

**TOWN OF FREMONT NH
2012 TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**To the inhabitants of the Town of Fremont in the County of
Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:**

PURSUANT TO RSA 40:13 II, THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 2012 TOWN MEETING
(THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION) SHALL BE HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2012
AT THE ELLIS SCHOOL AT 432 MAIN STREET IN FREMONT NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM. THE SNOW DATE FOR THIS SESSION IS
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2012 BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM AT THE ELLIS SCHOOL.

THE SECOND SESSION (VOTING SESSION) SHALL BE HELD ON TUESDAY
MARCH 13, 2012 AT THE ELLIS SCHOOL AT 432 MAIN STREET IN FREMONT NEW
HAMPSHIRE WITH POLLS OPEN FROM 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

ALL ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED UPON BY OFFICIAL BALLOT WITH ANY
AMENDMENTS AS MADE AT THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION.

ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS

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

CONSIDER A ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of amending ARTICLE IV-A of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance (In-Law Accessory Apartments) as follows:

1. *Delete the second portion of the sentence in section G; "Any new entrances shall be located on the side or rear of the building and shall be at ground level".*

The Planning Board recommends this article.

- ~~2. Delete section H in its entirety; "All in-law/accessory apartments shall have accessible entrances and shall conform to dwelling unit Type B construction, as specified in the International Residential Code (IRC).~~

The Planning Board recommends this article.

CONSIDER A ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of amending Article XI -E; 4 (d) of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance (Aquifer Protection District) by adding “except for propane and natural gas”.

The Planning Board recommends this article.

CONSIDER A ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of amending Article XIX, 1.3-C of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance (Signs) - “For Sale Signs” by adding “*and do not exceed six (6) square feet in size*”.

The Planning Board recommends this article.

PURCHASE A NEW FIRE TRUCK – Long term lease/purchase arrangement with a \$125,000 withdrawal from the existing Capital Reserve Fund. There is no tax impact in 2012 for this article. Tax impacts will be seen in the subsequent lease/payment years.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement to purchase a new Fire Truck at a cost of four hundred sixty-nine thousand six hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$469,628) and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) and authorize the withdrawal of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for a down payment to lower the agreement amount to three hundred forty-four thousand six hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$344,628) payable over a term of five (5) years. The agreement does not contain an escape clause.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0.
(3/5 ballot vote required)

2012 OPERATING BUDGET

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town of Fremont raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,563,725? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,537,577 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Fremont or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.

**The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0.
(Majority vote required).**

ESTABLISH A BRIDGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Bridge Construction and Reconstruction, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said Fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this Fund. This sum to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-1.
(Majority vote required)**

CONTRIBUTION TO THE POLICE CRUISER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-1.
(Majority vote required)**

CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Town Hall Renovations Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-1.
(Majority vote required).**

CONTRIBUTION TO THE REVALUATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Property Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund.

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

CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIRE TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1.
(Majority vote required).**

CONTRIBUTION TO THE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1.
(Majority vote required).**

REMOVAL OF MONEY FROM CAPITAL RESERVE TO PURCHASE A POLICE VEHICLE – No amount to be raised by taxation

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to purchase and equip a Police vehicle to be used as a Detective car for the Police Department; and further to authorize the withdrawal of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the Police Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation 6-1.
(Majority vote required).**

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

REMOVAL OF MONEY FROM OHRV SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO PURCHASE OHRV EQUIPMENT – No amount to be raised by taxation

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand three hundred eighty-five dollars (\$6,385) for the purchase of OHRV equipment; and further to authorize the withdrawal of six thousand three hundred eighty-five dollars (\$6,385) from the OHRV Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1.
(Majority vote required).**

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

FUNDING THE MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-nine thousand five hundred fifty dollars (\$49,550) to continue the Public Health Mosquito Control Program.

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

FUNDING AN INCREASE IN THE TREASURER'S SALARY

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) to fund an increase in the Treasurer's Annual Stipend. (Current stipend of \$6,000 is included in the Town's operating budget).

**The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation 5-1.
(Majority vote required).**

ESTABLISH A TOWN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR THE 250TH CELEBRATION OF FREMONT

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the 250th Celebration Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of funding the 250th anniversary celebration to be held in 2014 and to raise and appropriate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund and further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend.

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

ADOPTING AN ETHICS ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Conflict of Interest Ordinance as follows:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST ORDINANCE

SECTION I: PURPOSE

Pursuant to RSA 31:39-(a), the activities of all officers, or employees of the Town, whether elected or appointed, shall be regulated as follows:

SECTION II: DEFINITIONS

Conflict of Interest shall be defined as a financial, pecuniary or other interest in any official vote, or any other action, transaction or activity undertaken by the Town or its officers, or the Boards or Commissions, which would result in a benefit to such officer or employee not shared by the public in general. The term "pecuniary interest" shall include gifts or consideration in the form of favors, money or services, or the receipt of anything of value whether present or future. The term "activity" shall include any hearing, debate, discussion or official Board vote.

SECTION III: PROHIBITED ACTIVITY

No officer or employee of the Town shall engage in or participate in any Conflict of Interest as defined under Section II above.

SECTION IV: DISCLOSURE

All officers and employees of the Town shall disclose any potential or actual financial or other interest in any business, contract, public proceeding or transaction which involves the Town or any of its agencies. Such disclosure shall be made in writing to the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION V: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

No officer or employee shall disclose any confidential information regarding any other official, employee or member of any Board or Commission. The term "confidential information" shall mean any information, material date or thing which is not available to the public under the Right to Know Laws of the State of New Hampshire.

SECTION VI: EXEMPTIONS

This Ordinance shall not apply to election contributions given to any person running for public office.

SECTION VII: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall not apply to any presently elected officer or appointed officer or employee of the Town for a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of the enactment of the Ordinance.

SECTION VIII: ENFORCEMENT

Any officer or employee subject to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to removal proceedings before the Superior Court, as provided in RSA 31:39-a.

**The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this article 5-2.
(Majority vote required).**

COMBINING THE OFFICES OF TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

ARTICLE 19: Pursuant to RSA 41:45-a, are you in favor of having the office of Town Clerk combined with the office of Tax Collector, thereby creating a new office of Town Clerk-Tax Collector to be held by one individual, with a term of 3 years?

**The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this article 7-0.
(Majority ballot vote required).**

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

APPOINTING SELECTMEN AS AGENTS OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1993.

**The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this article 6-1.
(Majority vote required).**

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twelve.

A True Copy Attest:

/s/ Brett A Hunter

/s/ Brett A Hunter

/s/ Greta St Germain

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Selectmen ~ Town of Fremont New Hampshire