

The Fremont Newsletter

We're Building Community

TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR'S HOURS

The Town Clerk Tax Collector has returned to regular 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

UPCOMING CLOSURES

All Town Offices are CLOSED on Thursday and Friday November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving. Trash and recycling are delayed by one day during the holiday week.

Office Hours Schedule for the week of Thanksgiving:

Town Clerk Tax Collector
Mon 11/21 9:00 am to 12 noon
Tues 11/22 7:30 am to 3:00 pm
Weds 11/23 12 noon to 7:00 pm

<u>Selectmen's Office</u> Mon 11/21 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Tues 11/22 & Wed 11/23 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Building Inspector
Tues 11/22 8:30 to 10:00 am and 1:00 to 4:30 pm
CLOSED Wednesday and Wednesday evening

Planning & Zoning Tues 11/22 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Trash and Recycling Pickup will be delayed by one day during the week of Thanksgiving. Thursday pickup will be on Friday; and Friday pickup will be on Saturday.

December & January Holiday Hours

All Town Offices are closed on Monday December 26, 2016 in observance of the Christmas Holiday. Hours for the rest of the week remain the same; EXCEPT for the Town Clerk Tax Collector, who WILL BE CLOSED ALSO ON TUESDAY 12/27.

All Town Offices are closed on Monday January 2, 2017 in observance of the New Year's Holiday. Hours for the rest of the week remain the same.

There are no delays in trash and recycling collections around Christmas 2016 or New Years Day 2017.

HELPING HURTING PEOPLE COPE WITH THE HOLIDAYS

Blue Christmas - A Service of Comfort and Hope at Peoples UMC, Fremont, NH on Sunday, December 11th- 5 pm In 2010, Peoples UMC began Blue Christmas, a service early in the Christmas season for people who know that Christmas will be a hard one, either because they have had a death in the family, a loss or broken relationship or because of painful memories of Christmases past. A fellowship dinner is provided after the service, and Peoples UMC Faith Family Members, wearing their nametags, are also available to speak with people who would like to talk. Those who attend are invited to light candles; each person who attends receives information about grief support groups, counseling options and the like, as well as a prayer shawl with the faith family member praying with and for the grieving person who received the shawl.

Those who attend the Blue Christmas Service are invited to stay for a time of fellowship and sharing over a meal at Peoples UMC. This is an opportunity for us to share in each other's grief and to let others know that they are not alone and do not have to grieve alone.

A simple meal is prepared by faith families at People UMC and shared with anyone who is grieving or alone this Christmas season. We share Christ's love and message of Hope this Christmas season and hope to make lasting connections to those in a hurting community.

2016 FREMONT GIVING TREE

Peoples United Methodist Church at the corner of Beede Road and Route 107 is once again coordinating the Fremont Giving Tree. The Fremont Giving Tree is an annual community event at Christmas to help brighten the holidays for Fremont residents in need. This event has been successful over the years because of the generosity of our close knit community. The gifts distributed have included toys, games, new winter jackets, snow boots, snow pants, hats/gloves/mittens, winter clothing, stocking stuffers, wrapping paper, tapes and bows! We have also provided gift baskets to some of our senior residents in need containing, gift cards to local stores & gas stations, stationary w/stamps, plants, chocolates and many different goodies to make the holiday special.

We know that these economic times continue to be difficult for everyone, but if you are able to help us this year it would be greatly appreciated. There are many ways to help by sponsoring a child, purchasing a toy off his/her list, gift cards, donating wrapping paper or a monetary donation made out to the Peoples UMC Fremont Giving Tree. There is never a gift too small in the eyes of a child on Christmas morning! This event is run solely on the support and donations from our community and volunteers.

If you are family that needs some assistance that the Fremont Giving Tree can provide, or you would like to help the Giving Tree by donating, please call Dawn DiManna at 603-702-1943 and leave a detailed message.

** Please note that the deadline for signing up is Friday November 25th ** Gifts will be distributed to the families on Saturday, December 17th **

DALY FAMILY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Please join us Sunday December 4, 2016 at 4:45 pm for the 17th Annual Christmas Lighting at 51 Pond Lane. See our ALL NEW and Improved display for 2016! 60,000 lights, Free Hot Chocolate & glow necklaces for kids under 12.

FREMONT FALL HIKING



Have you ever wanted to explore the Fremont Town Forests but were never sure where to start, or you were not sure you could follow the trails? Or you have missed the scheduled hikes because of conflicts? Have you been on the major trails in the Town

REMONT, NH

POPLIN ~

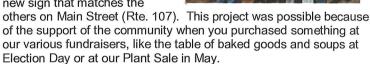
Forests but you would like to explore "off trail"?

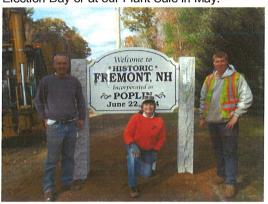
The Open Space Advisory Group is pleased to announce a FREE GUIDE SERVICE. Our volunteers love to be in the woods and are very familiar with the town forests and the open spaces in Fremont. They will arrange a hike suited to your needs and time frame. All you have to do is contact us at

www.facebook.com/FremontTownForests/ or send an Email to Dennis at walrus1948@comcast.net.

NEW 'WELCOME to FREMONT' SIGN

The latest project of the Fremont Garden Club replaced the faded and decaying wooden sign on Rte. 111A near the Danville border with a new sign that matches the





With the help of Fremont's Road Agent, Leon Holmes Jr, and his assistant, Jared Butler, the new sign was installed in late October. Also helping were Mary Kaltenbach, President of the Garden Club, and her husband, Dennis

Howland. The Fremont Garden Club is a member of the NH Federation of Garden Clubs and of the New England Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Thank you so much for your support!

FREMONT GARDEN CLUB OUTING

The FGC met at Sweet Baby Vineyard in East Hampstead on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 for a wine tasting and to learn about growing grapes. Owner and Winemaker, Lewis Eaton, gave a very interesting presentation about wine making.

The next meeting of the FGC will be on November 15, 2016 at 6:30 for their annual Greens Workshop to make Christmas decorations for the Town buildings. The Board will provide refreshments for all.

WREATHS OF REMEMBRANCE

Wreaths of Remembrance will be placed at Arlington National Cemetery as well as at town and city monuments across the United States as a part of the Wreaths Across America Program. Honoring those who have defended our country helps us remember and appreciate their service and our freedom.

On Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 12 NOON, a Wreath of Remembrance will be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument in front of the Fremont Town Hall. The Peoples United Methodist Church will present the wreath and lead a brief service honoring our troops both past and present. Refreshments will be served in the Town Hall following the ceremony. All are welcome.

For further information please call Gerry Tilley at 603 395 6658.

BUDGET COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Fremont Budget Committee continues to meet weekly to review the Town's 2017 budget proposals. They will begin a review of the School District 2017-2018 budget in early November. Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings in the main floor meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall on the following dates in 2016:

November 30 December 7 December 14

The Public Hearing on the proposed budgets in accordance with NH RSA 32 will be held at the Fremont Public Library on Wednesday January 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Petition articles are due on Tuesday 10, 2017 by 12 noon in the Selectmen's Office; or by 4:00 pm at the SAU office if for the School District Warrant. The snow date for the Public Budget Hearing is Thursday January 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

2017 DELIBERATIVE SESSION SCHEDULE

SCHOOL: Saturday February 4, 2017 at 9:00 am SCHOOL Snowdate: Tuesday February 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm TOWN: Monday February 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm TOWN Snowdate: Wednesday February 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm All Deliberative Sessions will be held at Ellis School, 432 Main

Street, in the gymnasium.

NEW PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Thursday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Contact Casey Wolfe if you have questions or to schedule an appointment. She can be reached at 603 895 3200 x 17 or by email at FremontPZ@comcast.net.

www.Fremont.nh.gov

FREMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY TEMPORARY PT POSITION OPENING

The Fremont Public Library is seeking to hire a temporary part time Assistant Librarian.

Qualifications:

Library or comparable work experience Strong technical skills (e-readers, tablets, phones, PCs, etc.) Ability to work effectively with the public Detailed oriented

Avid reader

Duties and Responsibilities Include:

Adult and Children support services (cataloging, shelving, circulation/information desk, phones, etc.) Assist with events and programs

Work with patrons to access digital content

Position is for 10-15 hours per week. Email letter of interest and resume to Library Director Eric Abney at ericabney.fpl@gmail.com.

FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR POSITION OPENING

The Fremont School District is seeking a registered voter interested in the position of School District Moderator for the Deliberative Session.

If you have interest, please refer to Fremont School Board Policies ACAB and ACAD at www.SAU83.org for further information. A basic knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order is helpful. Training for the position is offered at no charge by the State. Please call the Fremont SAU office at 895-6903 for more information.

WINTER PARKING BAN IN EFFECT

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

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

Penalty: A person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine or not more than one hundred (\$100) dollars for each offense, except that optional procedures set forth in this section may be used in lieu of court proceedings for violations of this Ordinance.

CYCLICAL ASSESSING UPDATES

The Town's new assessing contract includes provisions to do cyclical updates. This means that 1/4 of the Town will be reviewed each year (data and listing information) toward the end goal of the every fifth year revaluation/recertification process required by the State. This means that assessors will be out in the field more often looking at all of the housing stock. They will update photos and listing information, and will ask to view your home if you are there

when they visit. This is at the owner's discretion, but is most helpful to the Town to ensure we have the best, most up to date information to arrive at your assessed valuation.

They are beginning this summer with data review of manufactured homes and condominiums. MRI personnel are in the field working on these properties, and they carry MRI Photo Identification and have with them, a letter from the Town (signed by the Town Administrator Heidi Carlson or Selectmen's Clerk Jeanne Nvaren) with their name and vehicle information including license plate number. Currently Jerry Quintal and Dan Scalzo are working in Fremont collecting the data. The Selectmen's Office will always know when they are working in Fremont, so please feel free to call us if you have any questions. You can reach the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 10 (Town Administrator Heidi Carlson) or x 11 (Selectmen's Clerk Jeanne Nygren).

Thank you for your cooperation!

SOUTHERN NH DROUGHT

The drought in Southeast New Hampshire continues, despite some long overdue rains. Rockingham County continues to see these conditions, and we need to continue to conserve and be cautious about our water use to ensure we can make it through the winter. As soon as the ground freezes, water will not penetrate the ground, potentially until spring.

Fremont Public Officials continue to urge residents to conserve water as much as possible, and eliminate all unnecessary outside water usage. Saving water for essential uses such as fire suppression, drinking, cooking, sanitation and cleaning of clothes and dishes is paramount.

You may know that Fremont has a great deal of wetlands and an extremely large aquifer, but all of these resources are also being depleted during these drought times. We must be cognizant of the decreased water resources and do what we can to conserve and preserve as much as possible to get us through this low point until we see significant rains. We still need several inches of rain before the ground freezes, to recover to normal water levels.

Information about current drought conditions, water efficiency tips and drought guidance are available online at www.des.nh.gov and the Drought Management Program.

We thank you for your consideration of this important resource and look forward to working with our residents to get through this drought.

EXETER ADULT EDUCATION **COURSES OFFER SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

Start the fall season off right and do something for yourself! We offer many personal and professional development, cooking, hand craft and computers courses that begin throughout October. November and December. Whatever your interests are, you should consider a fun evening out at Exeter Adult Education! Upcoming course offerings include:

COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY SKILLS COURSES INCLUDE:

Introduction to PowerPoint, 2 weeks, beginning Thursday, December 15, 5:30 – 8:00pm, \$50. All computer courses are taught in Windows 7 using Microsoft Office 2010 and are designed for those confident with Windows and who have good keyboarding and mouse skills.

For a complete listing of our course offerings, find us online at adulted.sau16.org or call OUR OFFICE at 775-8457 if you have any questions. Pre-registration is necessary as class sizes are limited. Online registration and payment is now accepted on our website, adulted.sau16.org.

FEE SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

The Public is invited to attend a public hearing held by the Board of Selectmen on December 15, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Fremont Town Hall, basement meeting room, 295 Main Street in Fremont NH. The hearing will discuss the following changes to the Town's Fee Schedule:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

\$100.00

All abutter notification and advertising (if applicable) would also be charged.

FEMA LOMA Certification

\$45 00

Incudes necessary research and form completion (Homeowner must secure elevation certificate and have FEMA forms available and filled out for statistical data).

SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR/REPLACEMENT \$65.00 per design Residential only (includes plan review and a single test pit)

ELECTRONIC TAX REPORTS

\$50.00

RECORDING PROCESSING FEE

\$40.00 Covers

processing of any form or documents to go to the Registry, and return of original documents to you. The applicant/owner is also responsible for the actual cost of recording as charged by the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds – You can obtain this from the Selectmen's Office and you make out a separate check to the Registry.

DVD or CD

\$5.00

PAPERWORK/PROCESSING FEE

\$25.00

Applicable to applications the Town must assist with, to include research of a file or processing an application form that does not have a fee.

Anyone unable to attend the hearing who wishes to submit comments can do so no later than 12 noon on December 15, 2016 by mail, or email to FremontTA@comcast.net. The public is welcome to attend the hearing.

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. Once this batch is gone, they are gone for good!

There are also still copies of the Town History Book available for sale at the Fremont Public Library and the Fremont Town Hall.



FREMONT CROCKS

The Fremont Friends of the Library have a limited quantity of beautiful 1 quart customized crocks for sale until they run out, at the Fremont Library, Town Hall and Safety Complex. These crocks will look great in your home or make a beautiful gift for the holidays.

FCTV BROADCASTS ARE NOW ON THE INTERNET TOO!

FCTV has set up an internet location to stream replays of Town Board and Committee meeting broadcasts. They can be seen via Vimeo. The address is: https://vimeo.com/fctv22

FCTV has also established a Facebook page at Fremont Community Television. Check us out!

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 Board and Committee meetings in general on the following schedule:

Board of Selectmen Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm
Planning Board the first and third Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
Energy Committee the third Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Zoning Board generally the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Conservation Commission on the first non-holiday
Monday at 7:00 pm

Cable Committee on the first Tuesday at 5:30 pm.
Many other meetings are taped for rebroadcast, including the School Board, Budget Committee, as well as concerts, parades, and other community events. Meeting schedules do change in the summer, so check the Town website and FCTV channel 22 for current broadcasting and schedule of meetings.

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 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.

INVOLUNTARILY MERGED LOTS

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- During your ownership, without your consent; or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- Make a request to the local governing body
- No later than December 31, 2016.

Once restored:

 Your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-comormity.

Read the full statute at RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots. Contact Land Use AA Casey Welfe if you have questions or need additional information.

ROADS & the RIGHT-OF-WAY

Obstructions in the Town's right-of-way are not permitted. Plantings, mulch, trees, rocks, and decorative pavers ARE NOT PERMITTED. These structures of any size obstruct drainage from the roadway and cause other road problems. Please help keep the ROW clear of all obstructions. This includes toys, basketball hoops and the like.

RSA 236:15 states that any building, structure or fence within or over any highway is a public nuisance. Please do not place any such items in the right-of-way as they are subject to being removed by the Highway Department. In general, the Town right of way is 13 feet on either edge of the paved surface.

No objects can be stored or parked in the ROW, including vehicles, trailers or equipment, and personal property.

Please also remember if paving or repaving your driveway, you need a Town Permit for Driveway Paving. These can be found on the Town's website or are available from the Selectmen's Office. The permitting process is to ensure proper drainage and a connection to the Town Road where your driveway is. If you live on a State road, you would contact NH DOT at 603 868 1133 for a driveway permit. You do not need a permit to sealcoat your driveway.

If you have any questions, please contact Road Agent Leon Holmes Jr at 300 7430.

TOWN HALL BASEMENT RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY

As you may know, finishing space in the basement of the Town Hall has been on the Town's agenda for nearly 20 years. We have saved money in Capital Reserve for 15+ years and have begun doing this work over the past 12 months. The time has come for the work to accelerate so that we can complete the heating system and accommodate the public and our meetings and work spaces.

The basement entry door has been relocated to the rear of the building, just past the old door location and left at the end of the building. This is how you get in to the Planning and Building Offices. These offices will be moving temporarily in coming months (within the basement area) so please watch for signage and be careful in this work area.

Meetings held in the basement meeting room are being moved to other meeting rooms as work progresses, so please check the meeting calendar on the website for the most up to date locations. We are still scheduling these meeting locations and will update the calendar regularly as changes are made. A notice is also posted on the homepage of the website at www.Fremont.nh.gov and this page will be updated as information or locational changes are made.

Live broadcasting of meetings may be reduced short-term, but we will bring you as much as possible by taping in other meeting rooms, or remote broadcasting from locations such as the Fremont Library.

We appreciate your patience as this long-awaited work comes to fruition!

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.

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

Stratham and Deerfield Fairs, 4-H Riding Club, 4-H Horse Apprentice, 4-H Horse Shows and 4-H Summer Horse Day Camp.

Questions, contact Jan Brubacher, Leader, Instructor, Owner 603-303-1584, j.brubacher@comcast.net, For more information go to www.4hpeppermintponies.org or www.northroadfarm.com. Financial Aid available. Stop by and visit the horses and ponies. Guests, friends and family welcome! Peppermint Ponies 4-H Club is a registered non-profit organization affiliated with the UNH Cooperative Extension, Brentwood, NH est. 2004

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for submittal is generally the 15th of each month for publication in the following month. No opinion pieces will be accepted. Submissions may be edited for clarity and/or due to space constraints. Deadlines are available on the monthly MEETINGS CALENDAR page of the Town's website.

Selectmen's Office VM x 10 & x 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 x 16

Tues 7:30 am to 3:00 pm Weds 12 noon to 7:00 pm Thurs 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Mon/Fri 9:00 am to 12 noon FremontClerk@comcast.net

Bldg & Planning 895 3200

Building Inspector VM x 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 x 17
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 4:30
pm
FremontPZ@comcast.net

Health Bob Meade 895 3200 x 18
Welfare By appt 895 3200 x 12
Food Pantry Debbie 895 3825;
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 am - 12:15 pm and 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 SEE ALSO HOLIDAY HOURS ON FRONT PAGE ~ CHANGES POSTED

MEETING SCHEDULES Town Hall Conservation Comm 7:00 pm Dec 5 Jan 2 **Energy Committee** 7:00 pm Jan 17 Feb 21 Budget Committee 7:00 pm Nov 30 Dec 7, 14 Jan 11, 12 **FCTV** 5:30 pm Dec 6 Jan 3 Parks & Recreation 6:00 pm Dec 13 Jan 10 Planning Board 7:00 pm

Dec 7, 21 Jan 4, 18

Selectmen 6:30 pm

Dec 1*, 8, 15*, 22, 29* Jan 5*

* denotes worksession / no appts

Zoning Board 7:00 pm

Dec 20 Jan 24

Fremont Public Library
Library Trustees 4th Weds of the
Month at 7:00 pm
Supervisors of Checklist Dec 6 and
Jan 24 from 7:00 to 7:30 pm
Jan 28 11 to 11:30 am
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

The Fremont Newsletter Selectmen's Office