

**TOWN OF FREMONT NH
2015 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 2015 TOWN MEETING
(THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION) SHALL BE HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2015
AT THE ELLIS SCHOOL AT 432 MAIN STREET IN FREMONT NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM. THE SNOW DATE FOR THIS SESSION IS WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 4, 2015 BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM AT THE ELLIS SCHOOL.

THE SECOND SESSION (VOTING SESSION) SHALL BE HELD ON TUESDAY
MARCH 10, 2015 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 III of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by adding a new Section 6 to read as follows:

NEW: Article III Section 6

Camper trailer/ Motor Home/ Trailer coach

- *Definitions:*

Camper trailer/ Motor Home/ Trailer coach: Any vehicle used or intended to be used for living and/or sleeping purposes which is or may be equipped with wheel or wheels or similar devices for the purpose of transporting the unit.

- *Use:*

1. A Camper trailer/ Motor Home/Trailer Coach may be stored unoccupied at the owners premises or permanent domicile in any zone in the Town of Fremont for any period of time.

2. A Camper trailer/ Motor Home/ Trailer Coach may be occupied for camping in all zones of the Town of Fremont for up to ninety (90) days of the year providing the Camper trailer/ Motor Home/ Trailer Coach presents no threat to public health and safety.

3. *A Camper trailer/ Motor Home/ Trailer Coach shall not be occupied as a permanent dwelling at any time in the Town of Fremont.*

Rationale: This Article will allow for regulation of camper trailers used for long term living purposes.

(added text is in *italics*)

The Planning Board recommends this article.

CONSIDER A ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of amending ARTICLE IX of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by changing Section H 2 to read as follows:

H.2: Wetland and Watershed Protection District

Dredging, filling, drainage in compliance with RSA 485:A:17 or otherwise altering the surface configuration of the land; streets, roads and other access ways and utility rights if essential to the productive use of land if so located and constructed as to minimize any detrimental impact of such uses upon the wetland and watershed protection areas.

Exception: No Special Exception is required for temporary disturbance such as installing a well with associated water lines.

Rationale: This amendment would alleviate the need for a special exception for temporary disturbance within the 100' wetland buffer by adding an exception.

(added text is in *italics*)

The Planning Board recommends this article.

CONSIDER A ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of amending ARTICLE XI of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by changing Section E 6 to read as follows:

Article XI: Aquifer Protection District Section E 6. Special Exceptions

6. ~~Special Exceptions~~ Conditional Use Permit

A. The following uses are permitted as ~~Special Exceptions~~ with a Conditional Use Permit (in compliance with Town Zoning Ordinance):

1. Industrial and commercial uses not otherwise prohibited in Section E.4. of this article.
2. Multi-family residential development. (Minimum lot size to be determined by using Article IV Section 3 and substituting three (3) acres instead of two (2) acres).

3. Sand and gravel excavation and other mining provided that such excavation or mining is not carried out within eight (8) vertical feet of the seasonal high water table and that periodic inspections are made by the Planning Board or its agent to determine compliance.

B. The ~~Board of Adjustment~~ *Planning Board* may grant a ~~special exception~~ *Conditional Use Permit* for those uses listed above only after written findings of fact are made that all of the following are true:

- the proposed use will not detrimentally affect the quality of the groundwater contained in the aquifer by directly contributing to pollution or by increasing the long-term susceptibility of the aquifer to potential pollutants;
- the proposed use will not cause a significant reduction in the long-term volume of water contained in the aquifer or in the storage capacity of the aquifer;
- the proposed use will discharge no waste water on site other than that typically discharged by domestic waste water disposal systems and will not involve on-site storage or disposal of toxic or hazardous wastes as herein defined;
- the proposed use complies with all other applicable sections of this Article.

~~The Board of Adjustment~~ *Planning Board* may require that the applicant provide data or reports prepared by a professional engineer or hydrologist to assess any potential damage to the aquifer that may result from the proposed use. ~~The Board of Adjustment~~ *Planning Board* shall engage such professional assistance as it requires to adequately evaluate such reports and to evaluate, in general, the proposed use in light of the above criteria. Costs incurred shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

Rationale: This amendment would put businesses, multi-family residential development, and sand and gravel excavation that are not prohibited by the ordinance and that would not be likely to impact the Aquifer Protection District, under the purview of the Planning Board in conjunction with Site Plan Review process rather than the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The same conditions would apply.

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The Planning Board recommends this article.

2015 OPERATING BUDGET

ARTICLE 5: 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 \$2,548,921? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,494,498 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 8-0.
(Majority vote required)**

PURCHASE A NEW FIRE TRUCK – Purchase a new fire truck with a \$175,000 withdrawal from the existing Capital Reserve Fund. This is an outright purchase with a one-time cost of \$295,455. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.77 for one year only.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred seventy thousand four hundred fifty-five dollars (\$470,455) for the purchase of a fire truck, and further to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for this purchase. The balance of \$295,455 to be raised by taxation.

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

CREATE TOWN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR LIBRARY MAINTENANCE. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.01.

ARTICLE 7: 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 Fremont Public Library Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of funding needed repairs and maintenance to the Fremont Public Library and to raise and appropriate three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) to be placed in this fund and further to name the Library Trustees as agents to expend.

**The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this article 8-0.
(Majority vote required)**

ALLOW FOR THE CREATION OF TOWN TRUST FUNDS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO THE TOWN OF FREMONT. This has no tax impact.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and hold in trust gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town for any legal public purpose. This authorization, in accordance with RSA 31:19 shall remain in effect indefinitely.

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

CONTRIBUTION TO THE BRIDGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$.07.

ARTICLE 9: 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 article 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this article 8-0.
(Majority vote required)

CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$.03.

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 Town Hall Renovations Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this article 8-0.
(Majority vote required)

CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROPERTY REASSESSMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$.03.

ARTICLE 11: 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 article 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this article 8-0.
(Majority vote required)

CONTRIBUTION TO THE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$.07.

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 article 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this article 7-1.
(Majority vote required)**

CONTRIBUTION TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$.07.

ARTICLE 13: 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 Emergency Management Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this article 8-0.
(Majority vote required)**

CHANGE THE SALARY FOR THE ELECTED POSITION OF ROAD AGENT – No additional funds are appropriated in this article.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will authorize an increase in the Road Agent's annual administrative salary to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

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

FUNDING THE MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$.13.

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 article 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this article 8-0.
(Majority vote required)**

VOTE TO ASK THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO REFORM STATE EDUCATION FUNDING.

ARTICLE 16: Resolved that the State of New Hampshire provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs. To see if the Town will vote to ask our Governor and our State Legislators to reform state funding for education with that reform to be directed to significant reduction of property taxes. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the Governor and State Legislators informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0.
The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 7-1.
(Majority vote required)

VOTE TO RESCIND BONDING AUTHORITY FOR PURCHASE OF OPEN SPACE LAND.

ARTICLE 17: By Petition: Shall the Town of Fremont NH vote to rescind the authority granted to the Fremont Conservation Commission and the Fremont Board of Selectmen, at the 2006 Fremont Annual Town Meeting, (Article #5) to "raise & spend up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to purchase land and other property interests," so that the Town is no longer liable for this "indebtedness" and the financial liability that the town incurred when it was passed in 2006?


The Selectmen do not recommend this article 3-0.
The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 4-2.
(3/5 Majority vote required)


Given under our hands and seal this 15th day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.

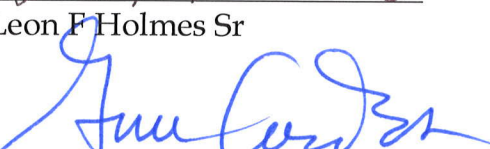
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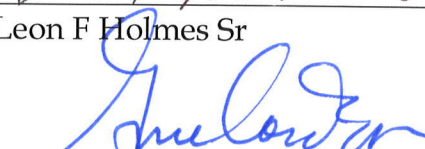

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