



TOWN OF FREMONT 2012 VOTER GUIDE

This Guide has been prepared to provide you additional information for your voting decisions prior to entering the voting booth on Tuesday March 13, 2012. The Guide contains all of the articles as they were amended at Deliberative Session, and some brief descriptions with additional information. You can use this document with the Warrant Summary Sheet, for review of the articles. You can bring the Summary Sheet with you on Election Day.

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226. If you have questions about voting eligibility or absentee ballots, please feel free to contact the Town Clerks' Office at 895 8693. Additional information is also available on the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov.

We hope this information is helpful for your understanding of the issues to be voted upon at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting. If you have specific questions that might be answered in advance of voting day on March 13th, please feel free to call our office at 895 2226.

Brett A Hunter

Greta St Germain
Fremont Board of Selectmen

Annamarie Scribner

In our fourth year of the SB2 Town Meeting, we are again trying to provide additional information to assist voters in making decisions about the many municipal challenges facing the Town. The Official Warrant remains one document. It is reviewed and discussed at the Deliberative Session. Following any changes at that session, a final format of the questions is created, called the Official Ballot. Also in follow-up to Deliberative Session, this VOTER GUIDE has been created.

Voting on the finalized Official Ballot will take place on Tuesday March 13, 2012 at the Ellis School, 432 Main Street, Fremont NH. Polls are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. You can request an absentee ballot for this session by contacting the Fremont Town Clerk for information at 895 8693. Absentee ballot applications are also available on the Town Clerk page of the website at www.Fremont.nh.gov.

By law, the Selectmen and the Budget Committee must consider any "Special" Warrant Article requesting funds and make a recommendation on the proposed expenditure. In 2009 voters decided to have the Selectmen and Budget Committee's tally votes on articles printed, along with those recommendations as outlined by Statute. The Official Warrant is written as outlined by Statute. For voter information, in the narrative portion of this guide, we have also included tax rate estimates, and other information pertinent to voter consideration of each article.

The type of vote required appears in parentheses at the end of each article as well, such as majority, 2/3 or 3/5 vote requirements. We have also included an estimate of what each article reflects as part of the total Town portion of the tax rate. This is only an estimate, but is based on a conservative, but reasonable growth in the Town's assessed valuation and other factors included in the adjustment of the annual tax rate (including exemptions, credits, and revenues).

Tax rate history provided as reference information:

Year	Town Portion of the Tax Rate
2009	\$3.44
2010	\$3.58
2011	\$3.36

You can also refer to tax rate historical information elsewhere in the 2011 Town Report.

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

Selectman: 1 for 3 years
Brett A Hunter

Road Agent: 1 for 3 years
Mark Pitkin

Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years
Cheryl Rowell
Thomas Murdock

Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years
Richard E Rand

Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years
No candidates declared

Supervisor of Checklist: 1 for 6 years
No candidates declared

Moderator: 1 for 2 years
Michael Rydeen

Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years
No candidates declared

There will be a separate ballot for candidates running for Fremont School District offices. Sample ballots will be posted at the Town Hall, Ellis School, Safety Complex, Public Library and the Fremont Post Office for viewing before Election Day. We will have the sample ballot or a listing of all of the candidates on the website for viewing.

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.~~"*

Rational: Amending this condition would allow the option of having steps to an entrance such as in the case of older, existing homes with existing entrances.

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.

Rational: This amendment would eliminate an in-law accessory apartment to be required to conform to dwelling unit Type-B construction which is described as "a dwelling unit designed and constructed for accessibility in accordance with ICCIANSI A 117.1, intended to be consistent with the technical requirements of fair housing required by federal law."

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.

Rational: This amendment would put the Town in line with NH DES model ordinance in excluding propane and “other liquefied fuels which exist as gases at normal atmospheric temperature and pressure”.

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.

Rational: This amendment would allow the ordinance to be in keeping with the typical size of for sale signs, particularly pertaining to the sale of land, and eliminate the placement of oversized signs.

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)

This article proposes the purchase of a new fire truck for the Fremont Fire Rescue Department. The proposal is for a new KME Predator Panther 3,000 gallon pumper tanker truck. The new truck would replace two older trucks, the Department’s Engine 3 (1979) and Tank 5 (1975). The new truck will provide for increased efficiency and safety of responders and the Town; and lower operating and maintenance costs.

Current NFPA standards recommend that fire apparatus should be front line 20 years; five years on second or third line; and then removed from service.

The tax impact of this article is zero in 2012. The total purchase price of the truck is \$469,628. It is proposed to remove \$125,000 from the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for a down payment, and finance the balance of the cost (\$344,628) in a five year lease/purchase agreement. Thus payments would be due in each of the five years beginning with 2013. The subsequent lease payments would have a tax impact in the coming years of repayment.

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.

Note: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.

**The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation 3-0.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation 7-0.
(Majority vote required).**

This is the total of all operating budgets for the Town of Fremont, excluding warrant articles. The full budget detail can be found on the State Form MS-7, which is available on the Town's website, in the 2011 Annual Town Report, or a printed copy can be obtained at the Town Hall. The complete line item detail budget is available on the website, on the Budget Committee page.

With SB2 in place, this master budget article includes the number recommended by the Budget Committee of \$2,563,725. The Board of Selectmen recommended \$2,570,413 for the operating budget. The recommendations of Selectmen and Budget Committee can be viewed on the State Form MS-7.

Following are some highlights of changes in the operating budgets, based on the Board of Selectmen's recommendations: Wage increases have been included for all permanent town employees. If the operating budget is approved, this would be the first overall wage increase since 2008 for non-police personnel. The 2011 default budget reorganization included adoption of a Police Department pay matrix that included wage increases. Again, Departments tried to remain cognizant of the difficult economic times as well as their needs. Selectmen and the Budget Committee reviewed each budget before making a recommendation.

Executive: Reduction in the number of print/mailed copies of the Fremont Newsletter, reduction in office expenses, Committee supplies, and advertising.

Election and Registration: There are three major State and Federal elections scheduled for 2012, and one local election.

Reappraisal of Property: Multi-year contract with MRI (Municipal Resources Inc) to include a CPI increase in the cost of contracted assessing services. The current contract represents a reduction in services compared to years past.

Legal: Down \$5,000 from the 2011 request.

Personnel Administration: Increased due to some health insurance premium increases, but overall the full-time work force has been reduced. State mandated increases in NH Police Retirement were significant.

General Government Buildings: The budget includes \$13,000 for repainting the Olde Meetinghouse; with other maintenance and energy efficiency upgrades at Town buildings; and additional work to be done on the computer systems at the Town Hall and the Safety Complex.

Planning & Zoning: Continued reduction of staffing with only part-time coverage.

Police Department: Wage matrix adopted in 2011 to help with retention. Matrix allows for step increase based on merit.

Building Inspection: Continued reduction of staffing with only part-time coverage.

Highway Department: Block Grant revenue from the State of NH decreased to \$96,835 with State funding cutbacks. The budget includes \$100,000 for hottop/upgrade work.

Solid Waste Collection: The contract rate for solid waste and recycling pickup increased by 5% with a monthly fuel adjustment for prior 12 months, which was effectively an increase due to the increased cost of diesel fuel. Overall this resulted in an increase in the contract cost.

Vendor Payments: Reduction in some agency requests; some recommended at lower funding levels. The total is consistent with the 2011 default budget.

Parks & Recreation: Recommended at 2011 default level.

Library: Requested increase in staff coverage time, Budget Committee recommendation slightly above 2011 default level.

Debt Service: Interest payments reduced over the life of the bonds. A new short-term note is budgeted to cover a small loan to complete purchase of the Smith property to enhance the Spruce Swamp / Glen Oakes Town Forest area. This will be repaid by the end of CY 2012 due to grants received for the project.

Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes: Reduced from 2011 due to less borrowing from the collection of bi-annual taxes.

If the Budget Committee's proposed operating budget passes, it is estimated at this time that the tax rate for the Town would increase by approximately \$0.50. All tax impact estimates are per \$1,000 of valuation. The number of veteran credits, exemptions, and amount of overlay (which affect the final rate) are estimated for the purposes of establishing tax rate changes. These current estimates of Overlay, Exemptions and Veteran Credits add about \$0.30 to the tax rate. We are also assuming a conservative but reasonable amount of growth in the total assessed valuation of the Town, which is the largest component of the tax rate setting formula.

The estimated amount of tax impact is shown for each of the warrant articles in the narrative portion. If the other warrant articles as proposed by the Town pass, the Town's portion of the tax rate is estimated to increase \$0.49 per thousand. This would fund some long-awaited projects and help the Town to improve the overall maintenance of town roads, as well as plan for the future needs of the Town by funding Capital Reserve Accounts.

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)**

Article 7 proposes a new Capital Reserve Fund for future bridge engineering and construction. Currently two of Fremont's bridges are listed on the States "red list" as in need of significant repair or to be replaced. More information about the Bridge Aid process can be found in the Report of the Highway Study Committee. The Town needs to think about saving for the future bridge needs.

There is no tax increase for this article in 2012, as it will be funded from fund balance.

Articles 8 through 12 request funding for five existing Capital Reserve Funds with each purpose specified. Money voted will add to what has already been set aside. These funds accrue over time and are then used to offset the cost of larger capital purchases when needed. To see the amount already saved in each of these funds, refer to the Annual Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds in the 2011 Town Report. The purpose of Capital Reserve funding is to create a more balanced effect on the tax rate by saving a portion of the cost every year so it is available when a capital purchase becomes necessary. Saving money in Capital Reserve Funds helps to balance the tax rate by reducing the impact of one-time large expenditures.

Again this year, the Board of Selectmen is recommending some of the Capital Reserve Funds be funded from unreserved fund balance. This means that there is no tax increase of this savings, and it is transferred from the existing unreserved fund balance. That sum is in essence money turned back from unexpended funds during the 2011 calendar year.

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)**

Article 8 proposes to add funds to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for police vehicles. The Town traditionally saves annually for the purchase of a replacement police cruiser every two years. This savings plan creates a more balanced effect on the tax rate, in that a payment of the same amount is made every year; and in the second year, the sum withdrawn to fund the purchase of a replacement police cruiser.

Within the next couple of years it is anticipated that the Town could need to purchase a replacement cruiser every year with current activity levels. There is no tax increase for this article in 2012, as it will be funded from fund balance.

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).**

For several years, the Town has been working on a plan for renovations to the basement of the Town Hall. This fund will continue to save for the prospect of these renovations. The future plan is for the work to completely renovate the basement area and provide for the following: maintain the existing Planning and Zoning and Building Inspection Offices; provide for one additional small future office space within the proposed layout; enlarge and utilize space in the existing meeting room (total space of approximately 700 SF - currently it's about 390 SF); replaces the aging heating systems (circa 1965); increasing energy conservation with improved efficiency of units; HVAC system is about 1/3 of the total cost of renovation; energy conservation with removal of "cold spaces" throughout the building; provides for a single bathroom at the first floor level (no bathroom currently exists in the basement); provides for a second method of egress to the rear of the building(easterly side); remodels the existing entrance and corrects water entry problems (west side of building); replace the existing propane hot water heater, incorporated into new HVAC system; affords continued space for Food Pantry; with a small kitchenette area; and a future vault location for Town Records is planned into the layout.

There is no tax increase for this article in 2012, as it will be funded from fund balance.

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).**

This fund plans for future revaluation/recertification work, which is required by the NH Constitution and Statutes to be done every five years. Funds added will help fund a future property reassessment process (revaluation or recertification), which would be due for April 1, 2015.

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.04 per thousand.

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).**

This fund plans for the future purchase of fire apparatus. The goal of the fund is to be able to replace equipment when needed with less impact to taxpayers. The cost of the truck being proposed for purchase in 2012 is \$469,628 and it is anticipated that the next new fire truck would be comparable in price in 5-8 years. At the present time, NFPA recommends a 20-year life cycle for fire apparatus and the Department currently has three pieces exceeding this life span.

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.14 per thousand.

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).**

This fund plans for the future purchase of highway equipment. Much discussion took place this past year on the future plans for the Town to purchase a backhoe, which is considered to be more cost-effective than the current contracted arrangements. The Town does not own a significant amount of equipment. The Highway Study Committee has studied the cost-benefit analysis of owning versus contracting for the majority of our equipment needs. The sum requested this year has been increased to allow for the near-future purchase of a backhoe for the Town.

The estimated tax impact of this expenditure is \$0.14 per thousand.

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).
As amended at Deliberative Session.**

This purpose of this article is to request funding to purchase a used vehicle. It will be used by the Juvenile and Detective divisions of the Fremont Police Department. This vehicle will replace a 2000 Honda Civic that has been used as a DARE car. The Honda is not suitable as a detective/juvenile vehicle. It has very limited space for the storage of equipment and even less space for the transportation of people. As we get involved in different investigations we find that we are traveling out of town to interview witnesses and people of interest. We transport victim to surrounding areas to track and identify stolen property. A full sized cruiser is not cost effective to use for this type of activity. Another issue is confidentially when investigating a matter that requires the transportation of a juvenile. This vehicle will be equipped with the necessary equipment to completely investigate a crime scene. It will be equipped with communication and warning equipment. It will not be an addition to the existing fleet.

The tax impact of this purchase is \$0.01. When we received the 2011 year end figures from the Trustees of Trust Funds, there was not sufficient money to completely fund this purchase from the existing Capital Reserve Fund. An amendment passed at Deliberative Session to remove \$12,500 from Capital Reserve, as that is what is in the fund at the present time.

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).**

There is no amount to be raised from taxation for this article.

The funds requested in this article come from an account that is funded entirely through the Police Department's OHRV enforcement program. It reflects no impact on the tax rate as it is funded from court imposed fines. The equipment being requested will be used to enhance the Department's Special Services Unit in areas ranging from ATV Patrol to Search and Rescue. Key components targeted will be communications and our ability to operate in a remote and self-sufficient manner.

The article will fund batteries for portable radios, portable battery chargers, deep cell gel batteries, a siren system for the OHRV units, radar gun holders, and additional safety vests.

The tax impact of this purchase is \$0.00 as it is funded from the existing Special Revenue Fund. There are no tax dollars involved with this fund.

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).**

This article is a request to continue funding the mosquito control program. The contractor has again offered the program with no increase in cost for 2012. The Selectmen have placed this article on the warrant so that the community can have an opportunity to consider it annually and decide whether or not to proceed again this year with a town-wide program. The program is consistent with what was done in years 2008 through 2011, and allows for up to two emergency sprayings of public lots and ballfields at Memorial Park and Ellis School, should that be necessary. Overall mosquito control is a comprehensive program including surveillance, monitoring, trapping and testing of adult mosquitoes; treatment of larvae (a major focus of an effective control program) and adulticiding.

The 2012 program, if approved, would begin immediately following Town Meeting. The estimated tax impact of this program is \$0.14.

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).**

This article proposes to increase the salary for the Treasurer by \$600. It is currently \$6,000; and would increase to a total of \$6,600 if this article were approved. The estimated tax impact of this appropriation is less than \$0.01. The base salary of \$6,000 is included in the Town's operating budget under Financial Administration - Other.

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 250th Celebration Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of funding the 250th 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).**

This article proposes to set aside money in an expendable trust fund for the planned 2014 celebration of the 250th Anniversary of Fremont. Currently a Committee of volunteers meets monthly to work on plans for this historic event for the Town. They are anticipating fundraising to cover costs as well, but want to begin saving for the celebration's larger expenses such as a firework's display.

The estimated tax impact of this appropriation is \$0.03.

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).**

This article proposes to adopt a Conflict of Interest Ordinance for all Town Officials and Employees.

There is no tax impact of this article.

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).**

If approved, an article shall be placed on the ballot at the next annual meeting to choose a Town Clerk-Tax Collector.

This article proposes to combine the positions of Town Clerk and Tax Collector to one position. If approved, there would be one elected position on the ballot for a combined Town Clerk-Tax Collector three year term in March of 2013. The intent of the Article is improved efficiency and customer service, and financial savings for the Town. There is no tax impact of this article in 2012.

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).

NH Statute allows that Selectmen can be appointed agents of Capital Reserve Funds, such that the money could be expended from them for allowed purposes, without further Town Meeting action. This is proposed to allow the Selectmen as agents of this fund so that work could be done to repair or upgrade the Highway building using funds already saved by the Town. There is no tax dollar impact of this article.

Please be sure to vote on Election Day, Tuesday March 13, 2012. All articles as shown here will be on the Official Ballot. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at Ellis School.

Check the Town website for further information and details at: www.Fremont.nh.gov
Click on: Town Report 2011 and Budget Committee