



TOWN OF FREMONT 2016 TOWN MEETING VOTER GUIDE

This Guide has been prepared to provide you with additional information for your voting decisions prior to entering the voting booth on Tuesday March 8, 2016. It contains all of the Articles for consideration, some brief descriptions and 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 2016 Annual Town Meeting. If you have specific questions please feel free to call our office at 895 2226 x 10 or send an email to Heidi Carlson at FremontTA@comcast.net.

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We endeavor to provide additional information to assist voters in making informed decisions about the many municipal challenges facing the Town. The Official Warrant was reviewed and discussed at Deliberative Session on February 2nd. No changes were made at that session, and the final format of the questions has been created for voting, now called the Official Ballot.

Final voting on the Official Ballot will take place on Tuesday March 8, 2016 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 Fremont Town Clerk. Absentee ballot applications are also available on the Town Clerk page of the website at www.Fremont.nh.gov.

In 2009 Fremont voters decided to have the Selectmen and Budget Committee's tally votes on articles printed, along with those recommendations as outlined by Statute. The Official Warrant is written as outlined by NH Statute.

The type of vote required appears at the end of each article, such as majority, 2/3 or 3/5 vote requirements. We have also included here in this narrative, an estimate of what each article reflects as part of the total Town portion of the tax rate. This is only an estimate, and is based on a conservative, but 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. You can also refer to the full details of tax rate historical information in Town Reports.

Year	Town Portion of the Tax Rate
2010	\$3.58
2011	\$3.36
2012	\$3.41
2013	\$3.86
2014	\$3.58
2015	\$4.37

ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS

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

The following persons have signed up for Town Offices:

Selectman: 1 for 3 years
Roger A Barham
Thomas A O'Brien

Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years
Patricia J Martel

Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years

Suzanne Wicks

Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years

Patricia J Martel

Moderator: 1 for 2 years

Michael Rydeen

Supervisor of Checklist: 1 for 6 years

Dennis Buteau

Budget Committee: 1 for 2 years

Joseph Miccile

Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years

Steven Harms

Treasurer: 1 for 3 years

Kimberly Dunbar

Rachael Edwards

There will be a separate ballot for candidates running for Fremont School District offices. Sample ballots will be posted at the Town Hall, Ellis School, Safety Complex, Public Library and the Fremont Post Office for viewing before Election Day. The candidate listing is also available on the Town's website home page.

2016 OPERATING BUDGET. The estimated tax impact of this article is \$3.52.

ARTICLE 2: 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 \$2,747,889? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,592,270 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 2-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-2.

(Majority vote required)

This is the total of all operating budgets for the Town, excluding warrant articles. The full budget detail can be found on the State Form MS 737, which is available on the Town's website and will be part of the 2015 Annual Town Report. Copies are also available at the Selectmen's Office. The tax impact of this operating budget varies only by about \$0.12 to \$0.14 (increase) on the tax rate from the operating budget approved in 2015. This is the cost per thousand of the Town's budget, and is approximately 12% of the total tax rate (using the 2015 tax rate of \$29.00).

With SB2 in place, this master budget article includes the number recommended by the Budget Committee of \$2,747,889. This is up from the appropriated budget in 2015 of \$2,548,921. The recommendations of Selectmen and Budget Committee can be viewed on the State Form MS 737.

Following are some highlights and changes within each of the operating budgets:

4130 Executive: Proposed salary increase for the Town Administrator position; proposed incumbent Selectmen's Assistant position reflects a 2% increase; and 10 extra hours per week for a new part-time clerical staff person. There is a proposed reduction in the number of printed newsletters to three annually. This budget covers all operating costs of the Selectmen's Office.

4140 Town Clerk Tax Collector: Hourly wage for Clerical Assistant proposed increased by 2%; supplies increased based on need of combined office (primarily postage and envelopes); covers operating costs of the Clerk/Collector Office and wages of

the Town Clerk Tax Collector and Deputy/Clerical Assistant. Mileage has been included, which was not provided for in the 2015 budget, for the 3-4 trips per week required to get town funds deposited.

4141 Election & Registrations: Increased from 2015 based on a total of four elections, including three major primary and general elections; along with Town and School Elections and Deliberative Session. This covers election costs of Moderator, Ballot Clerks, Supervisors of the Checklist, ballot tally machine programming, supplies and maintenance, printing and producing all necessary checklists, and printing of local ballots. (The State provides ballots for State and Federal elections).

4151 Financial Administration – Other: Includes the Treasurer's salary and supplies; Budget Committee clerical costs and administration, Trustees of Trust Funds expenses, and annual audit of all Town financial records. This is up approximately \$250 for the audit contract.

4152 Reappraisal of Property: The budget is the same as 2015 and covers all of the Town's contracted assessing, the utility contract (to appraise all utility properties); tax assessing software & maintenance, tax mapping services, web-hosting of tax maps and all assessing data, and NH AAO dues.

4155 Personnel Administration: Workers Compensation Premium up due to past claims history (on a five year average); FICA and Medicare updated to reflect 2% wage increases proposed; NHRS adjusted for current actual and State rate (increased); other retirement adjusted for wage increase for the 3 non-police full-time employees. This has been adjusted for a full year of the police officer hired in 2015, and for a proposed ½ year of another full-time police officer in 2016.

4191 Planning & Zoning: Clerical wage adjusted to allow for 2% wage increase; increase in professional services and matching grants to allow the Planning Board to complete additional projects and ordinance/regulation updates.

4194 Government Buildings: Budget down from prior year after completion of several large projects in 2015. Additional maintenance work continues at all buildings along with routine cleaning and care. The Town Hall heating system will be completed with encumbered 2015 funds. Safety Complex needs annual fire suppression system maintenance; alarm systems maintenance, etc. Costs for a full year of heat and care for our new Highway Building, as well as the conversion to propane heat at the Town Hall are included.

4195 Cemeteries: The projects fund in 2016 proposes to continue work on care, straightening and resurrecting gravestones to preserve them, as well as continued work on expansion and layout of new sites at Leavitt Cemetery. Proposed to hire a new Cemetery Sexton position to oversee cemeteries and maintenance workers.

4196 Insurance: Increased due to reduction of companies offering municipal insurance plans; planning to put insurance out to bid, and unsure what the market will show for costs.

4210 Police Department: Clerical wage adjusted to allow for 2% wage increase; uniformed officer matrix adjusted for 2.5% wage increase; includes full year of new officer hired in 2015 and ½ year of a new full-time officer. Covers all operating costs of the personnel and equipment needed to staff and run the Police Department.

4220 Fire Rescue Department: Covers all personnel costs of the Points Plan Compensation Program, Length of Service & Awards Program; some new equipment for the fire truck anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016; maintenance of apparatus and equipment, fire and EMS gear, uniforms, supplies and training.

4240 Building Inspection: Wage adjusted to allow for 2% increase, with 29 hours per week of services from the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Budget includes training, mileage reimbursement and minimal office supplies.

4290 Emergency Management: Includes minimal allowance for supplies and contract services in the event of a major weather event (flood, ice storm, etc); \$1,200 stipend for EMD.

4312 Highway Department: FT & PT wages adjusted to allow for 2% increase. PT summer labor increase by two work weeks, winter costs increased to cover anticipated winter season. Continued focus on road updates, to include \$163,000 to repave and upgrade 5,850 feet of Whittier Drive, beginning at Sandown Road. \$20,000 was moved from winter operating budget to be included in a Warrant Article creating an Expendable Trust Fund for Winter Maintenance. (More information in Article 3).

4323 Solid Waste Collection: Annual increase in the hauling contract of 3%. No fuel surcharges in the new contract.

4324 Solid Waste Disposal: Reduction in tipping fees due to newly negotiated contract; slight planned increase in the amount of solid waste. Continued need for recycling bins. This includes bi-annual Bulky Day expenses.

4414 Animal Control: Wage adjusted to allow for 2% increase. Covers all costs associated with Animal Control services including supplies, training, truck fuel and maintenance.

4415 Health: Covers a small stipend for Health Officer and proposes a \$100 for the Deputy; training and annual dues to the NH Health Officer's Association; some water testing.

4445 Vendor Payments to Social Service Agencies: Each of these payments supports a social service agency that provides some service to Fremont residents, usually at a reduced or sliding fee scale.

4520 Parks & Recreation: Plan to run a full camp program in 2016 with some increase in wages proposed to draw in more experienced staff members. Care and maintenance of the ballfields and playground comprises approximately \$15,400 of the

budget, and \$2,500 covers Town events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Event and Christmas Party and Tree Lighting.

4550 Library: This budget covers all staffing, books, and programs of the Fremont Public Library and maintenance of the building. Employee wage increases at 2% are supported in this recommendation, and several building maintenance items.

4610 Conservation Commission: The Commission had no approved budget in 2015, and this represents coverage of clerical assistance and some minimal office and training expenses.

4711-4721 Debt Service: Reduction in principal and interest payments on debt, as debt matures.

*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. **All tax rate impacts are estimates.***

The estimated tax impact is shown for each of the warrant articles in the narrative portion. If the proposed budget and all Warrant Articles as proposed by the Town pass, the Town's portion of the tax rate is estimated to increase \$0.40 per thousand from the actual current town rate of \$4.37 per thousand. Each of these articles can be considered on its own merit. The impact of each individual Article is included with each rationale. It should be noted that in our calculated estimates forecasting the 2015 tax rate, we had estimated \$4.85, and the actual rate came in at \$4.37. Our estimates are conservative. Any excess revenue collected and appropriations turned back from prior years, will also help to reduce the tax rate in 2016.

CREATE TOWN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR WINTER HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE and NAME THE SELECTMEN AS AGENTS TO EXPEND. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.05.

ARTICLE 3: 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 Highway Winter Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of funding winter maintenance as necessary and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in this fund and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

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

This article is proposed in an effort to balance the costs of the extreme winters we have had in recent years. This could be considered a savings account, set aside as a Town Trust Fund. The appropriation would be put in this year, and ONLY used if the winter costs exceed the amount of money in the 2016 operating budget. It can be held over from year to year as long as funds remain, and can help create a better balance in the tax rate, and allow the Town to be better prepared in the "worse case scenario" winter seasons. The Town could add funds to this account in future years as well, to balance out the tax impacts of worse winters against those which are not as severe.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIBRARY BUILDING EXPENDABLE TOWN TRUST FUND. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.01.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Library Building Maintenance Expendable Town Trust Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-2.

(Majority vote required)

The Library Trustees are proposing this fund to set aside money needed for building repairs and maintenance. This is in essence a savings account for future needs. The Library has an extensive HVAC system that will need maintenance and repairs at some point, and additional work is needed around the roof stacks currently. As of 12/31/15 there was \$3,502.54 in this fund. Plans were to use it to fix the stacks in 2015, but bids for the needed repairs were higher than anticipated.

*Articles 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 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. **Saving money in Capital Reserve Funds helps to balance the tax rate by reducing the impact of one-time large expenditures.***

CONTRIBUTION TO THE BRIDGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.06.

ARTICLE 5: 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 5-2.

(Majority vote required)

Article 5 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 State's "red list" and are in need of significant repair or replacement. With the funding allocated here, we were able to get on the NH Bridge Aid list for future construction funding for the Martin Road Bridge. Late in 2013, the Selectmen contracted with an engineering firm to take the first steps necessary for replacement of the Martin Road Bridge. The engineering is nearly complete, but we have not yet received notification that we have been moved up on the NH Bridge Aid reimbursement funding list. This would reimburse the Town 80% of all costs incurred in the bridge replacement. As of 12/31/15 there was \$40,495.04 in this fund. We do anticipate being reimbursed 80% of all costs associated with bridge work, as long as NH Bridge Aid is funded by the NH Legislature.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.03.

ARTICLE 6: 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 7-0.

(Majority vote required)

Article 6 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 plan is for the work to renovate the basement area and provide for improved Planning and Zoning Offices, a larger meeting room, and a bathroom.

Some Food Pantry space and records storage will also be provided. As of 12/31/15 there was \$133,421.80 in this fund.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROPERTY REASSESSMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.03.

ARTICLE 7: 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 7-0.
(Majority vote required)

Article 7 adds money to the Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund. Fremont completed the mandated recertification in 2015, and will do so again in 2020. Saving \$10,000 per year has been a very successful way to fund this process. We want to be sure that it continues to fund a revaluation/recertification every five years without further large impact to the tax rate. As of 12/31/15 there was \$47,236.33 in this fund. The Town expended \$39,500 in 2015 on the recertification process, and it is anticipated that the next recertification process required in 2020 will be a full revaluation, costing more than a recertification.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.06.

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 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

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

This fund plans for the future purchase of highway equipment including snow plows, sanders, backhoe, and trucks. The Town replaced the one ton truck late in 2012 and also purchased a backhoe. We would like to rebuild the fund to allow for future replacement and new equipment purchases as needed. As of 12/31/15 there was \$30,898.42 in this fund.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.06.

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 Emergency Management Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

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

This fund plans for the future purchase of Emergency Management equipment. The largest need right now is for generators. The Town cannot be without emergency backup power at the Complex, and we need to plan for the

replacement of that unit. The Town would also like to continue working with the School District on a long-term plan to outfit Ellis School with generator capacity. As of 12/31/15 there was \$47,320.40 in this fund.

FUNDING HIGHWAY PAVING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO CHESTER ROAD. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.21.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$81,700) to shim and overlay sections of Chester Road and do associated shoulder work.

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

The Town is trying to catch up on some long-overdue road improvements. Article 10 will repave sections of Chester Road (the worst condition) and do the shoulder work. As much work as can be complete within the allotted funds will be done.

FUNDING HIGHWAY PAVING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SANDOWN ROAD. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.22.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-five thousand four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$85,495) to shim and overlay a section of Sandown Road and do associated shoulder work.

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

The Town is trying to catch up on some long-overdue road improvements. This article will repave a final section of Sandown Road from Abbott Road to Cavil Mill Road. This will complete the past couple of years of improvements.

CHANGE THE SALARY FOR THE ELECTED POSITION OF TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.01.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will authorize an increase in the Town Clerk Tax Collector's annual salary by five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be a total of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), and for the position to include 10 days of paid time off and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for this purpose.

The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation 2-0.
The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation 7-0.
(Majority vote required)

This would allow for an increase in the Town Clerk Tax Collector's Salary from \$35,000 to \$40,000. This is a part-time position currently paid an annual salary of \$35,000.

CREATE A TOWN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR THE FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT DARE PROGRAM and NAME THE SELECTMEN AS AGENTS TO EXPEND. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.01.

ARTICLE 13: 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 Police Department DARE Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of funding the annual DARE (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) Program and to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be placed in this fund and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend, upon recommendation of the Police Chief.

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

Article 13 is proposed to support the Fremont Police Department DARE Program, held at Ellis School for the benefit of our elementary-aged students. In order to run the program so that students may be recognized, the Fremont Police Department is asking for financial support from the community, which will allow for the purchasing of DARE t-shirts, graduation certificates, field day and a formal graduation ceremony that many of these children will carry with them for the rest of their lives. This would be a savings account, set aside as a Town Trust Fund. The appropriation would be put in this year, and used along with other donations and some funding and fundraising from Ellis School to support the mission of the DARE curriculum. As funds are depleted, they may be requested again in subsequent years to help fund the program activities.

The DARE Program, founded in 1983, was designed to help students resist substance abuse. The program provides educational instruction, which teaches students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and responsible lives. With the growing rise in drug addiction, DARE stands amongst the most respected awareness programs, which provides students with the necessary tools for making good choices and /or decisions as they move forward in life.

As we know students are often faced with difficult challenges day to day, usually starting early in life. Many students may struggle to find appropriate ways to manage through these challenges. With DARE being taught to students in the 5th grade, students receive vital information /education that will help them make informed decisions to keep them safe. Students will discern the health effects that alcohol and tobacco use have on the body. In addition, students will receive information that will help them resist propositions and temptations to explore with such drugs.

FUNDING THE MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.13.

ARTICLE 14: 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 7-0.
(Majority vote required)

This article requests funding to continue the mosquito control program, which has been in place since 2008 in Fremont. The contractor has again offered the program with no increase in cost for 2016. 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

year past, and allows for up to two emergency sprayings of public lots at the Complex and Library, and ball fields at Memorial Park and Ellis School.

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 2016 program, if approved, would begin after Town Meeting.

CREATE A REVOLVING FUND FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FIELD AND PARKS IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE. There is no tax impact of this article.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to establish a recreation revolving fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2, II for the purpose of funding improvements to Fremont Parks and playing fields. All fees and charges received from special programs and events sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Commission 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 upon recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Said funds may be expended for the purpose of funding improvements at the fields and parks in Fremont, and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be deposited into this fund and further to authorize this amount from the unreserved fund balance (surplus). The name of the Revolving Fund will be the Parks & Recreation Improvement Revolving Fund.

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

This article requests approval to establish a revolving fund to be used to pay for future park and field improvements. Events such as fun run/walks which have a user fee, would be deposited into the fund, with any expenses paid. Any residual money would be used to fund future improvements. The goal in establishing this fund was to save money to build a pavilion in the future at Memorial Fields for field and park users.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIRE TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.13.

ARTICLE 16: 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 7-0.
(Majority vote required)

This article will begin replenishing the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The funds previously saved were used in 2015 to partially fund the new fire truck. The cost of fire apparatus is expensive, and saving some every year will greatly help to reduce the one-time impact of these purchases. As of 12/31/15 there was \$753.15 in this fund. We used the accrued savings of \$175,000 in 2015 to offset the cost of the new truck.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE HISTORIC MUSEUM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.04.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Historic Museum Renovation Capital Reserve Fund.

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

Article 17 will save money for a future addition to the Historic Museum. The Town needs additional space to store Historical Society artifacts such as the 1848 fire handtub, circa 1861 antique horse-drawn hearse, and the Spaulding & Frost logging sled (c. 1880) where they could be safe from the climate and be on display for viewing. As of 12/31/15 there was \$10,080.68 in this fund.

DESIGNATE A PIECE OF TOWN LAND AS TOWN FOREST. There is no direct tax impact of this article.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to designate as Town Forests, in accordance with NH RSA 31:110, the following parcel of land: Beede Spaulding Conservation Land Map 3 Lot 56.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 2-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0.
(Majority vote required)

This article will simply designate this land as Town Forest. The Town owns this parcel and it is already covered by a Conservation Easement and overseen by the Conservation Commission. The designation will allow similar signage on the trails as other Town Forests, and thus will not incur additional cost for alternative signage.

**Please be sure to vote on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at Ellis School between
7:00 am and 8:00 pm.**

Check the Town website for further information and details at:
www.Fremont.nh.gov