

**I. CALL TO ORDER** at 6:15 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Brett Hunter, Leon Holmes Sr, and Gene Cordes; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

## **II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Public hearings have been set in accordance with applicable statutes for the SB2 petition, and the rescission of the Special Revenue Fund for OHRV and Town Ordinance Fines. They will be held on Thursday February 13, 2014 beginning at 7:30 pm as part of the Selectmen's Meeting.

The Fire Truck lease public hearing will be held on Thursday January 30, 2014 at 7:30 pm. Time has also been set on the January 30<sup>th</sup> agenda for Matt Shortsleeve of Mercury Solar Systems, who will be meeting with the Board 6:00 pm to discuss typical project funding options that are currently available for municipalities, school districts and non-profits. This information has been sent to Superintendent Cox-Buteau and School Board Chair Keane to encourage them and other school officials to attend the meeting. The information has also been forwarded to the Energy Committee.

## **III. LIAISON REPORTS**

There was discussion about the Budget Committee Public Hearing held 15 January 2014. In follow-up to the question raised at the hearing regarding the date listed in the SB2 petition, legal advice and DRA advice on the petition has been sought. Both Town Counsel and the Town's Auditor at DRA Municipal Services have said that it is not material to the petition and can be amended from the floor of Deliberative Session to the actual date that SB2 was adopted in Fremont, 03/11/2008. Board members read the information received.

## **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Selectmen reviewed the minutes of 09 January 2014 and 15 January 2014. Motion was made by Cordes to approve the minutes of 09 January 2014. Holmes Sr seconded and the vote approved 2-0-1 with Hunter abstaining as he was not at the meeting.

Cordes then moved to approve the minutes of 15 January 2014. Holmes Sr seconded and the vote was approved 3-0.

## **V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS**

6:45 pm Public Input - none

7:00 pm Department Heads

Mark Pitkin came in to the meeting at 6:50 pm. The Board discussed the Precision Weather Forecasting contract and the services he receives. He stressed that it helps him plan for better use of Town resources when it comes to winter storms. In response to questions from the Board, Pitkin states that he is regularly in contact with the Superintendent when there is winter weather which may cause the closure or delay of school. After further discussion, the Board agreed to maintain the service.

Pitkin then discussed the potential purchase of a used plow he found in Kensington. He said the Town's plows are aging and there is not currently a spare if one should break. The cost new of a front poly plow is \$8,600 (priced at H P Fairfield); and this 11 foot used one is the same model as the Town currently owns, and has the additional option of power-angle, which the current old plow does not. He said that

Mark George of White's Welding had just been through it and it was in excellent condition. It is for sale for \$2,800 (down from the original request of \$3,000). It will need a new carbide blade, but the one in service which is aging also currently needs a new blade, so the cost would be the same.

Selectmen felt it would be good to have a spare on hand, and discussed money coming from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase. Cordes moved to purchase the used plow and take the \$2,800 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Holmes Sr seconded and the vote was approved 3-0.

Pitkin left the meeting at 7:05 pm.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

1. On Wednesday evening, the Board had reconsidered only one of the articles that was not a unanimous vote relative to Fire Department Warrant Articles. Holmes Sr stated that he felt that Hunter should not abstain from the vote simply because he was a member of the Fire Rescue Department. Cordes then moved to reconsider the Selectmen's recommendations on Article 11 for addition of money to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund and Article 14 for the purchase of the balance of eight needed SCBA units. Holmes Sr seconded and the vote was approved 3-0. Cordes then moved that the Board of Selectmen recommend Articles 11 and 14 on the 2014 Town meeting Warrant. Holmes Sr seconded and the vote was 3-0.
2. With the changes voted, Selectmen sign all of the signature pages for the finalized Warrant for the 2014 Town Meeting.
3. From last week, the auditor position for the 250<sup>th</sup> Miss Fremont Pageant entails overseeing the process, and does not include judging contestants.
4. Hunter will work on the Selectmen's Town Report and come back with a draft for review next week.
5. St Jean Auctioneers is ready to set a date for auction of Town-owned and tax deeded properties as per the Board's decision in 2013 to dispose of them. The Board looked out and wanted to wait until better weather, choosing Saturday April 12 for the auction.
6. There was discussion about the roof shingles at the Library. No report has yet been received from KTM, but an email was received today indicating that they had done some repair work while on the roof checking for the extent of the damage and condition of the roof. No other estimates or information has been received to date.
7. Selectmen reviewed a report from the Building Inspector which included updates on the code violation issues at Witham's Countryside Estates, the update on issuance of a final CO at 12 Brentwood Road and information from the Fire Marshal on 38 Brentwood Road.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Selectmen reviewed the payroll manifest \$17,979.60 and accounts payable manifest \$50,129.57 for the current week dated 17 January 2014. Motion was made by Holmes Sr to approve the payroll \$17,797.60 and accounts payable \$50,129.57 manifests for this week. Cordes seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.
2. Selectmen reviewed and approved bills and invoices for payment.

3. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence.
4. Selectmen reviewed and approved the February Newsletter. The final print edition will include the finalized Warrant Article Narrative, which will be sent to Board members to review. The print edition needs to be done next week and go out by Friday to avoid the postage increase and get to voters before Deliberative Sessions. The only item that won't be included is the full list of candidates declared, as the declaration period is not complete until after January 31, 2014. A separate notice of this information will be posted and made available on the website once complete.

The Maintenance position posting will be included, and all of the pending Public Hearing notices.

5. Selectmen reviewed and approved a request to use the Safety Complex training room by NRT Bus Inc for their monthly safety meetings January through May, 2014 with the understanding that the dates have been sent to Mary Wheaton-Pinder, who keeps the schedule for use of the Safety Complex, and the fee will be forthcoming.
6. Annual audit preparations – Selectman Hunter has the questionnaire for the Board of Selectmen and will complete and return it to Plodzik and Sanderson. Auditors are due in Fremont on Monday February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**VIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION NH RSA 91-A - none**

The next regular Board meeting will be a work session, to be held on Thursday January 23, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – A motion was made by Holmes Sr and seconded by Hunter to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson  
Town Administrator