

## **TOWN OF FREMONT NH 2012 TOWN MEETING VOTING RESULTS**

Pursuant to NH RSA 40:13 II, the first session of the 2012 Town Meeting (the Deliberative Session) was held on Monday February 6, 2012 at the Ellis School at 432 Main Street in Fremont NH at 7:00 pm.

The second session (voting session) was held on Tuesday March 13, 2012 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, with amendments as made at the Deliberative Session. A total of 516 ballots were cast, 491 regular and 25 absentee. Three (3) new voters were registered on Election Day.

### **ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS**

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

**Selectman:** 1 for 3 years  
Brett Hunter 384

**Road Agent:** 1 for 3 years  
Mark Pitkin 433

**Library Trustee:** 1 for 3 years  
Cheryl Rowell 302  
Thomas Murdock 139

**Trustee of Trust Funds:** 1 for 3 years  
Thomas Murdock 4

**Cemetery Trustee:** 1 for 3 years  
Richard E Rand 431

**Moderator:** 1 for 2 years  
Michael Rydeen 435

**Supervisor of the Checklist:** 1 for 6 years  
Ann Stackpole 8

**Budget Committee:** 2 for 3 years  
Tricia Wlasuk 20  
Joe Miccile 4

**ARTICLE 2:** Are you in favor of amending ARTICLE IV-A of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance (In-Law Accessory Apartments) as follows:

1. *Delete the second portion of the sentence in section G; “Any new entrances shall be located on the side or rear of the building ~~and shall be at ground level~~”. The Planning Board recommends this article.*
2. *Delete section H in its entirety; “~~All in-law/accessory apartments shall have accessible entrances and shall conform to dwelling unit Type B construction, as specified in the International Residential Code (IRC)~~”. The Planning Board recommends this article.*

**YES    353**

**NO     135**

**ARTICLE 3:** Are you in favor of amending Article XI –E; 4 (d) of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance (Aquifer Protection District) by adding “except for propane and natural gas”. The Planning Board recommends this article.

**YES 359**

**NO 126**

**ARTICLE 4:** Are you in favor of amending Article XIX, 1.3-C of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance (Signs) - “For Sale Signs” by adding “*and do not exceed six (6) square feet in size*”. The Planning Board recommends this article.

**YES 314**

**NO 171**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement to purchase a new Fire Truck at a cost of four hundred sixty-nine thousand six hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$469,628) and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) and authorize the withdrawal of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for a down payment to lower the agreement amount to three hundred forty-four thousand six hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$344,628) payable over a term of five (5) years. The agreement does not contain an escape clause. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0. (3/5 ballot vote required).

**YES 299**

**NO 203**

301 votes needed for 3/5

**ARTICLE 6:** 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 \$2,563,725? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,537,577 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. The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0. (Majority vote required).

**YES 230**

**NO 266**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Bridge Construction and Reconstruction, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said Fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this Fund. This sum to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-1. (Majority vote required).

**YES 328**

**NO 173**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-1. (Majority vote required).

**YES 293**

**NO 206**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Town Hall Renovations Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 5-1. (Majority vote required).

**YES 281**

**NO 214**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Property Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0. (Majority vote required).

**YES 271**

**NO 221**

**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 6-1. (Majority vote required).

**YES 246**

**NO 231**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1. (Majority vote required).

**YES 247**

**NO 246**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to purchase and equip a Police vehicle to be used as a Detective car for the Police Department; and further to authorize the withdrawal of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) from the Police Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation 6-1. (Majority vote required).

**YES 152**

**NO 345**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand three hundred eighty-five dollars (\$6,385) for the purchase of OHRV equipment; and further to authorize the withdrawal of six thousand three hundred eighty-five dollars (\$6,385) from the OHRV Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1. (Majority vote required).

YES 212

NO 282

**ARTICLE 15:** 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 6-0. (Majority vote required).

YES 341

NO 155

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) to fund an increase in the Treasurer's Annual Stipend. (Current stipend of \$6,000 is included in the Town's operating budget). The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation 5-1. (Majority vote required).

YES 119

NO 375

**ARTICLE 17:** 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 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of funding the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to be held in 2014 and to raise and appropriate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund and further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-0. (Majority vote required).

YES 277

NO 215

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Conflict of Interest Ordinance as follows:

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST ORDINANCE.**

**SECTION I: PURPOSE:** Pursuant to RSA 31:39-(a), the activities of all officers, or employees of the Town, whether elected or appointed, shall be regulated as follows:

**SECTION II: DEFINITIONS:** Conflict of Interest shall be defined as a financial, pecuniary or other interest in any official vote, or any other action, transaction or activity undertaken by the Town or its officers, or the Boards or Commissions, which would result in a benefit to such officer or employee not shared by the public in general. The term "pecuniary interest" shall include gifts or consideration in the form of favors, money or services, or the receipt of anything of value whether present or future. The term "activity" shall include any hearing, debate, discussion or official Board vote.

**SECTION III: PROHIBITED ACTIVITY:** No officer or employee of the Town shall engage in or participate in any Conflict of Interest as defined under Section II above.

**SECTION IV: DISCLOSURE:** All officers and employees of the Town shall disclose any potential or actual financial or other interest in any business, contract, public proceeding or transaction which involves the Town or any of its agencies. Such disclosure shall be made in writing to the Board of Selectmen.

**SECTION V: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:** No officer or employee shall disclose any confidential information regarding any other official, employee or member of any Board or Commission. The term “confidential information” shall mean any information, material date or thing which is not available to the public under the Right to Know Laws of the State of New Hampshire.

**SECTION VI: EXEMPTIONS:** This Ordinance shall not apply to election contributions given to any person running for public office.

**SECTION VII: EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall not apply to any presently elected officer or appointed officer or employee of the Town for a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of the enactment of the Ordinance.

**SECTION VIII: ENFORCEMENT:** Any officer or employee subject to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to removal proceedings before the Superior Court, as provided in RSA 31:39-a.

The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this article 5-2. (Majority vote required).

**YES 288**

**NO 203**

**ARTICLE 19:** Pursuant to RSA 41:45-a, are you in favor of having the office of Town Clerk combined with the office of Tax Collector, thereby creating a new office of Town Clerk-Tax Collector to be held by one individual, with a term of 3 years? The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this article 7-0. (Majority ballot vote required).

**YES 236**

**NO 268**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1993. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this article 6-1. (Majority vote required).

**YES 279**

**NO 215**