



MARCH 2015

THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT MEETINGS & DATES

VOTING FOR ALL TOWN AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY MARCH 10, 2015. Polling takes place at Ellis School, 432 Main Street in Fremont NH and polls are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTIONS

The following candidates have declared for the pending election period:

TOWN POSITIONS

Selectman: 1 for 3 years
Neal R Janvrin
Brett A Hunter

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

Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years
Cheryl Rowell

Library Trustee: 1 for 1 year
No Candidates declared

Road Agent: 1 for 3 years
Leon F Holmes Jr

Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years
No Candidates declared

Budget Committee: 1 for 2 years
Mark Kidd

Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years
Richard Pinder

SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITIONS

School Board Member: 2 for 3 years
Ida Keane, Jennifer Brown, Greg Fraize, Sharon Girardi

School District Treasurer: 1 for 1 year
Elizabeth J Stanley

School District Clerk: 1 for 1 year
Patricia Coulombe

School District Moderator: 1 for 1 year
Victor P Sokul Jr

The Town Clerk's Office will be CLOSED on Election Day, March 10, 2015. The Clerk will be available from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Monday March 9, 2015 for filing of absentee ballots ONLY.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

The last day to register to vote prior to Town and School Voting on March 10th is Saturday February 28, 2015 from 11:00 to 11:30 am at the Fremont Public Library. You can register on election day, but not on the days between March 1 and March 9th.

The Winter Parking Ban is in effect through April 15th.

Full text of the Ordinance can be found at:

http://www.fremont.nh.gov/Pages/FremontNH_Highway/OrdinanceDocs/park.pdf

TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

Monday & Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon
Tuesday 7:30 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday 12 noon to 7:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

TOWN REPORTS ARE IN!

The print version of the Fremont Annual Report for 2014 is available! Get yours today during open office hours at the Town Hall, Fremont Public Library, and Safety Complex. There are a lot of great reports and related to Fremont's 250th Birthday included!

FREMONT COMMUNITY TV RETURNS

After a number of years of being dark, Fremont Community Television (FCTV) Channel 22; which serves Comcast subscribers in Fremont; is back on the air. Fremont resident and volunteer Bruce White began about 8 months ago with a community bulletin board. He then added local programs by recording concerts, parades, and other events during the Town's 250th Anniversary celebration. Recently he has recorded the Budget Committee Public Hearing and both the Town and School Deliberative Sessions. All three are playing on Ch. 22.

With the support of Fremont Town Administrator Heidi Carlson and some technical help from Raymond Community Television Coordinator Kevin Woods, White approached the Fremont Selectmen with a plan to re-organize the community cable access channel. They approved a plan to use funds in the Cable TV Revolving Fund to upgrade the master control playback system, provide the Town with a digital camera/recorder and purchase equipment to allow live and recorded meetings from the Town Hall basement meeting room.

On Thursday night February 12th, FCTV broadcast its first Board of Selectmen's meeting live. With three robotically controlled cameras and four microphones everyone could be seen and heard clearly. According to Town Administrator Heidi Carlson, "This is the first step in bringing town government out to the residents of Fremont. It will provide a way for voters to be more aware of what is happening in their town". White has submitted a draft of a FCTV Policy Manual to the Selectmen. Woods says, "Having a formal set of policies that are approved by the Board of Selectmen gives the station structure. It defines it as a Public, Education, and Government Access channel and establishes procedures for the operation of the station."

The heart of any community activity is its volunteers. White and Carlson are looking for residents who would be interested in creating bulletin board slides, helping with government meetings, and recording local events or programs of their own. "Access television is the soapbox of this millennium" says Woods, "It is a way for residents to show off the great things happening in their community and schools, express their opinions, and see what their government officials are discussing". Those interested in leaning more about or volunteering for FCTV can contact Carlson and White at fremontctv@gmail.com or by phone at 895-2226 x 10.

FREMONT 250TH SOUVENIR BOOKLETS

There are still some Souvenir Booklets from the Town of Fremont 250th Anniversary Celebration available! They are free for pickup at the Fremont Town Hall!

FREMONT FOOD PANTRY

The Pantry is preparing for Easter Baskets. If your family is in need, please contact Stephanie at 895 4454 to register for an Easter Basket. The deadline to sign up is March 23rd. Baskets will be distributed at 9:00 am on March 29th.

If you would like to help restock our shelves and get ready for Easter, the following items are need in Fremont:

Hams	Pineapples
Fresh potatoes	Fresh carrots
Fresh green beans	Large tin pans
Butter	Napkins
Salt	Pepper
Pie crust	Rolls
Gift certificates to Market Basket	
Instant pudding (chocolate, banana cream, vanilla)	
Soda	Bags of candy
Chicken	Pork
Hamburger	Hamburger rolls
Hot dogs	Hot dog rolls
Steak	Turkey
Bread	Cheese
Eggs	

FREMONT SOUVENIR FLAGS

The Fremont Historical Society has received another order for the Fremont 250th Souvenir Flag. Get yours before they are all gone! To get yours, visit the Selectmen's Office, Library, or Police Station during business hours. The cost is \$35.00. Cash or check payable to the Fremont Historical Society.

Get yours as soon as possible! Once this batch is gone, they are gone for good!



VISION GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS TO CONDUCT FREMONT REVALUATION

The Appraisal Firm of Vision Government Solutions has been contracted by the Town of Fremont to begin a Town wide Revaluation Project. The following is a general outline and explanation of each phase of the project.

Vision Government Solutions will be working with the Selectmen/Assessor's Office to make the process a successful one. There are four major phases to a municipal revaluation that are being utilized: Market Analysis, Valuation, Field Review, and Informal Hearings.

PHASE 1: MARKET ANALYSIS

A variety of resources are used to analyze the real estate market. Appraisal personnel will be analyzing recent sales that took place over the last few years to determine which market factors influenced property values. Vision Government Solution's personnel visit all properties that have sold in the last 2 years. They will measure the exterior of all buildings and perform an interior inspection. Vision Government Solutions will also gather and use information from The Registry of Deeds, property managers, developers, and local real estate professionals. Once all the data is collected and reviewed for

accuracy, the appraiser will determine land values and set Neighborhood codes that rate the desirability of locations throughout the Town. Sales data collection and analysis will take place from mid-March through early June.

PHASE 2: VALUATION

Valuation is done using one of the three recognized methods: Replacement/Market Cost, Income Approach and Sales Comparison Approach. The Sales Comparison is the most widely used approach, and most easily explained to the taxpayer. During this phase, individual characteristics of the building are analyzed using information gathered in phase 1. Each property is compared to other comparable properties with similar characteristics. Then the market values of the improvements are added to the land value that was previously determined. This value is the final estimate for each parcel of property, building and land. This process will take place from late April through June.

PHASE 3: FIELD REVIEW

Field Review is the method of checking and re-checking both the values that have been determined and the data. During this review, properties are viewed in the field by experienced appraisers who double-check for uniformity and accuracy of information. This process will take place in June and July.

PHASE 4: INFORMAL HEARINGS

Once the Field Review is completed, a Notice of New Values will be mailed to each property owner. At this time, anyone with questions concerning the revaluation process or about the data on their property has an opportunity to meet with a member of Vision's staff to discuss their property value. This will take place in late July or early August.

After all four phases are completed, all data, files, records, etc. used in the revaluation are then turned over to the Assessor's Office. This will allow the Town to maintain the data collected during the revaluation on a continual basis. The

If you have any questions during the process, which is due to begin in mid-March 2015, please contact Heidi or Jeanne in the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 10 Heidi or x 11 Jeanne.

RESTORATION OF INVOLUNTARILY MERGED LOTS

In accordance with NH RSA 674:39-aa, any owner of lots merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes prior to September 18, 2010 and without the consent of the owner may request that the lots be restored to their premerger status.

Application for Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots Pursuant to RSA 674:39-aa can be found at the Fremont Town Hall and on the Town web site. The application must be completed and returned to the Board of Selectmen prior to December 31, 2016. Instructions and general information for lot restoration are included in the application form.

Do you have an interest in the Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment or Open Space?

Volunteers are need to help provide live broadcasting on Fremont Community Television. Requires only one or two nights per month. Computer knowledge is helpful, hands-on training provided. Camera bugs or videographers also needed on occasion. Contact us as FremontCTV@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Testing of the Accu Vote machine will take place at 1:00 pm on Monday March 2, 2015 at the Fremont Town Hall.

ABATEMENTS, CREDITS & EXEMPTIONS

The deadline to file an abatement for your 2014 property assessment is 12:00 noon on Monday March 2, 2015 at the Selectmen's Office. Forms are available in the Selectmen's Office and on the Town website at www.Fremont.nh.gov on the Board of Selectmen page. Forms will not be accepted if dropped off after noon on March 2, 2015; and a postmark after March 1, 2015 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The deadline to file a credit or exemption application form in the Selectmen's Office for the 2015 tax year is 4:00 pm on Wednesday April 15, 2015. Forms will not be accepted if dropped off after 4:00 pm on April 15th but an April 15, 2014 postmark is acceptable. These applications are available in the Selectmen's Office or on the Town website as indicated above. Please be sure you submit all of the required documentation with your application form.

Contact Jeanne in the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 11 with any questions regarding assessing, abatements, or exemption and credit applications. All forms need to be filed in the Selectmen's Office or mailed to Selectmen's Office, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120.

RABIES & MICROCHIP CLINIC

The annual Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, April 11 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Fremont Safety Complex, 425 Main St. Fremont NH. Services are not limited to residents, anyone may attend.

Rabies shots are \$14 and microchips, \$25. Datamars microchips are universally read and have **Free** lifetime registration. Call 895 3425 to reserve your chip supplies are limited. Dogs must to be leashed and cats must be in carriers. Please present certification of previous vaccination; otherwise your animal will receive a one-year vaccine. David Smiley, DMV of Smiley Veterinary of Auburn will administer the vaccines and microchips. The Town Clerk will be available to issue dog licenses to Fremont residents. Deadline is April 30 to license your dogs in NH.

PART-TIME TEMPORARY LABOR/MAINTENANCE POSITION

The Town of Fremont is seeking a dedicated and energetic applicant for a part-time, temporary, non-exempt general labor and maintenance position within the Town. Position is approximately 20 hours per week and includes all cleaning, care and maintenance of Town Buildings including the Town Hall and Safety Complex, and winter/summer exterior maintenance at the Library, and summer maintenance at Memorial Fields and Park Facilities; seasonal winter duties include, but are not limited to snow shoveling, operating a snowblower, maintenance for snow and ice conditions at buildings and adjacent walkways; and summer duties include, but are not limited to lawn care, mowing, trimming, tree pruning, raking, and general groundskeeping as assigned. There are other duties as assigned related to general maintenance and upkeep of town buildings, grounds, and equipment.

The ideal candidate will be a true self-starter and able to work with minimal direct supervision. Must be reliable in all seasons, and able to work a flexible schedule to meet the varying seasonal demands. Position is primarily supervised by the Town Administrator.

Experience working with the public is preferred. Successful candidate will be required to submit to a complete background check. Experience in building or related trades is preferable, but a combination of experience and trade skill will be considered. Strong interpersonal or customer service skills are required. Interested candidates should submit a resume, three references, and cover letter of interest to Board of Selectmen, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120 as soon as possible.

Questions can be directed to the Heidi Carlson at 895 2226 x 10 or by email at FremontTA@comcast.net. The job description is available at the Fremont Selectmen's Office or on line (RFP & Job

Postings section) at www.Fremont.nh.gov. The Town's desire is to fill the position as soon as possible, but it will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. EOE.

PEPPERMINT PONIES 4H HORSE CLUB

Does your child love horses? Girls, boys 5 - 18 years are welcome to club meetings to learn more about horses, ponies, 4-H group & hands-on activities. No experience or horse ownership necessary. Questions, contact Jan Brubacher, Leader at 603 303 1584, j.brubacher@comcast.net, www.4hpeppermintponies.org, www.northroadfarm.com. Financial Aid available. Stop by and visit the horses and ponies! Peppermint Ponies 4-H Club is a registered non-profit organization affiliated with the UNH Cooperative Extension, Brentwood, NH est. 2004

FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

From Superintendent Dr Betsey Cox-Buteau: The Fremont School District Strategic Plan includes the formation of a Committee to discuss this question: "Are we offering the best opportunity for learning at the Ellis School and if not, how might we do better?"

If you are interested in joining the discussion, please call the SAU Office at 895 6903 and leave your name in contact information." We look forward to hearing from you!

FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTER GUIDE

This is a guide for the upcoming Annual Meeting Session II. It has been prepared to provide you additional information for your voting decisions, prior to entering into the voting booth on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

The following includes a sample ballot format with brief explanations of the articles including the associated tax impact. This has been prepared as a follow-up to the Deliberative Session. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact the SAU #83 Administrative office at 895-6903. We hope this information assists in your understanding of the issues to be voted upon at the 2015 Annual School District Meeting, Second Session.

Ida Keane	Andrew Kohlhofer	Gregory Fraize
Tammy Kitt	Shannon Bryant	Fremont School Board

In our fifth year of the SB2 School District Meeting, this Voter's Guide has been prepared to provide additional information to assist voters in making informed decisions about the many challenges facing the Town. The process is different with regard to activity on this warrant. The Official Warrants remains as 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. Thus SB2 is called the Official Ballot law. Following the Deliberative Session, this VOTER'S GUIDE is prepared to include the changes from Deliberative Session held on Saturday, January 31, 2015. At that session, sixty-three registered voters were in attendance and all Articles on the Warrant were reviewed and discussed. This document includes the final text of all material to be voted on at the polls on March 10, 2015.

In this Voter's Guide, the warrant article is written in plain text. For voter information, we have also included the associated tax rate estimates below each article, in *italics*. This information, with all Warrant Articles as amended, will appear on the Official Ballot. The School Board and the Budget Committee recommendations on all Warrant Articles are included.

Voting on the finalized Official Ballot will take place on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at the Laurence Pettengill Hall, Ellis School, 432 Main Street, Fremont, NH. Polls are open hours from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. You can also request an absentee ballot for this session by contacting the Fremont Town Clerk for information at 895 8693 x 16.

In 2014, the School's portion of the tax rate was \$21.38 as a reference. You can also refer to tax rate historical information elsewhere in the 2014 Town Report.

School Warrant Articles

ARTICLE 1:

School Board member - 2 for 3 years

Ida Keane Greg Fraize
Jennifer Brown Sharon Girardi

Write in _____

School District Moderator - 1 for 1 year

Victor Sokul
Write in _____

School District Clerk - 1 for 1 year

Patricia Coulombe
Write in _____

School District Treasurer - 1 for 1 year

Elizabeth J. Stanley
Write in _____

ARTICLE 2. To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Fremont School District and the Fremont Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal year	Estimated Increase
2016	\$71,063
2017	\$44,734

and further to raise and appropriate \$71,063 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

(Recommended by the Fremont School Board 5 - 0)
(Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 6 - 0)

The estimated tax impact is \$0.19.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Fremont School District, if Warrant Article 2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article 2 cost items only?

(Recommended by the Fremont School Board, 4-1)
(Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee, 5-1)

No Tax Impact

ARTICLE 4. To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Fremont School District and the Ellis School Support Staff (AFT - Local #6223) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staff level:

Fiscal year	Estimated Increase
2016	\$ 25,182
2017	\$ 24,757
2018	\$ 24,964

and further to raise and appropriate \$25,182 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

(Recommended by the Fremont School Board 5 - 0)
(Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 6 - 0)

The estimated tax impact is \$0.07.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Fremont School District, if Warrant Article 4 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article 4 cost items only?

(Recommended by the Fremont School Board 5 - 0)
(Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 5 - 1)

No Tax Impact

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Fremont School District will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of \$11,701,213 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$11,717,436 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Fremont School district 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.

(Recommended by the Fremont School Board 5 - 0)
(Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 7 - 1)

The estimated tax impact will not be calculable until the State Adequacy Funding is determined, but the FY15 operating budget is down by \$155,773 from the FY14 operating budget.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Fremont School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Ellis School Building and Grounds Maintenance Fund. An expendable trust fund previously established. This sum is to come from the June 30, 2015 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2015. No amount to be raised by taxation.

(Recommended by the Fremont School Board 5 - 0)
(Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 6 - 0)

No amount to be raised by taxation, funds would come from unassigned fund balance.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the school district will vote to establish an Out of District Tuition Fund, an Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, for the purpose of providing funds for unanticipated out-of-district tuition expenses and to vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the Fiscal Year 2015 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2015 to be placed in the fund; further to name the school board as agents to expend from the fund. No amount to be raised by taxation.

(Recommended by the Fremont School Board 5 - 0)
(Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 6 - 0)

No amount to be raised by taxation, funds would come from unassigned fund balance.

Please be sure to vote on Election Day Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at Ellis School, 432 Main Street, Fremont, NH

Contact the Town Clerk for absentee ballot information at 895-8693 x 16 and check the Town website for further information and details.

www.Fremont.nh.gov

Selectmen's Office VM 10, 11

Tel: 895 2226 ~ Fax: 895 3149
 Mon & Fri 8:00 am to 12 noon
 Tues & Wed 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Thurs 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
FremontTA@comcast.net
FremontTownHall@comcast.net

**Tax Collector / Town Clerk
895 8693 VM 16**

Mon & Fri 9:00 am to 12 noon
 Tues 7:30 am to 3:00 pm
 Weds 12 noon to 7:00 pm
 Thurs 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
FremontClerk@comcast.net

Bldg & Planning 895 3200

Building Inspector VM 18
 Tu/Th 8:30 to 10:00 am and 1:00 to 4:00 pm; Weds eves 5:00 to 7:00 pm and by appointment
FremontBI@comcast.net

Planning & Zoning VM 17

Tues 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:00 - 4:00 pm; Weds & Thurs 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
FremontPZ@comcast.net

Health Bob Meade 895 3200 x 18
Welfare By appt 895 3200 x 12
Food Pantry Stephanie 895 4454

Town & Department Contacts

Police Department 895 2229
 Fax 895 1116
 Mon - Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

EMERGENCY dial 9 1 1

Fire Rescue Business 895 9634
 Office Hours M/Th 5:00 to 7:00 pm
 Raymond Disp 895 4222 Non-Emerg

Highway Dept - Road Agent

Mark Pitkin 603 300 7429

Fremont Public Library

Tel 895 9543 ~ Fax 244 1724
 Mon noon to 6 pm / Tu & Th 1 to 7 pm
 Wed & Fri 9 am to 5 pm
 Sat 9 am to 2 pm

Ellis School 895 2511 sau83.org
 432 Main Street

SAU # 83 895 6903 Fax 895 6905
 5 Hall Road Suite 1 Fremont NH

Post Office 895 2094

Mon - Fri 8:00 - 11:30 am / 2:00 - 4:30 pm
 Sat 8:00 to 11:00 am
 Lobby open 8-4:30 wkdays / 8-11 Sat

Trash Pickup & Recycling - Waste Management of NH - 800 847 5303

FAA fremontathletics@yahoo.com

MEETING SCHEDULE**Town Hall - Main Floor**

Parks & Recreation 7:00 pm
 Mar 3 Apr 14
Open Space 7:00 pm
 May 5

Town Hall - Basement Mtg Room

Cemetery Trustees 4:00 pm

Mar 3 Apr 7

Conservation Comm 7:00 pm

Mar 2 Apr 6

Planning Board 7:00 pm

Mar 4, 18 Apr 1, 15

Selectmen 6:00 pm

Feb 26 Mar 5*, 12, 19*, 26

* denotes worksession / no appts

Zoning Board 7:30 pm

Feb 24 Mar 24

Fremont Public Library

Library Trustees 4th Weds 7:00 pm

Supervisors of Checklist

Feb 28 11-11:30 am *Last time to register prior to Voting on March 10th

Mar 3 Apr 7 7-7:30 pm

Friends of Library 2nd Tues of the month at 7:00 pm

Garden Club 4th Tues of the month at 7:00 pm Sept through April only

FCTV Programming February 25 through March 6, 2015**FCTV - Channel 22**

Program	SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
Board of Selectmen	12:00 am and 1:00 pm	1:00 pm	10:00 am and 7:00 pm	2:00 am	7:00 am and 6:30 pm	12:00 am and 7:00 pm	10:00 am
Town Deliberative Session	7:00 pm	12:00 am and 7:00 am	2:00 am		4:00 pm		1:00 pm
School Deliberative Session		6:00 pm	12:00 am	7:00 am	1:00 am	6:00 pm	7:00 pm
Candidates Night	10:00 am and 6:00 pm		1:00 am and 1:00 pm	6:00 pm	12:00 am and 10:00 am	1:00 pm	7:00 am and 6:00 pm