

## **Report of the Fremont Budget Committee**

The Town of Fremont is governed by the Municipal Budget Law, RSA Chapter 32 and according to RSA 32:1, the purpose of the Budget Committee is “to assist voters in the prudent appropriation of public funds.” The members of the Fremont Budget Committee are elected by the voters of Fremont and they oversee and analyze the expenditures of the various Town Departments and the Fremont School District.

The Budget Committee can vote to recommend amounts for various purposes that are higher or lower than amounts proposed by the Governing Body. The Budget Committee makes recommendations to the community, and in the end the voters are the ones who will decide what the budget will be.

The Fremont Budget Committee met in April and August and then weekly from September to January with the exceptions of holiday weeks. During these meetings, members of the Budget Committee discussed with members of the Board of Selectmen, Department Heads and Town Administrator, School Board, School Superintendent and Finance Director as to the rationale for their recommendations. After careful consideration and analysis, the Budget Committee agreed with some recommendations and other times they recommended alternate budgets.

Fremont School District Budget - The final budget recommended by the majority of the members of the Budget Committee for the 2018/19 school year is \$11,993,105 which is approximately \$210,000 less than the 2017/18 approved budget. At this point in time, the revenues are only estimates but we anticipate a small decrease in the school portion of the tax rate.

Town Budget – The Town budget proposed for the 2018 fiscal year by the Budget Committee is \$2,962,671 which represents an increase of \$115,516 over the previous year. Additionally, there are a number of Warrant Articles to be considered by the voters for road projects, amended elderly exemptions and veteran credits and others.

The Budget Committee has worked diligently to put forth a reasonable budget to meet the needs of the Town and School while at the same time being cognizant of the tax burden on our residents. Members of the Budget Committee are taxpayers and understand the need to keep the tax rate increases reasonable while at the same time we must meet the needs of the Town and School District. We urge the residents of Fremont to attend the Public Hearings and Deliberative Sessions to become familiar with the proposals being made for our School and Town. Also, consider becoming a member of the Budget Committee so you can better understand the functions of our Town and School governments.

Respectfully submitted,

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