At 6:10 pm the Board's meeting was called to order in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Annmarie Scribner, Brett Hunter, Greta St. Germain and Selectmen's Clerk Jeanne Nygren.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. The minutes for the 29 March 2012 meeting were tabled pending corrections.

2. The Board signed a new agreement with Lewis Builders on the corrected per lot amount for land use change tax bills of \$2,142.85. A motion to sign this document was made by St. Germain and seconded by Hunter. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

3. The approved Veteran Credit application for Edwin Williams Jr, parcel 03-169.011 was signed by the Board.

4. A working draft for the MS-2 spreadsheet was provided to the Board for a work session. The finalized spreadsheet will be attached once the default allocation is complete. Selectmen worked on the default budget allocation.

5. The Board reviewed and signed a letter to Steve Tomasz regarding his request for release of additional funds on the North Road project. In accord with the contract, the balance of funds will be paid at completion of the project.

6. Selectmen discussed purchasing the used backhoe as proposed by the Road Agent, and removal of funds from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Scribner asked if a trailer for the backhoe might be purchased in the future as now we have one full time person with two pieces of equipment. The summer time part time helper is available to help and anyone used during the rest of the year person needs to be consistent with the summer helper salary at \$10.00 per hour. Scribner wanted to see Road Agent job description to define what he gets paid and how it might change with the backhoe coming.

A motion to approve the purchase the backhoe for \$46,000 and remove funds from Capital Reserve Fund was made by St. Germain, and seconded by Hunter. The vote was unanimous 3-0. Selectmen also signed a letter to the Trustees of the Trust Fund to release funds for this backhoe from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

7. An update was presented on last week's agenda relative to the Disaster Recovery Policy. There is nothing further this week and no Board input has yet been received. DayStar has the Policy for review (Eric Bamford) but nothing is back from him yet.

8. The Board signed the Tax warrants for Land Use Change Tax due on lots 03-015.001.025 and 03-015.001.026.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. A motion to approve the accounts payable manifest for \$1,188,908.16 dated 06 April 2012 was made by St. Germain, and seconded by Hunter. The vote was unanimous approved.

2. The Board reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence and bills for payment; and signed outgoing correspondence.

3. A motion to sign the Intent to Excavate on Parcels 05-035 and 02-151.02 for tax year 2012-2013 was made by St. Germain, and seconded by Hunter. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

4. Selectmen reviewed Intents to Cut for Parcels 01-012, 01-015, and 03-089 owned by Jake Donigian; and parcel 03-003 owned by Ellen Horsburgh for tax year 2012-2013. A motion to sign these Intents was made by St. Germain, seconded by Hunter. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

5. The Intent to Cut on Map 04-087 is waiting for a reply by the owner on the message left for how they are contemplating getting into that lot with equipment as the Town Forest by ordinance cannot be used and this lot is surrounded by Town properties.

6. The date for Fremont's Memorial Day parade was set for May 27, 2012. Nygren is waiting for the contract from the band to be returned for the Board's signature.

7. Gerry Tilley has called regarding the Wreaths Across America Service which is set for December 15, 2012 at the Town Hall. Scribner said she will do the speech for that day.

8. After review of the Report of Timber Cut on Map 03-062 for tax year 2011-2012, and Report of Excavation on Map 02-151.02 for tax year 2011-2012, a motion to sign the warrant for each was made by St. Germain, and seconded by Hunter. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

9. The Board reviewed and signed the appointments for Janice O'Brien to the Conservation Commission, Christine Goudin as Deputy Tax Collector and Meredith Bolduc to the Conservation Commission. A motion to sign these appointments was made by St. Germain and seconded by Hunter. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

10. Selectmen reviewed the abatement submitted by Assessor for Map 02-109, 27 Brentwood Road:

Subject is a ranch style home on a 2.40-acre parcel. The reason for the request is the applicant's concern with being assessed for items that were removed by the prior owner. I review the property with Mr. Shea. From that review it was found that in fact several outbuildings that were previously listed are no longer on the site. In addition it was found that property was incorrectly listed as having a fireplace. After corrections, assessment is reduced \$3,300 from \$241,300 to \$238,000 and it is recommended that an abatement in the amount of \$89.99 plus any applicable interest be granted.

A motion to accept the Assessor's recommendation was made by St. Germain and seconded by Hunter. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday April 12, 2012.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by St. Germain and seconded by Hunter. The vote was unanimous 3-0. The meeting ended at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren Selectmen's Clerk