



TOWN OF FREMONT 2017 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 14, 2017. 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 2017 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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Roger A Barham

Fremont Board of Selectmen

We endeavor to provide additional information to assist voters in making informed decisions about the many municipal challenges facing the Town of Fremont. The Official Warrant was reviewed and discussed at Deliberative Session on February 6th. No changes were made at that session, and the final format of the questions has been created for voting, now called the Official Ballot. The DVD of Deliberative Session can be viewed on FCTV Channel 22, or from the FCTV Vimeo site or Facebook page.

Final voting on the Official Ballot will take place on Tuesday March 14, 2017 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 type of vote required also appears at the end of each article, such as majority, 2/3 or 3/5 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.

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
2016	\$3.89

You can also refer to the full details of tax rate historical information in Town Reports.

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

Gene Cordes

Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years

Jeanne Nygren

Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years

John Hennelly

Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years

Budget Committee: 1 for 1 year

No candidates declared

Town Clerk Tax Collector: 1 for 3 years

Nicole E Cloutier

Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years

Matthew E Thomas

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. We will also have the candidate listing on the Town's website home page. If you have any interest in seeking an office that no one is signed up for, contact Heidi Carlson for more information.

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the proposed amendment to Article XVIII submitted by petition for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- 1) Change the Moderate Hazards Use from permitted to prohibited in Corporate Commercial District (Article XVIII, Section 7)
- 2) Change the all uses under the Factory Industrial category, with exception to the Moderate Hazards use, to require a Conditional Use Permit within the Corporate Commercial Districts and Commercial Highway District. The uses are to remain prohibited in the Flexible Use District. (Article XVIII, Section 7)
- 3) To remove transportation-oriented activities and related services such as trucking and warehousing from the Corporate Commercial II.6.1 Purposes, to read as follows:

II.6 CORPORATE COMMERCIAL

II.6.1 Purpose:

The intent of the Corporate/Commercial district is to provide areas for corporate business parks, research and development, light-manufacturing, processing, assembly, and wholesaling providing that such uses are determined not to be injurious or hazardous to the public health, safety, and/or welfare. Furthermore, the intent of the district is to reserve suitable land for the location of the new industry and to enhance economic development and employment.

II.6.1.1 Certain commercial and industrial operations may only be allowed by a Conditional Use Permit issued from the Planning Board. See the Table of Uses for a list of the uses that require a Conditional Use Permit.

The Planning Board does not recommend this article 4-1.

This article will amend Fremont Zoning Ordinance by making changes to the uses allowed within the Corporate Commercial District (Article XVIII, Section 7). It would made additional uses prohibited, and would require other uses to obtain a Conditional Use Permit. It would also remove some transportation-oriented activities from the Corporate Commercial Zone.

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the proposed amendment to Article IV-A submitted by the Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

New Language

~~Removed language~~

Article IV-A - ~~In-Law Accessory Apartments~~ Accessory Dwelling Units

By Special Exception ~~“in-law/accessory apartments”~~ **one (1) accessory dwelling unit** is ~~are~~ allowed within, or as an addition to, ~~existing residential single family dwellings structures. Mobile home units and manufactured housing units less than sixteen hundred (1600) square feet, residential duplexes, townhouses or R-1, R-2, and/or R-4 residential apartments/groups, all are excluded from this section. In addition “In-law/accessory apartments” are not allowed within industrial, commercial and/or business type uses or buildings.~~ **An accessory dwelling unit is defined per RSA 674:71 as a residential living unit that is within or attached to a single-family dwelling sharing a common wall of the original main structure, and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies.**

~~An “In-law/accessory apartment”~~ A special exception shall be granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, only upon finding by this Board that it meets the provisions and conditions of this section.

- ~~A. The applicant, seeking an in-law/accessory apartment shall make application to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.~~
- ~~B. The property must conform to the dimensional requirements of the single family minimum lot size standard as established by Fremont Zoning Ordinance in 1971 (Lot size of one (1) acre minimum is required), and the single family dwelling shall have been constructed and occupied for a period of a minimum of one year.~~
- C. The **owner of the single family** dwelling to which the **accessory dwelling unit** ~~in-law/accessory apartment~~ is being created **must be owner occupy ied one of the dwelling units as the owner’s principal place of residence.** ~~and be of greater than twelve hundred (1200) square feet of total existing living space.~~
- D. The living area of the **accessory dwelling unit** ~~in-law/accessory apartment~~ shall be ~~a minimum of four hundred (400) square feet and a maximum of eight hundred (800) square feet. Size shall be determined by the total square footage of the in-law/accessory apartment. The initial family unit may not be lessened by such dimensions so as to create non-compliance with Article 11, Section 1101.2.~~
- E. No more than two (2) bedrooms are permitted in the **accessory dwelling unit** ~~in-law/accessory apartment.~~

- F. The owner shall provide evidence to the Building Official that septic facilities are adequate to service the **accessory dwelling unit in-law/accessory apartment**. Such evidence shall be in the form of certification by State of N.H. licensed septic system designer. ~~The Building Official shall indicate his/her approval in writing to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as to proper certification having been received.~~
- G. The **accessory dwelling unit in-law/accessory apartment** shall be designed such that the appearance of the building remains that of the single family dwelling. Any new entrances shall be located on the side or rear of the building. **There shall be at least one independent means of egress to the outside or to a common space.**
- H. ~~The primary residence and the in-law/accessory apartment~~ **principal dwelling unit and accessory dwelling unit** must share common water, septic, and electric facilities, **and an interior door be provided between the principal dwelling unit and the accessory dwelling unit.**
- I. ~~In no case shall more than one in-law/accessory apartment be permitted within the structure. Dormitory type facilities and living are expressly prohibited whether seasonal or otherwise.~~
- J. **Detached accessory dwelling units are prohibited.** ~~In-law/accessory apartment shall not be constructed or established within any accessory use structure (such as a garage). Only the primary residential structure may contain the in-law/accessory apartment.~~
- K. Off-street parking must be available for a minimum of four automobiles for the entire structure. In no case shall an **accessory dwelling unit in-law apartment** be permitted to have a separate driveway or separate garage to accommodate its occupant(s).
- L. **All Fremont Zoning Ordinances shall be applicable.**
- M. **All Building and Renovation Permits, including Occupancy Permits, shall be required.**
- N. ~~All in-law/accessory apartments shall be provided with an interconnected smoke alarm system. All smoke alarms shall be listed and installed in accordance with the provisions of the IRC and the household fire warning provisions of NFPA 72.~~
- O. ~~The provisions of the International Residential Code (IRC) shall apply to all construction elements of the in-law/accessory apartment. There shall be no~~

~~occupancy of the in-law/accessory apartment until the Building Official has issued an occupancy permit.~~

~~P. No in-law/accessory apartments shall be allowed within the Flood Plain as identified by the FIRM map relating to Fremont, N.H.~~

Upon receiving approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals and prior to receiving a building permit, the applicant shall demonstrate to the authorized official that the applicant has recorded the special exception decision with Rockingham Registry, indexed under the name of the property owner. ~~Any special exception granted under this Section shall contain a provision which states as follows: "Upon the cessation of occupancy by an immediate family member, the owner hereby acknowledges and purchasers are put on notice, that the in-law/apartment is to be used only by immediate family members and no others, and that no variances from this provision shall be obtained permitting any other use".~~

Variances to this special exception may not be granted.

~~The following definitions shall pertain to this section:~~

~~A. In-law/accessory apartment—An apartment within a single family residence. An in-law apartment is defined as "a separate living space within a single family dwelling unit consisting of separate sleeping, cooking and bathroom facilities and which is intended to be occupied by an in-law or in-laws of a member of a family unit occupying the main part of the dwelling." and meeting the following criteria:~~

~~In-law apartments may be occupied only by members of the family unit occupying the main part of the dwelling or by in-laws of a member of said family unit. The applicant must satisfactorily demonstrate that said apartment will be utilized only in this fashion. The occupancy or rental of an in-law apartment by persons other than in-laws, as defined in this ordinance, is expressly prohibited.~~

~~B. R-1/R-2/R-4—Residential occupancy groups as defined by the International Residential Code.~~

The Planning Board recommends this article 5-0.

This article will amend Fremont Zoning Ordinance Article IV-A by including new regulations pursuant to NH RSA 674:71. NH Law has changed the terminology and regulations around accessory dwellings. These changes will make the Fremont Zoning Ordinance compliant with the new statute.

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of the proposed amendment to Article XVIII Section 9. G submitted by the Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

New Language

~~Removed language~~

- G. The home occupation should not require the need for the on-site, over-night parking of commercial vehicles. If on-site parking of a commercial ~~vehicles~~ vehicle, with three (3) axles or more is necessary, it shall be garaged or screened

The Planning Board recommends this article 7-0.

This will amend Fremont Zoning Ordinance Article XVIII by limiting the number of commercial vehicles relative to a home occupation to one.

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 \$2,819,626? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,633,644 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 7-1.

(Majority vote required)

This is the total of all operating budgets for the Town, excluding warrant articles, which is reviewed at the annual Public Budget Hearing in January. 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 2016 Annual Town Report. Copies are also available at the Selectmen's Office. The tax impact of this operating budget is actually less than what was proposed in 2016, a total of \$3.22 of the municipal tax rate. This is the cost per thousand of the Town's budget, and is approximately 10% of the total tax rate (using the 2016 tax rate of \$29.88).

With SB2, this master budget article includes the number recommended by the Budget Committee of \$2,819,626. This is up from the appropriated budget in 2016 of \$2,592,270. Revenues are also up, and this offsets the budget, thus making the tax rate impact of the 2017 proposal less than the actual tax rate of the operating budget in 2016.

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

4130 Executive: Proposed wage increases of 2%, additional part-time hours of coverage in the Selectmen's Office. There is a proposed reduction in the number of printed newsletters to one 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% and include 3 additional hours per week, additional postage and envelopes. This budget covers operating costs of the Clerk/Collector Office and wages of the Town Clerk Tax Collector and Deputy/Clerical Assistant.

4141 Election & Registrations: Decreased from 2016 based on just one Town/School election in March. This budget covers election costs of Moderator, Ballot Clerks, Supervisors of Checklist, ballot tally machine programming, supplies and maintenance, printing and producing all necessary checklists, and printing of local ballots.

4151 Financial Administration – Other: Includes the Treasurer's salary and supplies; Budget Committee clerical costs and administration, Trustees of Trust Funds expenses, and annual professional audit of all Town financial records. This is up \$250 for the audit contract, and \$200 for additional training for Budget Committee members.

4152 Reappraisal of Property: In 2016 the Selectmen signed a new 5 year contract for assessing services which includes a cyclical update process. This 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. The cyclical process will balance out annual costs and reduce the 5th year revaluation cost that we have seen over the past few revaluation cycles.

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 rates again increased by the State and are mandated for full-time police. Other retirement adjusted for wage increase for the 3 non-police full-time employees.

4191 Planning & Zoning: Increase in professional services for ability to hire technical consultants on some projects, and matching grants to allow the Planning Board to complete additional projects and ordinance/regulation updates and take advantage of matching grant funding from State and Federal sources that may become available.

4194 Government Buildings: Budget down from prior year with completion of Town Hall heating system replacement, and projects planned and completed in 2015. Additional maintenance work continues at all buildings along with routine cleaning and care. The Town Hall renovations has created a need for more clean-up and maintenance, as well as created a needed second egress which must also now be maintained. Safety Complex needs annual fire suppression system maintenance; alarm systems maintenance, etc. This budget also covers the maintenance of the Highway Shed, Museum, Meetinghouse and Historic Building.

4195 Cemeteries: The projects fund in 2017 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. This budget covers all costs of maintaining all Town cemeteries, including an increase in tree work (aged and dying trees); as well as annual vendor service for cleanup.

4196 Insurance: Town's long-time carrier closed 06/30/2016 and the town underwent an intense and long RFP process, awarding the contract to the only other municipal pooled risk carrier in NH. Costs have increased due to claims history, legal issues, and added coverages.

4210 Police Department: Clerical wage adjusted to allow for 2% wage increase; uniformed officer matrix adjusted for 2.5% wage increase. Covers all operating costs of the personnel and equipment needed to staff and run the Police Department. Includes lease payment on cruisers, fuel, vehicle and equipment maintenance, etc.

4220 Fire Rescue Department: Covers all personnel costs of the Points Plan Compensation Program, Length of Service & Awards Program; maintenance of apparatus and equipment, fire and EMS gear, uniforms, supplies and training. Budget Committee recommendation included an additional \$12,500 for planned radio replacement (approximately a four year replacement of grant funded radios that are aging).

4240 Building Inspection: Wage adjusted to allow for 2% increase, with 30 hours per week of services from the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Budget includes training, mileage reimbursement and minimal office supplies. Transition to a new inspector will require some training and overlap with retiring inspector.

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. Propose to increase what was previously only summer labor help to a year round part-time position at 32 hours per week. This is for safety as well as workload reasons. Many tasks cannot reasonably be undertaken by the Town's one employee. Continued focus on

road updates, to include \$192,000 to install the finish course of pavement on Sandown Road and Whittier Drive. Substantial work done on both roads in 2016, and this will complete it. Budget includes \$3,000 for new guardrails to address safety issues, and \$25,000 for crack-sealing to try and preserve paving longer, before resurfacing is needed (Copp Drive, South Road, Shirkin Road). \$20,000 was removed from winter operating budget and if needed, would be taken from the Expendable Trust Fund for Winter Maintenance.

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

4324 Solid Waste Disposal: Reduction in tipping fees due to newly negotiated contract through 53-B District; slight planned increase in the amount of solid waste. Continued need for recycling bins. This includes bi-annual Bulky Day expenses. WM Contract now provides for bulky dumpsters, resulting in savings as well.

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 covers costs of the office, including training and annual dues to the NH Health Officer's Association; and water testing.

4442 Direct Assistance: General payments for assisted persons, has increased slightly due to continued reductions in State and Federal program aid.

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 2017 with slight increase in wages proposed to maintain more experienced staff members. Care and maintenance of the ballfields and playground comprises \$24,600 of the proposed budget. This includes an increase in maintenance staff hours, and hiring a dedicated 15-20 hour per week position to deal with the many areas of fields and parks to care for. Planned improvements to some fields, fencing, lighting and security is included, as is upgrade of the sprinkler heads to a commercial variety. \$3,000 covers Town events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Event and Christmas Party and Tree Lighting; and \$500 is youth and adult programming.

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 2016, but the Selectmen allocated funds within the default budget so that the Commission had some clerical services, training and dues money. The budget requested will provide additional training, and funding to work on several projects the Commission has outlined, including establishing a fund for the creation of a Wildlife and Forest Management Plan of the Oak Ridge Town Forest.

4711-4721 Debt Service: Reduction in principal and interest payments on debt. 2017 will see the retirement of the Safety Complex bond payment.

The difference between the Selectmen and Budget Committee's proposed operating budget is \$2,505 not recommended by the Budget Committee. It is the Budget Committee's recommendation that moves forward for voter consideration. The estimated tax impact of the operating budget as proposed is \$3.22. This is \$0.30 less than the operating budget proposed in 2016. The increase in revenues and overall assessed valuation have helped manage the tax rate impact of the operating budget.

*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 \$0.29 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 approximately \$0.60 per thousand from the actual current town rate of \$3.89 per thousand. Each

of the Warrant Articles can be considered on its own merit. As a cumulative total, the Warrant Articles equate to approximately \$0.97 on the tax rate. The impact of each individual Article is included with each rationale. Our estimates are conservative. Any excess revenue collected in 2016 will also help to reduce the tax rate in 2017.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-four thousand five hundred seventy-one dollars (\$44,571) to hire a new full-time police officer. This sum covers one-half year of wages and benefits and necessary gear, equipment and required testing for the officer. If approved, this funding will remain as part of the operating and default budget in future years.

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

This article would approve hiring another officer for the Fremont Police Department. This would be the fifth full-time officer for the Town, to bring the staffing levels closer to recommended national standards. If this is approved, the cost for a full year of this officer in 2018 would be approximately \$83,700. If passed, this would be part of the operating and default budget in future years. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.11.

ARTICLE 7: 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 8-0.
(Majority vote required)

This fund was established in 2015 to set aside money for future building repairs and maintenance that are needed as the building ages. 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. In 2016, we used just over \$6,000 in this saved account to fund a portion of the repair work around the roof stacks. As of 12/31/16 there was \$2,083.71 in this fund. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.01.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$2,160) to fund a Bookmobile service for the Fremont Public Library for services to elderly, disabled, or shut-in residents. This includes two hours per week in wages and mileage costs. If approved, this funding will remain as part of the operating and default budget in future years.

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

Article 8 was separated out of the operating budget to give voters a chance to better understand the services and consider it on its own merit. The Library receives requests from people who may be home bound following surgery, or the elderly or disabled, who want to be library patrons (or who are prohibited for a period of time after surgery or the like). This program would fund a Library employee for two hours a week delivering and picking up books from some of our patrons, who are temporarily unable to get out. If passed, this program would become part of the operating and default budget in future years. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.01.

Articles 9, 10, 11, 15 and 16 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.**

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

Article 9 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 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 12/31/16 there was \$65,587.25 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. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.06.

ARTICLE 10: 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 8-0.
(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. We had to purchase a replacement sweeper in 2016, and those funds were removed, with the sale of the old sweeper added back to the fund. As of 12/31/16 there was \$45,269.75 in this fund. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.06.

ARTICLE 11: 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 7-1.
(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. Competitive proposals are currently being sought to do this work in 2017. 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 12/31/16 there was \$72,424.45 in this fund. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.06.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred forty-seven thousand nine hundred sixty dollars (\$147,960) to shim and repave three sections of North Road (4,070 feet) and do associated shoulder and repair work.

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

The Town is trying to catch up on some long-overdue road improvements. Article 12 will reclaim and repave three sections of North Road (4,070 feet total) and do shoulder and drainage work. As much work as can be complete within the allotted funds will be done. The Town has consulted with the Town Engineer and has solid plans to move ahead with this work and address some drainage issues as well. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.36.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will authorize an increase in the Town Clerk Tax Collector's annual salary by seven hundred dollars (\$700) to be a total of thirty-five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$35,700); and further to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700) for this purpose.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-2.
(Majority vote required)

This would allow for an increase in the Town Clerk Tax Collector's Salary from \$35,000 to \$35,700. This is a part-time elected position currently paid an annual salary of \$35,000. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is less than \$0.01.

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 8-0.

(Majority vote required)

Article 14 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 2017. 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 2017 program, if approved, would begin after Town Meeting. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.12.

ARTICLE 15: 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 8-0.

(Majority vote required)

This article will begin replenishing the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund after the expense paid in 2015 for our new truck. The Department continues to be behind with regard to fire truck replacement, and is due for another truck in 4-5 years to replace another old unit in the fleet. 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 12/31/16 there was \$50,798.47 in this fund. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.12.

ARTICLE 16: 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 Radio Communications Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-1.

(Majority vote required)

Article 16 will save money for purchase of replacement radio communication equipment for the Police and Fire Rescue Departments. The original digital portable and mobile radios were granted to the Town from State and Federal sources in the early 2000's and are slowly in need of replacement, as they have aged out of repairs, and been upgraded over the years. The Fire Rescue Department is systematically replacing them

over the next couple of years and this savings account will assist in that process. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.03.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in the Historic Museum Renovation Capital Reserve Fund.

**The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-3.
(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 horse-drawn fire handtub, circa 1861 antique hearse-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 12/31/16 there was \$10,098.16 in this fund. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.03.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to re-establish cable franchise fees at 2% (on the television portion of cable bills) in accordance with the Town's Cable Contract dated 02/19/2009 for the continuation of broadcasting, programming and other FCTV activities.

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

Article 18 seeks to reinstitute a franchise fee payment on cable subscriber bills. In 2011, it was removed by petition at Town Meeting. With what funds existed at the time, a Cable Committee has formed and FCTV and currently provides a wide variety of programming of many Town and School meetings from the town Hall and Library, community events, and a bulletin board of information. Passage of this article will allow the Town and FCTV to reinstate a franchise fee of 2% to fund the operating expenses of FCTV into the future.

This fund will be used strictly for the operation and maintenance of FCTV. It will include stipends for meeting operators, equipment maintenance, supplies, and all future equipment purchases. No other tax dollars will be used to fund FCTV. Without passage of the article, there is only enough money left in the FCTV Revolving Fund to fund operations and programming for approximately one year. There is no tax impact of this article, it would be funded by cable TV subscribers, as a percentage of the cable television bill.

If approved, FCTV would receive 2% of Comcast's gross adjusted revenues for television services. This would be collected from subscribers as a franchise fee. There is no tax rate impact of this article.

**Check the Town website for further information and details at: www.Fremont.nh.gov
Meetings and other election presentation material can be viewed on FCTV Channel 22.
Please make sure to VOTE on Election Day, Tuesday March 14, 2017. Polls are open 7:00
am to 8:00 pm at the Ellis School Gymnasium, 432 Main Street, Fremont NH.**