
Dec 7 Jan 4
Energy Committee 7:00 pm
Jan 19 Feb 16
FCTV 5:30 pm
Dec 8 Jan 12
Open Space 7:00 pm
Feb 2
Parks & Recreation 7:00 pm
Dec 8 Jan 12
Planning Board 7:00 pm
Dec 2, 16 Jan 6, 20
Selectmen 6:30 pm
Dec 3, 10*, 17, 29* Jan 7
* denotes worksession / no appts
Zoning Board 7:00 pm
Dec 15 Jan 26

Fremont Public Library

Library Trustees 4th Weds of the month 7:00 pm
Supervisors of Checklist
Dec 1 7-7:30 pm
Friends of Library 1st Tues of the month 7:00 pm
Garden Club 4th Tues of the month at 7:00 pm Sept through April