

Town of Fremont 2024 Town Meeting Voting Results

Pursuant to NH RSA 40:13 II, the first session of the 2024 Town Meeting (the Deliberative Session) was held on Saturday February 3, 2024 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 12, 2024 at the Ellis School Gym 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 796 residents voted, including 24 absentee and 19 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
Patricia Martel 637
Sherri Leatherman 507

Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years
Steven V Tomasz 684

Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years
Emily Clark 691

Moderator: 1 for 2 years
Michael Rydeen 693

Road Agent
Leon Holmes Jr 707

Select Board Member: 1 for 3 years
Gordon Muench 303
Jon E Benson 453

Supervisor of Checklist: 1 for 6 years
Cathy Murdock 690

Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years
Mary A Anderson 686

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendments No. 1 and 2 as proposed by the Fremont Planning Board for the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows: to change all references to “elderly” housing throughout Article 13, Section 1301 to “age-restricted” housing and to change all references to “elderly” citizens or residents to citizens or “residents aged 55 years and older”? And further to modify Article 13, Section 1301.2 (General Standards) to remove the explanatory note and revise the name of the state agency that provides housing estimates used to calculate the total number of dwelling units allowed in Fremont in subparagraph B; and to clarify how to calculate the number of bedrooms allowed if the development is located partially within the Aquifer Protection District in subparagraph C? **The Planning Board recommends this Article 5-0.** (Majority vote required).

YES 630

NO 152

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Fremont Planning Board to the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows: to add definitions in Article 4, Section 403 for Self-Storage Facility and Warehouse; and to amend the Table of Uses in Article 7, Section 708 to include the newly defined uses of Self-Storage Facility and Warehouse, and to indicate in which districts they are allowed, under what conditions they are allowed, and in which districts they are prohibited? **The Planning Board recommends this Article 5-0.** (Majority vote required).

YES 609

NO 168

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ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Fremont Planning Board to the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows: to add Article 15, Solar Ordinance to include definitions, a table of uses for multiple types of solar structures or arrays, and to indicate in which prohibited? **The Planning Board recommends this Article 5-0.** (Majority vote required).

YES 565

NO 211

ARTICLE 5: 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 \$4,452,620? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,286,089 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 Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1.** (Majority vote required)

YES 496

NO 278

ARTICLE 6: 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 Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 568

NO 205

ARTICLE 7: 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 Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 573

NO 200

ARTICLE 8: 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 Select Board recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 505

NO 261

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 additional amount to be raised from taxation. **The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1.** (Majority vote required)

YES 567

NO 202

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ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Library Building Maintenance Expendable Town Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. **The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 8-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 592

NO 181

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will authorize an increase in the Town Clerk Tax Collector's annual salary by one thousand one hundred ninety-four dollars (\$1,194) to be a total of forty thousand nine hundred seventy-four dollars (\$40,974); and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand one hundred ninety-four dollars (\$1,194) for this purpose. **The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1.** (Majority vote required)

YES 498

NO 277

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000) to continue the Public Health Mosquito Control Program. **The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 4-3.** (Majority vote required)

YES 438

NO 331

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Parks & Recreation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. **The Parks & Recreation Commission recommends this Article 4-1. The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 6-1.** (Majority vote required). (All recommendations were based on the original \$5,000 request, before it was amended at Deliberative Session).

YES 553

NO 208

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fund Name	Date Created	12/31/2023 Balance
Property Assessment	1995	\$1,599.88
Library	1979	\$112.66
Police Cruiser	1984	\$103.26

Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. **The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this Article 7-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 692

NO 81

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ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, created in 2001 and transfer said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to the municipality's general fund. **The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 8-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 679

NO 94

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,600) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. **The Select Board recommends this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 8-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 614

NO 159

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund, to the Fire Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund; and to change the purpose from fire truck to any fire rescue apparatus the Fire Rescue Department would purchase. **The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this Article 7-1.** (Two-thirds vote required)

YES 636

NO 133

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the DARE Expendable Trust Fund, created in 2016. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. **The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this Article 7-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 659

NO 120

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will approve the Select Board entering into a five (5) year contract through 12/31/2028 with Waste Management for the curbside collection, transport and disposal of solid waste, recyclables, and bulky waste from the Town of Fremont with an annual increase of 5% plus an adjustment for additional housing units (currently \$206.88 with a 5% annual multiplier) and a fuel adjustment based on an established baseline of \$4.00 per gallon. The contract will require the Town to continue to use Waste Management and will require Waste Management to provide services at a guaranteed price. The 2024 cost of \$304,908 is included in the operating budget, Article 5, and no additional funds are raised by this Article for 2024. The contract calls for a blended value for recycling which fluctuates based on the market and quality of recycling efforts, and will also provide a 64 gallon recycling toter to each household. **The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 722

NO 62

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to designate as Town Forest, in accordance with NH RSA 31:110, the following parcel of land: 04-077. **The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0. The Conservation Commission recommends this Article 4-0. The Budget Committee recommends this Article 6-1.** (Majority vote required)

YES 689

NO 90

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ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to form an America 250th 1776-2026 Celebration Committee of five members, for Fremont to officially observe this milestone in American History. The obligations of the Committee will cease 06/30/2027. **The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this Article 6-0.** (Majority vote required)

YES 667

NO 112

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to change the name and purpose of the 250th Celebration Expendable Trust Fund to the Town Commemorative Events Expendable Trust Fund. **The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this Article 7-1.** (Two-thirds vote required)

YES 628

NO 152

This contains the Town's official record of the 2024 Town Meeting voting (5 pages total).

Certified by the Town Clerk:



Nicole E Cloutier

Dated: 14 March 2024