

Report of the Fremont Budget Committee

After the March 2011 Town and School District Meetings, newly elected members and a new ex-officio from the School Board joined the Budget Committee.

The Committee met in April to review budget allocations for the Town's 2011 operating budget and to begin to map out their meeting schedule for the next budget cycle. The Committee next met in August at which time they discussed 1st and 2nd quarter Town financial reports and began to focus on the FY 12 School District budget allocations and anticipated year-end financial reports. Budget meetings for the Town's 2012 budget were planned to begin in September and for the School District 2012-13 budget in mid- November. The review meeting of the budget cycles stayed on schedule.

The recommended Town operating budget, before special warrant articles, has increased approximately \$111,000 over the 2011 default operating budget. Within some departments there were budget reductions. Increases were recommended in several budget lines to include election and registration, personnel administration, government buildings, insurance, Police Department, Highway Department and principal payments on long term debt. Recommended Warrant Articles included # 5 for a replacement fire truck and several articles for appropriations to Capital Reserve Funds. It is also the Budget Committees responsibility to review and take a position on non-monetary warrant articles. Recommended by the Budget Committee is warrant article # 18, which is asking voters to adopt a Conflict of Interest Ordinance. Warrant Article #19 asks voters to approve the combining the Town Clerk and Tax Collector position. This article was represented as a potential cost saving opportunity and has been recommended by the Budget Committee.

The recommended budget increase for the School District of approximately \$165,000 is the result of the budgeted increased in tuition costs for the contracted education of Fremont's high school students. The budget recommendation for tuition cost is due to the anticipated increase in the number of Fremont students attending Sanborn Regional High School and the guaranteed maximum tuition rate for the 2012-13 school year that was provided by Sanborn. It should be noted that the recommended operating budget outside of the tuition costs is actually slightly less than the current year.

The Budget Committee wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the School Board for their efforts to complete their recommended budgets in timely way. The Budget Committee is aware that in order for this occur, Administrators and Department Heads need to support the process by doing their work with in the scheduled time frame. We are appreciative of the efforts all of those involved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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