

I. At 6:30 pm the meeting was called to order in the basement meeting room at Fremont Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Neal Janvrin, Roger Barham and Selectmen's Clerk Jeanne Nygren. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. This meeting is live broadcast on FCTV Channel 22 and will be rebroadcast during the week ahead.
2. The Town's new assessing contract includes provisions to do cyclical updates. This means that 1/4 of the Town will be reviewed each year (data and listing information) toward the end goal of the every fifth year revaluation/recertification process required by the State. Assessors will be out in the field more often looking at all of the housing stock. MRI personnel are in the field working on these properties, and they carry MRI Photo Identification and have with them, a letter from the Town. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne or Heidi in the Selectmen's Office.
3. The severe drought is affecting the Town's playing fields and they are being monitored daily in case use of them needs to be suspended to save on further damage. The Town continues to monitor the situation as some local wells are going dry. All residents are asked to be cautious about water use, and conserve whenever possible. The Town is considering additional bans in accordance with NH Statutes to preserve our water.
4. Fall Bulky Day will be held on Saturday October 22, 2016 from 8:00 am to 12 noon at the Fremont Highway Shed.
5. The Annual Snowmobile Grassdrag event will take place in the Martin Road / North Road area on Columbus Day Weekend, October 7-9, 2016.
6. Veteran's Open House will be held on Thursday November 10, 2016 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Fremont Town Hall.
7. Trick or Treat in Fremont will be celebrated on Monday October 31, 2016 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.
8. The Town's 2015 final Audit report has been released, and is available on the website for anyone to view.
9. All Town Offices are open normal hours on Columbus Day, Monday October 10, 2016. There are no delays in trash collections.

## **III. LIAISON REPORTS**

Janvrin reported on the 09/27/2016 ZBA meeting held at the Fremont Public Library which started at 7:30 pm. Two issues discussed were the site walk for an application to build a garage in the wetland setback. This variance was approved with the condition that the builder put a crushed stone trench around, so water from the room goes around and not into the wetlands. A second application included an asphalt processing plant on Shirkin Road. This has been continued to their next meeting for research to be done by Town Counsel to see if it is an allowed use and if any wetland issues exist.

Cordes reported on the 09/28/2016 Budget Committee meeting. The entire first hour was with Police Chief Twiss on his proposed budget. A math error was found on the new officer training which adjusted the Selectmen's recommendation. No decisions were made at this time as this was just an informational

session. The Board is recommending two separate articles each for one officer. The Committee will review and give their recommendations.

The Committee also met with Library Trustees and Librarian Eric Abney to go over their budget as well. There has been an increase in circulation and activities at the Library. In general now they are more of a community used building. They are doing some overdue maintenance with in-house personnel to reduce costs instead of hiring a contractor. The Committee made a final recommendation on the Library operating budget. The Bookmobile Warrant Article draft was reviewed. No decisions were made on the Warrant Article.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After review of the minutes of 22 September 2016 Selectmen's meeting a motion was made by Janvrin to approve as written. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

#### **V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS**

6:45 pm Public Input - none

7:00 pm Department Heads – The scheduled appointment with the Town Clerk needs to be rescheduled.

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

1. The wrong page of the 2016 MS 1 form was signed last week. Form has been submitted, but the last page of the form needs to be signed to upload. The Board proceeded to sign this document.

2. Budgets were reviewed by the Board as follows:

4197 Advertising and Regional Association - A motion was made by Janvrin to recommend \$8,251 for this budget. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

4199 Town Report - A motion was made by Barham to recommend the \$2,400 for printing and mailing of the Town Report. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

4240 Building Inspection - Of note, budgeting is for 30 hours per week. Cordes then recommended keeping \$1.00 in the driveway line and safety inspections to keep these lines open in case further needs arise. After calculations a motion to recommend \$37,604 for Building Inspector budget was made by Janvrin. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

Cordes went through the whole budget by line items for updating and to what to calculate what budgets are left for their recommendations. The draft Warrant Articles were briefly discussed.

3. The Selectmen reviewed the Police Department voted budget. There was a math error in the total recommendation made last week. With Board reductions and changes, the final voted number is actually \$514,472. After review of the new sheet provided, a motion was made by Barham to recommend the Police Department operating budget in the amount of \$514,472. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

4. The Board discussed the drought situation, including an updated press release and lawn watering ban as recommended by NH DES. Janvrin stated we may need to draft an ordinance for future reference. Cordes suggested if still in a drought condition next March then start to look at doing this.

5. An electronics vendor has been secured for Bulky Day. Flyers are being prepared for mailing in the next week to 10 days.

6. Print copies of the audit report were distributed for Board member information. They can be returned to the Office if members don't want to keep it.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. After review of the accounts payable manifest \$536,772.86 for the current week dated 30 September 2016 a motion was made by Janvrin to approve. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

2. A motion was made by Barham to approve the Cable Revolving Fund Manifest 2016-014 in the amount of \$322.96 for September payroll reimbursement to the Town's General Fund. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

3. A motion was made by Janvrin to approve the PD OHRV Revolving Fund Manifest 2016-05 for OHRV repairs in the amount of \$155.00. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

4. Cordes then reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence.

Janvrin reported on the municipal law lecture he recently attended, which discussed changes to the auxiliary dwelling statute and sign ordinances. Barham stated that the Planning Board is aware of the recent Supreme Court ruling on signs and are working on a draft of a new Sign Ordinance. The process has to go through a Public Hearing prior to going on the ballot for adoption at Town Meeting.

**VIII. WORKS IN PROGRESS**

1. Currently the Town is in need of alternates interested in joining the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and a Rockingham Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee member representative. There are also Fremont openings on the Lamprey River Advisory Committee. Anyone interested could begin by contacting Heidi Carlson for more information or attend an upcoming meeting.

**IX. NON-PUBLIC SESSION NH RSA 91-A**

With no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Janvrin to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0. The meeting ended at 7:40 pm.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday October 6, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren  
Selectmen's Clerk