Fremont 2021 Town Meeting Voting Results

Pursuant to NH RSA 40:13 II, the first session of the 2021 Town Meeting (the Deliberative Session) was held on Saturday January 30, 2021 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 9, 2021 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. A total of 651 residents voted, including 36 absentee ballots and five (5) new voters registered on Election Day.

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

Jon Benson 523 Write In 56

Brian McGinn 384

Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years Road Agent: 1 for 3 years Emily Clark 545 Leon F. Holmes, Jr 573

Selectman: 1 for 3 years Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years

Neal Janvrin 547 Mary Anderson 543

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Fremont Planning Board to the Fremont Zoning Ordinance Article XV as follows: (1) adding language for exemptions to Public School Impact Fees for accessory dwelling units and residential units that are lawfully restricted to occupancy by senior citizens age fifty-five (55) or over (Article 15, new Section 1505.3) and (2) removing the requirement that a waiver request be submitted to the Planning Board for school impact fees on units lawfully restricted to senior citizens age sixty-two (62) and over (Article 15, Section 1506(A))? **The Planning Board recommends this Article 6-0. (Majority vote required).**

YES 462 NO 158

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Fremont Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance Article XVII as follows: (1) adding language (Section 1702.13) requiring variances or special exceptions granted on or after August 19, 2013 be exercised within two (2) years of the date of final approval and voiding those approved before August 19, 2013 unless exercised by April 1, 2024? **The Planning Board recommends this Article 6-0.** (Majority vote required).

YES 474 NO 141

ARTICLE 4: 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 \$3,647,861? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,399,845 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.** (Majority vote required)

YES 393 NO 235

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ARTICLE 5: 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)

YES 426 NO 211

ARTICLE 6: 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 436 NO 202

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) 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)

YES 409

NO 225

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand four hundred two dollars (\$45,402) 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 recommends this appropriation 4-3-1.** (Majority vote required)

YES 411 NO 229

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be placed in the Fremont Computer Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1-0. (Majority vote required)
YES 427
NO 202

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 Library Building Maintenance Expendable Town Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. **The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 421 NO 210

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to continue the Public Health Mosquito Control Program. **The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1-1.** (Majority vote required)

YES 369 NO 269

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$4,750) to support a new social service agency, So Rock Coalition. If approved, this agency would be included in future default budgets. **The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-2-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 300 NO 322

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ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will authorize an increase in the Town Clerk Tax Collector's annual salary by seven hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$729) to be a total of thirty-seven thousand one hundred forty-three dollars (\$37,143); and further to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$729) for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this **appropriation 5-3.** (Majority vote required)

YES 409 NO 219

ARTICLE 14: 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 75 years \$80,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years \$100,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$120,000. 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 \$35,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$45,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-

1-0. (Majority vote required)

YES 504 NO 126

ARTICLE 15: 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 \$70,000? 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 \$35,000 or, if married, a combined income of not more than \$45,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1-0. (Majority vote required)

YES 481 NO 144

ARTICLE 16: By Petition: Shall the title of the Fremont NH 'Board of Selectmen' be revised to the: Town of Fremont NH 'Select Board.' And the titles of the Officials be known as: 'Select Board Members'? The Selectmen recommend this Article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this article 7-1. (Majority vote required) **YES 356** NO 264

This is a true copy of the voting results of the Town of Fremont. This document contains three (3) pages in total, reporting on the 16 Town Warrant Articles for 2021.

Nicole Cloutier Town Clerk

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