

2020 Fremont Town Meeting Voting Results

Pursuant to NH RSA 40:13 II, the first session of the 2020 Town Meeting (the Deliberative Session) was held on Saturday February 1, 2020 at the Ellis School at 432 Main Street in Fremont NH at 9:00 am.

The second session (voting session) was held on Tuesday March 10, 2020 at the Ellis School at 432 Main Street in Fremont NH with polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. All articles were voted upon by official ballot, and there was one amendment made at the Deliberative Session. A total of 932 residents voted, with 34 absentee ballots recorded. Ten (10) new voters were registered on Election Day.

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

Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years

Patricia Martel 673

Joshua Yokela 485

Budget Committee: 2 for 1 year

Jon Benson 664

Michael Nygren 486

Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years

Matthew Thomas 793

Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years

John Hennelly 773

Moderator: 1 for 2 years

Michael Rydeen 791

Selectman: 1 for 3 years

Gene Cordes 582

Venus M Woods 223

Supervisor of the Checklist: 1 for 6 years

Mary A Anderson 457

Rachel Edwards 292

Town Clerk Tax Collector: 1 for 3 years

Nicole Cloutier 807

Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years

Jeanne Nygren 739

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance Article VII and Article VIII as follows: (1) changes to the district names to reflect 2019 Zoning Ordinance updates that appear on the Fremont, NH Zoning District Map dated March 2019 (Article 7, Sections 701 and 702), (2) the addition of clarifying approval language for Conditional Use Permits in Flexible Use Residential and Residential Districts (Article 7, Sections 704 and 707), and (3) the removal of similar approval language from Article 8, Section 805 to reflect changes in Article 7? **The Planning Board recommends this Article (majority vote required).**

YES 680 NO 198

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance Article IX and Article XII as follows: (1) the addition of clarifying language for lot size requirements relative to the date of lot creation (Article 9, Section 903) and (2) the addition of tables to show the number of dwelling units allowed by minimum lot size outside the Aquifer Protection District (Article 9, Section 903) and within the Aquifer Protection District (Article 12, Section 1203)? **The Planning Board recommends this Article (majority vote required).**

YES 666 NO 213

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance Article IX as follows: the replacement of the word extension with the word expansion in Article 9, Section 901 to make the ordinance language for expansion of existing structures consistent with language in Article 5, Section 503 for expansion of non-conforming structures? **The Planning Board recommends this Article (majority vote required).**

YES 683 NO 192

ARTICLE 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance Article V, Section 501 as follows: elimination of language that only allows the reconstruction of non-conforming structures which have been destroyed by casualty loss and removes the requirement that reconstruction be completed within two (2) years. Reconstruction of non-conforming structures must still start within one year? **The Planning Board recommends this Article (majority vote required).**

YES 651 NO 226

ARTICLE 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance Article XVI as follows: (1) changes to the district names to reflect 2019 Zoning Ordinance updates that appear on the Fremont, NH Zoning District Map dated March 2019 (Article 16, Section 1600), (2) the addition of Visual Story Signs that convey a sequence of messages as a prohibited signage type, and (3) the addition of internally lit signs under illumination requirements. **The Planning Board recommends this Article (majority vote required).**

YES 592 NO 279

ARTICLE 7: 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 \$3,368,991? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,279,161 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 7-0-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 491 NO 397

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-two thousand nine hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$42,997) to hire a new full-time police officer. This sum covers five months 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 does not recommend this appropriation 5-3. (Majority vote required)

YES 423 NO 483

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be placed in the Fremont Computer Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. **The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-1.** (Majority vote required)

YES 488 NO 398

ARTICLE 10: 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)

YES 517 NO 369

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 7-1.** (Majority vote required)

YES 462 NO 430

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 7-0-1.** (Majority vote required)

YES 493 NO 392

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-four thousand five hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$134,528) to grind, reclaim and pave Chester Road from the end of work in 2019 to the Chester Town Line (3,270 feet) and do associated shoulder work. **The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0-1.** (Majority vote required)

YES 462 NO 423

ARTICLE 14: 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 Emergency Weather Expendable Town Trust Fund for clean-up and repairs as needed after natural disaster / weather emergencies (flood, wind, rain) and to raise and appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund and further to name the Board of Selectmen as Agents to Expend with consult from the Emergency Management Director and Road Agent. **The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-2-1.** (Majority vote required)

YES 401 NO 485

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) 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 6-1-1.** (Majority vote required)

YES 402 NO 483

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 7-1.** (Majority vote required)

YES 544 NO 354

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 does not recommend this appropriation 4-4.** (Majority vote required)

YES 227 NO 680

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town of Fremont modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with NH RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$500 per year to \$750? **The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 712 NO 197

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town of Fremont modify the Disabled Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with NH RSA 72:35 from its current tax credit of \$2,000 per year to \$4,000? **The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommend this appropriation 6-1-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 708 NO 189

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town modify the provisions of NH RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Fremont based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years \$70,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years \$90,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$110,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$35,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$45,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. **The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-1.** (Majority vote required)

YES 673 NO 235

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town modify the provisions of NH RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers, to be \$60,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined income of not more than \$35,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$45,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. **The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-1-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 629 NO 275

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will authorize an increase in the Town Clerk Tax Collector's annual salary by seven hundred fourteen dollars (\$714) to be a total of thirty-six thousand four hundred fourteen dollars (\$36,414); and further to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred fourteen dollars (\$714) for this purpose. **The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation 5-3.** (Majority vote required)

YES 529 NO 385

This is a true copy of the voting results of the Town of Fremont. This document contains five (5) pages in total, reporting on the 22 Town Articles for 2020.



Nicole Cloutier
Town Clerk