

TOWN OF FREMONT NH 2020 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 NH RSA 40:13 II, the First Session of the 2020 Town Meeting (Deliberative Session) shall be held on Saturday February 1, 2020 at the Ellis School, 432 Main Street in Fremont New Hampshire at 9:00 am. The snow date for this session is Saturday February 8, 2020 at 9:00 am at the Ellis School.

Note that the School District Session will take place first and the Town Deliberative Session will begin at completion of School session, with a brief intermission.

The Second Session (Voting Session) shall be held on Tuesday March 10, 2020 at the Ellis School, 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.

ARTICLE 1 INFORMATION: ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS

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

Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years
Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years
Moderator: 1 for 2 years
Supervisor of the Checklist: 1 for 6 years
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years

Budget Committee: 2 for 1 year
Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years
Selectman: 1 for 3 years
Town Clerk Tax Collector: 1 for 3 years

ARTICLE 2 INFORMATION: This proposal will amend Fremont Zoning Ordinance Article 7 by revising district names to reflect 2019 Zoning Ordinance updates and by adding approval language for Conditional Use Permits in Flexible Use Residential and Residential districts for clarification purposes. This proposal also includes removing similar approval language from Article 8 to reflect changes in Article 7.

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the proposed amendments to Articles VII and VIII submitted by the Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

New language	Removed language
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Section 701 - Establishment of Districts

The Town of Fremont is hereby divided into the following Zoning Districts: **Main Street District, Shirkin Road Commercial District, Residential District** ~~Commercial Highway, Corporate/Commercial~~ Flexible-Use Residential, and existing Districts which include the Fremont Village District, Wetlands and Watershed Protection District and the Aquifer Protection District.

Section 702 – District Locations and Zoning Map

The Flexible-Use Residential, **Main Street District, Shirkin Road Commercial District, Residential District** ~~Commercial Highway, Corporate/Commercial~~ and the Fremont Village District are shown on the Fremont New Hampshire Zoning District Map dated ~~December 13, 2006~~ **March 2019**, kept by the Town Clerk as the official Zoning Map. The areas of the districts include tax map parcels as depicted on the Zoning Map. The Wetlands and Watershed Protection District and the Aquifer Protection District are overlay zoning districts. The lands included thereon are as defined in Article 12, Section 1201, Wetland and Watershed Protection District and in Article 12, Section 1203, the Aquifer Protection District.

Section 704 - Flexible Use Residential District

704.2 By Conditional Use Permit, the Planning Board may allow commercial operations on **lots with frontage** on specific roads identified on the Fremont, NH, Zoning District Map.

704.3 Conditional Use Permit Requirements: Pursuant to RSA 674:21, the Planning Board is hereby authorized to grant a Conditional Use Permit in the Flexible Use Residential District for commercial operations provided that the following conditions ~~are found to exist:~~ **as listed below are met:**

- A. The total maximum square footage of all commercial structures on a single parcel is no greater than ten thousand (10,000) Square Feet.-
- B. The entire commercial operation shall be located within 500 feet of the lot frontage within the Flexible Use Residential District. The Planning Board may on a case-by-case basis allow commercial operations to be located further than 500 feet from the lot frontage if the impacts of the use on abutting properties are demonstrated to be sufficiently minimized. Impacts include, but are not limited to, noise, odor, visual impacts, traffic, or safety.
- C. The commercial operation shall not result in a change in the essential characteristics of the area or abutting properties on account of the location or scale of buildings, other structures, parking areas, access ways, or the storage or operation of associated equipment or vehicles.
- D. The proposed use complies with all other applicable sections of the Zoning Ordinance.
- E. **The permit is in the public interest.**
- F. **There will be no greater diminution of neighboring property values than would be created under any permitted use in the Flexible Use Residential District.**
- G. **That there are no existing violations of the Fremont zoning ordinance on the subject property.**
- H. **That the character of the area shall not be adversely affected in the context of:**
 - 1. **Architecture**
 - 2. **Transportation**
 - 3. **Scale of coverage**
 - 4. **Scale of building size**
 - 5. **Consistency of uses**
- I. **That granting the permit will not result in undue municipal expense.**
- J. **That the proposed use will be developed in a manner compatible with the spirit and intent of the ordinance.**
- K. **That the capacity of existing or planned community facilities and services (including streets and highways) will not be adversely impacted.**
- L. **That the general welfare of the Town will be protected.**
- M. **That the following impacts have been mitigated to the extent practical:**
 - 1. **Noise**
 - 2. **Light**
 - 3. **Transportation**
 - 4. **Visual effects**
 - 5. **Odor**
- N. **Landscaped or other appropriate buffers of sufficient opacity and materials shall be required if deemed reasonably necessary for the welfare of neighboring properties or the Town.**

Section 707 Residential District

707.2 Conditional Use Permit Requirements: Pursuant to RSA 674:21, the Planning Board is hereby authorized to grant a Conditional Use Permit in the Residential District ~~for multi-family dwellings~~ provided that the following conditions ~~are found to exist:~~ **as listed below are met:**

- A. The proposal meets the additional setback and frontage requirements under Article 9 – Lot requirements.-
- B. The multi-family dwellings shall not result in a change in the essential characteristics of the area or abutting properties.
- C. The proposed use complies with all other applicable sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

- D. The permit is in the public interest.
- E. There will be no greater diminution of neighboring property values than would be created under any permitted use in the Residential District.
- F. That there are no existing violations of the Fremont zoning ordinance on the subject property.
- G. That the character of the area shall not be adversely affected in the context of:
 - 1. Architecture
 - 2. Transportation
 - 3. Scale of coverage
 - 4. Scale of building size
 - 5. Consistency of uses
- H. That granting the permit will not result in undue municipal expense
- I. That the proposed use will be developed in a manner compatible with the spirit and intent of the ordinance.
- J. That the capacity of existing or planned community facilities and services (including streets and highways) will not be adversely impacted.
- K. That the general welfare of the Town will be protected.
- L. That the following impacts have been mitigated to the extent practical:
 - 1. Noise
 - 2. Light
 - 3. Transportation
 - 4. Visual effects
 - 5. Odor
- M. Landscaped or other appropriate buffers of sufficient opacity and materials shall be required if deemed reasonably necessary for the welfare of neighboring properties or the Town.

ARTICLE 8 - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Pursuant to RSA 674:21, the Planning Board is hereby authorized to grant a Conditional Use Permit to allow for a conditional use in accordance with the restrictions and requirements of **Article 7 and 8**. A Conditional Use Permit may not establish a use specifically prohibited by this Ordinance.

Section 805 – Standards for Approval

All ~~standards~~ **conditions** as listed in Article 7 and ~~below~~ must be met for the granting of a Conditional Use Permit.

- ~~A. The permit is in the public interest.~~
- ~~B. There will be no greater diminution of neighboring property values than would be created under any permitted use in the Flexible Use Residential District.~~
- ~~C. That there are no existing violations of the Fremont zoning ordinance on the subject property.~~
- ~~D. That the character of the area shall not be adversely affected in the context of:~~
 - ~~1. Architecture~~
 - ~~2. Transportation~~
 - ~~3. Scale of coverage~~
 - ~~4. Scale of building size~~
 - ~~5. Consistency of uses~~
- ~~E. That granting the permit will not result in undue municipal expense~~
- ~~F. That the proposed use will be developed in a manner compatible with the spirit and intent of the ordinance.~~
- ~~G. That the capacity of existing or planned community facilities and services (including streets and highways) will not be adversely impacted.~~
- ~~H. That the general welfare of the Town will be protected.~~
- ~~I. That the following impacts have been mitigated to the extent practical:~~
 - ~~1. Noise~~
 - ~~2. Light~~

- ~~3. Transportation~~
- ~~4. Visual effects~~
- ~~5. Odor~~
- ~~J. Landscaped or other appropriate buffers of sufficient opacity and materials shall be required if deemed reasonably necessary for the welfare of neighboring properties or the Town.~~

**The Planning Board recommends this article 4-0-0.
(Majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 3 INFORMATION: This proposal will amend the Fremont Zoning Ordinance for clarification purposes by modifying language for lot size requirements and adding tables in Articles 9 and 12 as follows:

- Adding clarifying language relative to lot creation dates and adding a table detailing number of dwelling units allowed by minimum lot size in Article 9, Section 903.
- Adding clarifying language relative to lots located within the Aquifer Protection District and adding a table detailing number of dwelling units allowed by minimum lot size in Article 12, Section 1203.8.

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the proposed amendments to Articles IX and XII submitted by the Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

New language Removed language

Section 903 – Lot Size

- A. All lots created after 1986 shall be a minimum of two (2) acres (87,120 square feet) in area, except for lots serving two (2) or more dwelling as outlined in Section 903.B below.**
- B. Any new or legally existing lot serving two (2) or more dwellings shall be a minimum of two (2) acres (87,120 square feet) in area. No lot shall be less than two (2) acres in area except that lots on which multiple family dwellings are located and shall be increased by twelve thousand (12,000) square feet per family dwelling unit when less than five (5) units and by twenty thousand (20,000) square feet per dwelling family unit when five (5) or more family dwelling units., ie: two (2) Acres plus twelve thousand (12,000) multiplied by the number of family units or two (2) Acres plus twenty thousand (20,000) multiplied by the number of family units.**

Number of Dwelling Units	Minimum Lot Size (square feet)	Acres
1	87,120	2.00
2	99,120	2.28
3	111,120	2.55
4	123,120	2.83
5	187,120	4.30
6	207,120	4.75
7	227,120	5.21
8 or more	247,120 sq. feet, plus 20,000 sq. feet for each additional dwelling unit.	5.67 plus 20,000 sq. feet for each additional dwelling unit.

(See also Article 12, Section 1201.6.C. for additional lot sizing requirements.)

- C. Lots with two (2) or more legal dwellings units that do not meet the lot requirements under Section 903.B may continue in their present use. Any new uses, changes in use, expansion, or resumption of the use are subject to the requirements of Article 5.**
- D. No lot shall have more than one (1) occupied dwelling structure thereon regardless of the number of dwelling units. (See also Article 12, Sections 1203.6 A and H.)**

1203.8 Use Regulations

A. Minimum Lot Size:

1. Minimum lot size within the Aquifer Protection District shall be three (3) acres (**130,680 square feet**). Lots containing up to four (4) units shall contain an additional eighteen thousand (18,000) square feet per unit. Lots containing five (5) or more units shall contain an additional thirty thousand (30,000) square feet per unit. ~~No lot shall have more than one (1) residential structure regardless of the number of dwelling units.~~

Number of Dwelling Units	Minimum Lot Size (square feet)	Acres
1	130,680	3.00
2	148,680	3.41
3	166,680	3.83
4	184,680	4.24
5	214,680	4.93
6	244,680	5.62
7	274,680	6.31
8 or more	304,680 sq. feet, plus 30,000 sq. feet for each additional dwelling unit.	6.99 plus 30,000 sq. feet for each additional dwelling unit.
(See also Article 12, Section 1201.6.C. for additional lot sizing requirements.)		

2. No lot shall have more than one (1) occupied structure thereon regardless of the number of dwelling units.

The Planning Board recommends this article 4-0-0.
(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 4 INFORMATION: This proposal will amend the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by replacing the word extension with the word expansion in Article 9, Section 901 to make ordinance language for expansion of existing structures consistent with language in Article 5, Section 503 for expansion of non-conforming structures.

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of the proposed amendment to Article IX submitted by the Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

New language ~~Removed language~~

Section 901 – New and ~~Extension~~ **Expansion** of Existing Structures

Any new structure or ~~extension~~ **expansion** of existing structure intended for any use shall be set back from the street property line at least fifty (50) feet. In the case of multiple family dwelling structures, the setback shall be increased by an additional five (5) feet per family dwelling unit (**Example: 50 feet + ({# of dwelling units} X 5 feet) = front lot line setback.**) ~~ie: (50 plus (5 multiplied by the number of family units)).~~ And that any such structure shall be set back from the side and rear lot lines by at least thirty (30) feet except in the case of multiple family dwelling structures, this set back shall be increased by an additional ten (10) feet per family dwelling unit. (**Example: 30 feet + ({# of dwelling units} X 10 feet) = side and rear lot line setback**) ~~ie: (thirty (30) plus ten (10) multiplied by the number of family units).~~ (See also Article 12, Section 1201.6.D)

The Planning Board recommends this article 4-0-0.
(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 5 INFORMATION: This proposal will amend the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by eliminating language in Article 5, Section 501 that only allows the reconstruction of non-conforming structures that have been destroyed by casualty loss and removing requirement that reconstruction be completed within two (2) years.

ARTICLE 5: Are you in favor of the proposed amendment to Article V submitted by the Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

New language ~~Removed language~~

Section 501 – Reconstruction

Any non-conforming structure ~~which is completely or substantially destroyed by casualty loss~~ may be replaced with a similar structure which has the same building footprint dimensions and meets the setbacks of the previously existing structure. The structure may be rebuilt provided such construction is started within one (1) year ~~of the casualty loss and complete within two (2) years of the casualty loss.~~ The provisions of the Town of Fremont Building Code, as amended, shall apply to any reconstruction.

**The Planning Board recommends this article 4-0-0.
(Majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 6 INFORMATION: This proposal will amend the Fremont Zoning Ordinance by revising district names to reflect 2019 Zoning Ordinance updates, adding prohibited signage types, and clarifying illumination requirements to allow internally lit signs.

ARTICLE 6: Are you in favor of the proposed amendment to Article XVI submitted by the Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

New language ~~Removed language~~

ARTICLE 16 – SIGNS

1600.2 – Definitions

- A. Sign: Any material conveying information which is attached to the exterior of a structure, a pole, or some object such as a rope or wire between structures, poles, or the ground shall be considered a sign and subject to the provisions of this ordinance.
- B. Commercial: Any lot in ~~Commercial Highway District, Corporate Commercial District, Main Street District, Shirkin Road Commercial District, Residential District,~~ Fremont Village District, and commercial operations **in the Flexible Use Residential District** with a Conditional Use Permit laid out as per Article 7, Section 704.2 of this Ordinance.

1600.4 – Prohibited Signs

- A. Signs in the Right-of-Way: No signs shall be allowed in the Town or State Right-of-Way.
- B. Highly Reflective and Fluorescent Signs. Signs made wholly or partially of highly reflective materials and/or fluorescent or day-glow painted signs.
- C. It shall be unlawful to affix, attach, or display any advertisement upon any object of nature, utility pole, telephone booth, or highway sign.
- D. Animated, moving, flashing, intensely lighted signs and signs that emit audible sound, noise, or visible matter.
- F. Visual Story Signs that convey a sequence of messages.**

1600.5 – Additional Sign Regulations

- A. Setbacks. All signs must be set back at least ten (10) feet from all property lines. A sign must not impair a motorist's visibility of oncoming traffic.
- B. Illumination. All external light sources shall be dark sky compliant. **Internally lit signs are allowed.**

**The Planning Board recommends this article 4-0-0.
(Majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 7 INFORMATION: 2020 OPERATING BUDGET – This Article includes all Department operating expenses, exclusive of other Warrant Article requests. The estimated tax impact of the overall total operating budget is \$4.00. As compared to the 2019 approved budget and tax rate, this would be approximately a \$0.30 increase in the tax rate.

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 \$3,395,997? 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 8-0.
(Majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 8 INFORMATION: HIRE AN ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER. This article would approve hiring another officer for the Fremont Police Department. This would be the sixth full-time officer for the Town. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.10 for tax year 2020. If this is approved, the cost for a full year of this officer in 2021 would be approximately \$96,367. If passed, this would become part of future operating and default budgets.

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)**

ARTICLE 9 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOWN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR COMPUTER REPLACEMENTS. This savings account is used for server replacement so that the periodic five year cost of replacement of the Town's two servers is not as much of an impact on the annual operating budget. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.01.

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)**

ARTICLE 10 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIBRARY BUILDING EXPENDABLE TOWN TRUST FUND. *This fund is used to fund larger repair/replacement of building maintenance items with funds set aside in savings annually. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.01.*

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)

ARTICLE 11 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIRE TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. *This savings account helps fund the cost of replacement fire apparatus to create a more balanced tax rate. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.12.*

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)

ARTICLE 12 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. *This savings account helps fund the cost of replacement highway equipment to create a more balanced tax rate. 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 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)

ARTICLE 13 INFORMATION: FUNDING HIGHWAY PAVING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO CHESTER ROAD. *This will continue work begun in 2019 on the next section of Chester Road. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.32.*

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)

ARTICLE 14 INFORMATION: CREATE TOWN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR EMERGENCY WEATHER EXPENSES. *This would create a savings account whereby some money could be saved and used toward for emergency*

weather events, which are not carried in the annual operating budget. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.06.

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)**

ARTICLE 15 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE BRIDGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. *This savings account will fund the next bridge replacement the Town needs to undertake. The Martin Road Bridge replacement is partially re-engineered, and the Town becomes eligible for reimbursement from NH Bridge Aid as of 07/01/2020. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is \$0.24.*

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)**

ARTICLE 16 INFORMATION: FUNDING THE MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM. *This will continue the annual program in Fremont for mosquito control, primarily with larval treatment. 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 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)**

ARTICLE 17 INFORMATION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE HISTORIC MUSEUM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. *This savings account would fund future improvements for a Historic Museum to add capacity for preservation of Fremont's many historic artifacts including the antique fire hand tub. 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 does not recommend this appropriation 4-4.
(Majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 18 INFORMATION: CONSIDER AMENDING THE VETERAN CREDIT ALLOWANCE FOR FREMONT IN LIGHT OF NEW LEGISLATION. The current Veteran Credit is \$500. The statute now allows for this to increase to a maximum of \$750. Currently there are 221 Veteran Tax Credits and with this increase the tax impact would be approximately \$55,250 or \$0.13 on the tax rate.

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)**

ARTICLE 19 INFORMATION: CONSIDER AMENDING THE DISABLED VETERAN CREDIT ALLOWANCE FOR FREMONT IN LIGHT OF NEW LEGISLATION. The current Disabled Veteran Credit is \$2,000. The statute now allows for this to increase to a maximum of \$4,000. Currently there are 7.5 Disabled Veteran Tax Credits associated with this increase. The tax impact would be approximately \$15,000 or \$0.03 on the tax rate.

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)**

ARTICLE 20 INFORMATION: CONSIDER AMENDING THE ELDERLY EXEMPTION VALUE IN LIGHT OF THE PENDING 2020 REVALUATION. The current Elderly Exemptions in Fremont are \$60,000 (65 to 74 years of age), \$80,000 (75 to 80 years of age) and \$100,000 (80 years of age and older. This Article would increase the exemption amount to account for increases in valuation anticipated with the April 1, 2020 revaluation. This vote would result in a reduction of assessed valuation of \$160,000 on the overall \$416,000,000 valuation.

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)**

ARTICLE 21 INFORMATION: CONSIDER AMENDING THE DISABLED EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR FREMONT IN LIGHT OF THE PENDING 2020 REVALUATION. The current Disabled Exemption in Fremont is \$50,000. This Article would increase the value to account for increases in valuation anticipated with the April 1, 2020 revaluation. This vote would result in a reduction of assessed valuation of \$40,000 on the overall \$416,000,000 valuation.

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)**

ARTICLE 22 INFORMATION: CHANGE THE SALARY FOR THE ELECTED POSITION OF TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR. The estimated tax rate impact of this article is less than \$0.01.

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)**

Given under our hands and seal this 23rd day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.


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