

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Brett Hunter, Gene Cordes, and Leon Holmes Sr; Town Administrator Heidi Carlson. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voting setup will begin at 3:00 pm on Monday March 9, 2015. Voting for Town and School District Elections will take place at Ellis School, 432 Main Street on Tuesday March 10, 2015. Polls are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Cordes and Holmes Sr will be there all day on Election Day as Selectmen; and Hunter is planning to be there during the day primarily campaigning.

Candidates have been invited to record a statement for broadcast on FCTV beginning this weekend (by appointment only on Saturday) and will run through Tuesday's election. A slide is also posted on FCTV if residents want to record statements about warrant articles as well.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

03/04/2015 Planning Board – This meeting was live broadcast and is now also running on FCTV. Hunter said the Board is looking at the current sign ordinance, and will review it for possible revisions in the future.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectmen reviewed the minutes of 19 February 2015 and 26 February 2015. Cordes moved to approve the minutes of 19 February 2015 as written. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Cordes then moved to approve the minutes of 26 February 2015 as written. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

6:45 pm Public Input - none

7:00 pm Department Heads - none

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. The February budget report was reviewed and discussed. The budget numbers have not been entered yet because the budget has not been voted. There is concern about the highway budget as winter money is completely spent, and we have the November-December 2015 winter season still to plan for. There was discussion about the importance of the proposed budget being passed just to give the town some additional funding toward the winter overages. If the Town receives the default budget, there will be significant cuts in other lines to make the bottom line work for the calendar year.

2. New candidate TJ King could not be present this evening to meet the Board as he is at work, but will plan to meet up with Selectmen on election day during takedown of equipment to introduce himself.

3. The Red Cross Heroes breakfast was held this morning, where Fremont Officer Derek Franek was honored. Selectman Cordes was able to attend, along with members of the Fremont Police Department. It ran from 7:00 to 9:00 am this morning, and is an annual event that acknowledges individuals in the

State of NH that were heroic for an event, or over a period of time. There were six award recipients today and the Governor spoke at the ceremony. There were video clips for each recipient that introduced each awardee, and then the award was presented to each of them. Cordes detailed out the recipients and their contributions to NH and their communities.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the accounts payable manifest dated 06 March 2015. Cordes moved to approve the manifest totaling \$31,283.59. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.
2. Selectmen reviewed the bills and invoices for payment.
3. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence. There was discussion about sending correspondence to the Trustees of Trust Funds to withdraw the total amount of the contract for Vision Appraisal. It was felt to be easier administratively for the Town and for the Trustees to write a letter now with a copy of the contract, and withdraw the total sum of \$39,500; and then the Town can pay bills as the contract progresses.
4. Selectmen reviewed Veteran Credit applications that have been processed and are eligible for approval:
 - a. Raymond Hammer Jr 03-015.001.021
 - b. Steven Thoreson 03-079
 - c. Richard Harden 06-050.010.00B
 - d. Raymond Laird 03-015.001.025

Cordes read aloud the parcel numbers as eligible. Motion was made by Cordes to approve Veteran Credit applications for the 2015 tax year for the tax lots listed above. Holmes Sr seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Selectmen reviewed one application that is ineligible due to not meeting the minimum length of service duration of at least 90 days of active service:

- a. Laura Thoreson 03-079

Motion was made by Cordes to deny this application as ineligible based on non-qualification. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

5. The Library Trustees have hired Vincent Morrison as the new cleaning person. He has capability and availability for maintenance and some other work and will also be asked to help out cleaning the other town buildings until a temporary replacement can be hired for John Millett.
6. Selectmen reviewed an email from Roscoe Blasidell requesting a date to meet with the Board and discuss with landowners Pollinger/Dudley their parcel 05-057.001. They are proposing a subdivision and the lot does not have frontage on a Class VI road. Selectmen set time on the agenda next week.
7. One of the computers in the Town Clerk's office died today and is scheduled to be replaced tomorrow with all programming reloaded in the next day or two. The State of NH has also just notified the Town that they will be discontinuing support of the Motor Vehicle internet connection for MAAP, and will no longer support the hardware in the Town Clerk's Office. The current budget year computer services money will be used to replace these computers as they wear out, and to begin setting up the internet connection to connect from Fremont's server and internet to the State system.

At 7:25 pm Deputy Fire Chief Joe Nichols came in with candidate Melissa Gutierrez and her husband Mario Gutierrez. Nichols explained that Melissa has received her NH certification and came from a

service in Connecticut. She is currently an EMT. Cordes moved to appoint Melissa Gutierrez for a one year probationary period to the Fremont Fire Rescue Department. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0. She will complete her one year probation, but does not need to come back to the Board for an additional appointment. The final paperwork and application will be returned to the Town Hall for recordkeeping as soon as possible. Nichols said that Mario has a Navy background and firefighting experience and is finally settling in their new home after working in Connecticut for an extended period of time. He will be back to be appointed as soon as he completes the application process.

Mrs Gutierrez will contact Carlson in a week or so to make arrangements for a new employee package. They left the meeting at approximately 7:35 pm.

VIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION NH RSA 91-A:3 II

At 7:36 pm Cordes moved to enter non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c) to review an application package. Hunter seconded and the roll call vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Hunter – aye; Cordes – aye; Holmes Sr – aye.

At 7:40 pm Cordes moved to return to public session. Hunter seconded and the roll call vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Hunter – aye; Cordes – aye; Holmes Sr – aye.

Hunter announced that the Board had reviewed an election worker application but rendered no decision.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday March 12, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – At 7:41 pm motion was made by Cordes to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator