



TOWN OF FREMONT 2014 VOTER GUIDE

This guide has been prepared to provide you additional information for your voting decisions prior to entering the voting booth on Tuesday March 11, 2014. The Guide contains all of the articles as they were amended at Deliberative Session, and some brief descriptions with additional information. You can use this document with the Warrant Summary Sheet, for review of the articles. You can bring the Summary Sheet with you on Election Day.

We hope this information is helpful for your understanding of the issues to be voted upon at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting. If you have specific questions that might be answered in advance of voting day, please feel free to call our office at 895 2226 x 10 or send an email to FremontTA@comcast.net.

Brett A Hunter Leon F Holmes Sr Gene Cordes Fremont Board of Selectmen

In our sixth year of the SB2 Town Meeting, we endeavor to provide additional information to assist voters in making informed decisions about the many municipal challenges facing the Town. This voter guide reflects the Official Warrant with changes made at Deliberative Session on February 6th. The Official Ballot will contain all of the following Warrant Articles for voter consideration.

Voting on the Official Ballot will take place on Tuesday March 11, 2014 at the Ellis School, 432 Main Street, Fremont NH. Polls are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. You can request an absentee ballot for this session by contacting the Town Clerk's Office for information at 895 8693. Absentee ballot applications are also available on the Town Clerk page of the website at www.Fremont.nh.gov.

By law, the Selectmen and the Budget Committee must consider any "Special" Warrant Article requesting funds and make a recommendation on the proposed expenditure. In 2009 voters decided to have the Selectmen and Budget Committee's tally votes on all articles printed, in accordance with NH RSA 32:5, V-a. This applies to all warrant articles except proposed Zoning Ordinance changes, which are recommended by the Planning Board. The Official Warrant is written as outlined by New Hampshire Statute.

The type of vote required for certain warrant article passage will appear at the end of each article, such as 2/3 majority, or 3/5 majority. We have included an estimate of the tax impact each article reflects as part of the total Town portion of the tax rate. This is only an estimate, but is based on conservative, reasonable growth in the Town's assessed valuation and other factors included in the adjustment of the annual tax rate (including exemptions, credits, and revenues). Tax rate history provided as reference information:

Year	Town Portion of the Tax Rate
2010	\$3.58
2011	\$3.36
2012	\$3.41
2013	\$3.86

You can also refer to tax rate historical information in the 2013 Town Report.

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

Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years

____ Tyra Vargas
____ Mary Anderson
____ Write in _____

Budget Committee: 1 for 1 year

____ Mark Kidd
____ Write in _____

Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 1 year

____ Write in _____

Library Trustee 1 for 3 years

____ John Hennelly
____ Write in _____

Supervisors of Checklist: 1 for 6 years

____ Elizabeth Rand
____ Write In _____

Trustee of Trust Funds 1 for 3 years

____ Jeanne Nygren
____ Write in _____

Budget Committee: 1 for 2 years

____ Neal Janvrin
____ Write in _____

Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years

____ Write in _____

Selectman 1 for 3 years

____ Sharon Girardi
____ Gene Cordes
____ Write in _____

Moderator: 1 for 2 years

____ Michael Rydeen
____ Write in _____

Town Clerk / Tax Collector: 1 for 3 years

____ Tyra Vargas
____ Nicole Cloutier
____ Write in _____

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of amending ARTICLE XVIII of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by changing Section 10.10 (a) to read as follows:

Article XVIII Section 10.10 (a) Standards for Building Lots and Site Design

Lot Shape and Size: House lots and building envelopes should generally be square or rectangular in shape and contain adequate upland area to accommodate average-sized houses and typical amenities such as garages, pools and sheds, including reasonable areas for expansion of these buildings. The minimum lot size shall be no less than three quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) of an acre or thirty two thousand six hundred and seventy (32,670) square feet per dwelling unit.

At least one half (1/2) of an acre or twenty one thousand seven hundred and eighty (21,780) square feet of contiguous land of every lot laid out (after the adoption of this amendment) for residential use shall be buildable land with soils dry enough to permit for installation and use of facilities for disposal of sanitary waste(s) disposal facilities and shall not have slopes exceeding twenty percent (20%).

(added text is in *italics*)

The Planning Board recommends this article.

Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is so that lots could be configured and sized to accommodate everything that has to be on a building lot (well, septic system, driveway, and buildable space) plus reasonable expansion.

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of amending ARTICLE XVIII of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by changing Section 10.11 (e) to read as follows:

Article XVIII Section 10.11 (e) Open Space Standards

“Landscaping: *Landscaping* of common areas (such as community greens, cul-de-sac islands, and along both sides of new streets) ~~shall be landscaped with deciduous shade trees~~ *may be required by the Planning Board*”. The minimum caliper of trees along roadways shall be three (3) inches measured at a point six (6) inches above the root ball, and spaced every one hundred (100) feet along the road right-of-way. *Species shall be deciduous shade trees and shall be salt tolerant.*

(added text is in *italics*, deleted text lined out)

The Planning Board recommends this article.

Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to relieve specific requirements of the developer so that plantings are at the discretion of the Planning Board and not mandatory to be specific items.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Ordinance:

TOWN OF FREMONT

REGULATION OF HORSES, FARM ANIMALS AND POULTRY

Pursuant to the authority conferred by the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 31:39, I (b) in order to promote the general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Fremont, the following Ordinance is hereby enacted:

SECTION 001. REGULATION

1.1 It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any horse, farm animal or poultry to either willfully or negligently allow such animal to run at large in public places. “Run at large” shall be construed to mean off the property of the owner or keeper and not under the control of the owner or keeper by leash, cord, chain, or otherwise.

1.2 Any horse, farm animal or poultry found in a public place, and not under the control of its owner or keeper, may be taken into custody by the Fremont Animal Control Officer or a Fremont Police Officer. The Officer shall make reasonable efforts to notify the owner or keeper of the animal, before seizing it.

1.3 Any horse, farm animal or poultry that is seized by the Fremont Animal Control Officer or a Fremont Police Officer in a public place, where the owner or keeper cannot be identified or located, shall be held by the Town at a Town approved facility. The owner or keeper of the animals shall be responsible for all damages and expenses incurred in the capturing, transporting and holding of the escaped animal, boarding costs, and any medical care required by the holding facility.

SECTION 002. PENALTIES

2.1 Any owner or keeper of a horse, farm animal or poultry who willfully or negligently permits such animals to run at large in public places, may be subject to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000 for each offense. Any fine or penalty collected under this Ordinance shall be paid to the Town of Fremont.

2.2 In addition to any penalty, in conjunction with any penalty, or as an alternative to any penalty imposed under this Ordinance, the Town of Fremont may request that the Court require the owner or keeper of the horse, farm animal or poultry which has been impounded for running at large, to pay for the boarding and impoundment fees established by the animal shelter or holding facility and any reasonably necessary medical expenses incurred during the impoundment of the animal regardless of whether the owner or keeper retrieves the animal.

The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

Budget Committee recommends this article 4-2. (Majority vote required)

This article proposes a new ordinance that parallels the NH Statute relative to animals at large, adding poultry to it. The purpose is to educate residents about the potential fines so that everyone keeps their own animals controlled such that they do not damage the property of others. This will provide for fair and equal treatment so that property and safety are maintained.

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-one thousand seven hundred seventy-five dollars (\$461,775) and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$175,000) and authorize the withdrawal of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for a down payment to lower the agreement amount to two hundred eighty-six thousand seven hundred seventy-five dollars (\$286,775) 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 6-0. (3/5 ballot vote required)

This article proposes the purchase of a new fire truck for the Fremont Fire Rescue Department. The proposal is for a new KME Predator Panther 3,000 gallon pumper tanker truck. The new truck would replace two older trucks, the Department's Engine 3 (1979) – in need of major repairs; and Tank 5 (1975) – currently out of service. The new truck will lower overall operating and maintenance costs.

Current NFPA standards recommend that fire apparatus should be front line 20 years; five years on second or third line; and then removed from service.

The tax impact of this article is zero in 2014. The total purchase price of the truck is \$461,775. It is proposed to remove \$175,000 from the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for a down payment, and finance the balance of the cost (\$286,775) in a five year lease/purchase agreement. Thus payments would be due in each of the five years beginning with 2015. The lease payments would be approximately

\$62,000 annually with the current low interest rate estimate of 1.75 to 2%. Beginning in 2015, these lease payments would have an estimated tax impact of \$0.17 and go down to approximately \$0.15 in the last year of repayment, 2019.

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 \$2,505,364? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,504,378 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Fremont or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

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

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

This is the total of all operating budgets for the Town, excluding warrant articles, which was reviewed at the January 15th Public Budget Hearing. The full budget detail can be found on the State Form MS-7, which is available on the Town's website and in the 2013 Annual Town Report.

With SB2 in place, this master budget article includes the number recommended by the Budget Committee of \$2,505,364. This is down \$7,226 from the appropriated budget in 2013. The recommendations of Selectmen and Budget Committee can be viewed on the State Form MS-7 in the 2013 Town Report.

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

A wage increase was added by the Budget Committee for all permanent Town employees. Once again, Departments tried to remain cognizant of the difficult economic times as well as their needs. Selectmen and the Budget Committee reviewed each budget before making a recommendation.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: *Reflects an overall reduction in the budget due to combining the positions of Town Clerk and Tax Collector. This will be the first year of a combined position being elected for a 3 year term. There is one salary proposed, and a Deputy stipend, as well as some training funds.*

Election and Registration: *There are three elections (local, State and Federal) for 2014.*

Reappraisal of Property: *Multi-year contract with MRI (Municipal Resources Inc) to include a CPI increase in the cost of contracted assessing services. Work will begin in 2014 on the recertification / revaluation process which is due for April 1, 2015.*

Personnel Administration: *Increased due to health insurance premium increases, and an increase in mandatory NH Retirement costs. Overall the Town's full-time work force remains at a reduced level. State mandated increases in NH Police Retirement were significant.*

General Government Buildings: *The budget includes some necessary repairs to Town buildings; and includes the majority of computer upgrades and maintenance for the Town.*

Planning & Zoning: Continued reduction of staffing with only part-time coverage.

Police Department: Wage matrix adopted in 2011 to help with retention. Matrix allows for step increase based on merit. Budget includes a lease payment for a replacement cruiser to reduce overall operating and fleet maintenance costs.

Fire Rescue Department: Increases for new equipment and funding of the LOSAP retirement/retention program.

Building Inspection: Continued reduction of staffing with only part-time coverage. Allowance for an increase of two hours per week to cover increased traffic in the office and building starts.

Highway Department: The budget includes funding for some hot top and upgrade work. Overall it is the same as 2013, with some part-time hours added.

Solid Waste Collection: The contract rate for solid waste and recycling pickup down significantly when contract was rebid in fall of 2013. No fuel adjustment.

Parks & Recreation: Recommended at 2013 default level, reduction in programs by approximately \$3,000.

Library: Requested increase in staff coverage time, and building; maintenance.

Debt Service: Interest payments reduced over the life of the bonds. The final payment was made in 2013 on the Smith land purchase.

The Budget Committee's proposed operating budget is nearly the same as the approved operating budget for 2013, thus would create less than a one cent increase in the tax rate.

All tax impact estimates are per \$1,000 of valuation. The number of veteran credits, exemptions, and amount of overlay (which affect the final rate) are estimated for the purposes of establishing tax rate changes. These current estimates of Overlay, Exemptions and Veteran Credits add about \$0.31 to the tax rate. We are also assuming a conservative but reasonable amount of growth in the total assessed valuation of the Town, which is the largest component of the formula used to set the tax rate.

The estimated tax impact is shown for each of the warrant articles in the narrative portion. If the other warrant articles as proposed by the Town pass, the Town's portion of the tax rate is estimated to increase \$0.90 per thousand. This would fund important safety equipment for the Fire Department, mosquito control, and plan for the future needs of the Town by funding Capital Reserve Accounts.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, previously established in 1984.

The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0. (Majority vote required)

There is no tax impact for this article. It will simply make the Selectmen the authorized agents of the fund, and allow them to spend money already saved in order to purchase a police cruiser to help alleviate the vehicle maintenance problems currently faced by the Police Department.

Article 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 request funding for five existing Capital Reserve Funds with each purpose specified. Money voted will add to what has already been set aside. These funds accrue over time and are then used to offset the cost of larger capital purchases when needed. To see the amount already saved in each of these funds, refer to the Annual Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds in the 2013 Town Report or

on the Town's website (Town Report 2013). Saving money in Capital Reserve Funds helps to balance the tax rate by reducing the impact of one-time large expenditures.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Bridge Construction and Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-1. (Majority vote required)

Article 8 proposes to add funding to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for future bridge engineering and construction. Currently two of Fremont's bridges are on the States "red list" that are in need of significant repair or replacement. With funding allocated in 2012 and 2013, we were able to get on the NH Bridge Aid list for future construction funding. Late in 2013, the Selectmen contracted with an engineering firm to take the first steps necessary for replacement of the Martin Road Bridge. We hope to save sufficient funds prior to the estimated construction season of 2020-2021. At that time, Bridge Aid will secure the balance of the costs incurred and reduce the burden on Fremont taxpayers.

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

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Town Hall Renovations Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-1. (Majority vote required)

Article 9 proposes to add funds to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for renovations to the basement of the Town Hall. This fund will continue to save for the proposed renovations. The future plan is for the work to renovate the basement area and provide for the following: maintain the existing Planning and Zoning and Building Inspection Offices; provide for one additional small future office space within the proposed layout; enlarge and utilize space in the existing meeting room (total space of approximately 700 SF - currently it's about 390 SF); replace the aging heating systems (circa 1965); increasing energy conservation with improved efficiency of units. The HVAC system is about 1/3 of the total cost of renovations; increase energy conservation with removal of "cold spaces" throughout the building; provide for a single bathroom at the basement level (no bathroom currently exists in the basement); provide for a second method of egress to the rear of the building (easterly side); remodel the existing entrance and correct water entry problems (west side of building); replace the existing propane hot water heater, incorporated into new HVAC system. Continued space for the Fremont Food Pantry and a future vault location for storage of Town Records are planned into the layout.

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.03 per thousand.

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

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-0. (Majority vote required)

This fund plans for future revaluation/recertification work, which is required by the NH Constitution and Statutes to be done every five years. Funds added will fund the property reassessment process (revaluation or recertification), due for April 1, 2015.

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.03 per thousand.

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 5-1. (Majority vote required)

This fund plans for the future purchase of fire apparatus. The goal of the fund is to be able to replace equipment when needed with less impact to taxpayers. The cost of the truck being proposed for purchase in 2014 is \$461,775 and it is anticipated that the next new fire truck would be comparable in price in 4-7 years. At the present time, NFPA recommends a 20-year life cycle for fire apparatus and the Department currently has three pieces exceeding this life span.

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

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 4-2. (Majority vote required)

This fund plans for the future purchase of highway equipment including snow plows, sanders, and trucks.

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

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Town Expendable Trust Fund for building repairs and maintenance. This sum to come from Unreserved Fund Balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends the appropriation 6-0. (Majority vote required)

This article is proposed to save additional money into the Expendable Trust fund which funds needed emergency repairs or maintenance at Town Buildings. There is no tax increase for this article as it will be funded from fund balance.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-seven thousand eighty-eight dollars (\$47,088) to purchase eight Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fremont Fire Rescue Department.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 4-2. (Majority vote required)

This appropriation is part two of a two year plan to replace the existing SCBA units for the Fire Department. These SCBA units are for breathing air and are required to be used by any firefighter entering into a fire or hazardous situation. The Department's current inventory of SCBA units is more than 10 years old and it is time to replace them. This will fund 8 units and all of the necessary attachments, and will outfit two of the trucks with new SCBA units.

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

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to reconstruct approximately 3,000 feet of Whittier Drive.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 3-2-1. (Majority vote required)

This appropriation is estimated to fund approximately 3,000 feet of improvements to Whittier Drive, including grinding, reclamation and drainage work..

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.27 per thousand.

ARTICLE 16: 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 5-1. (Majority vote required)

This article requests funding to continue the mosquito control program, which has been in place for eight years in Fremont. The contractor has again offered the program with no increase in cost for 2014. The Selectmen have placed this article on the warrant so that the community can have an opportunity to consider it annually and decide whether or not to proceed this year with a town-wide program. The program is consistent with what was done in years 2008 through 2013, and allows for up to two emergency sprayings of public lots and ball fields at Memorial Park and Ellis School, should that be necessary.

The overall mosquito control program is a comprehensive program beginning with surveillance, monitoring, and trapping and testing of adult mosquitoes; to treatment of larvae (a major focus of an effective control program) through adult stages. The 2014 program, if approved, would begin immediately following Town Meeting. The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.13.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the 250th Celebration Expendable Trust Fund for the June 2014 Celebration.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 4-2. (Majority vote required)

This fund was created in 2012 and will set aside additional money for the planned 2014 celebration of the 250th Anniversary of Fremont. An energetic Committee of volunteers continues to meet monthly to finalize plans for this historic event for the Town. Many activities are planned for the weekend beginning June 19, 2014 to celebrate our rich history.

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

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict all of the revenues from Police Department OHRV and Town Ordinance fines and forfeitures, to expenditures for the purpose of Purchasing OHRV Safety and Enforcement Equipment? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Police Department OHRV Safety and Enforcement Equipment Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or the source of the revenue. Should Article 19 fail, this article shall be null and void.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-0. (Majority vote required)

This article proposes to discontinue the Special Revenue Fund which was established in 2001. The funds are proposed to be put into a Revolving Fund in Article 19, so these articles are mutually exclusive. Changing the status of the fund will allow the Selectmen and Police Chief to use funds accrued from fines to be able to purchase equipment and supplies needed for OHRV patrols.

Ultimately, if this fund is discontinued and the Revolving Fund is created, it will reduce the overall operating costs of the Police Department because already saved funds can be used for the necessary purchases.

There is no tax impact of this article as it does not involve tax dollars.

A public hearing will be held to discuss the article on February 13, 2014 at 7:45 pm as part of the Selectmen's Meeting. The snow date for the hearing is February 20, 2014.

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of providing public safety services. All revenues received from the Police Department's OHRV fines and forfeitures and Town Ordinance fines will be deposited into the fund and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from

year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's General Fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen and Police Chief and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Said funds may be expended for purchasing OHRV safety gear and enforcement equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be deposited into this fund and further to authorize this amount from the Unreserved Fund Balance. The name of the Revolving Fund will be the Police Department Safety and Enforcement Revolving Fund. Should this Article fail then Article 18 shall be null and void. Should Article 18 fail, then this Article also fails.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-0. (Majority vote required)

This article proposes to create a Revolving Fund for OHRV and Town Ordinance Fines, which were previously held in a Special Revenue Fund. This fund will help to reduce some of the operation and maintenance costs of the Police Department, as the OHRV patrol equipment is funded from these fines. The fund purchases such items as batteries for portable radios, portable battery chargers, deep cell gel batteries, and additional safety vests.

If this article does not pass, there will be an increase in the operating budget next year to make the necessary equipment purchases. There is no tax impact of this article as it does not involve tax dollars.

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of police special detail wages, benefits, administrative costs, supplies, equipment, and cruisers and to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1) to be deposited into the fund. Further, all revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. After payment of police special detail wages, benefits, administrative costs, supplies and other equipment, the fund may also be used for the purpose of purchasing new cruisers for police special details. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-0.

(Majority vote required) (As amended at Deliberative Session)

The article will create a new fund that will be self-funding and cover all of the costs of police special details. Any excess after payment of the Town's costs (payroll wages and taxes, retirement costs and insurances), will be saved toward the purchase of cruisers. It is anticipated this will save tax dollars in the long term.

There is no tax impact of this article.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Emergency Management Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 4-2. (Majority vote required)

This article proposes to add funds to the Capital Reserve Fund for Emergency Management equipment. The current plan is to purchase a generator (with State grant funding) to make the Ellis School a shelter, and to replace the Safety Complex generator (also with grant funding). The Town is required to have 50% matching funds on hand to be eligible for the State and other grant programs that become available. The primary use at this time would be a generator for establishing an Emergency Shelter for the Town.

The estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.13.

ARTICLE 22: Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Known as SB2), as adopted by the Town of Fremont, NH on 3-11-2008, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? (By petition)

The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article 4-1.

(3/5 ballot vote required) (As amended at Deliberative Session)

This article was submitted by petition and proposes to rescind the provisions of SB2 and would change voting back to a Traditional Town Meeting at which all articles are deliberated and voted on the floor of the meeting. A public hearing will be held to discuss the article at 7:30 pm on February 13, 2014 as part of the Selectmen's Meeting. The snow date for the hearing is February 20, 2014.

**Please be sure to vote on Election Day, Tuesday March 11, 2014.
All articles, including the amendments from Deliberative Session, will be
on the Official Ballot. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the
Ellis School, 432 Main Street, Fremont NH.**

Contact the Town Clerk for absentee ballot or other election information at 895 8693.

Check the Town website for further information and details at:

www.Fremont.nh.gov