

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm in the Fremont Town Hall Main Floor meeting room. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Neal Janvrin, and Roger Barham; Selectmen's Clerk Jeanne Nygren; and FCTV's Bruce White was filming this meeting for broadcast later on FCTV. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**-were read by Selectman Cordes as follows:

1. The Town Clerk Tax Collector's Office has new hours. They are open on Monday from 9:00 am to 12 noon and will have new hours on Wednesday from 3:00 to 7:00 pm ONLY. The office will be open from 7:30 to 10:45 am and again from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.
2. Fremont's Fall Bulky Day will be held on Saturday October 14, 2017 from 8:00 am to 12 noon at the Highway Shed on Danville Road. Volunteers are still needed.
3. The NH DMV will close all of their offices for a software upgrade on Monday, October 9th and Tuesday, October 10th and will temporarily limit some services. **Town Clerks WILL NOT be able to process the State portion of vehicle registrations from Friday, October 6, through Tuesday, October 10.** See postings at Town Buildings and on the homepage of the Town's website.

The Town Clerk's Office will have a change in hours on Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> open from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm; and to make up the hours, they will be open on Wednesday from 1:30 to 7:00 pm.

4. Fremont Trick or Treat will be Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.
5. Reminder notice to those who use Beede Hill Road, Martin Road and North Road that on Columbus Day Weekend, October 6, 7, 8 traffic may be heavy due to Grass Drags activities.

**III. LIAISON REPORTS**

Janvrin reported that the ZBA agenda for September 26, 2017 included a variance to the lot size requirement at 154 Martin Road, Map 6 Lot 21 owned by Brenda and Scott Barthemeny property which was granted.

The minutes of the September 26, 2017 Selectmen's Budget Work Session meeting will be reviewed later. The Board worked with Fire Chief Butler and officers on the availability of volunteers that may impact their budget in the future. The proposed 2018 Highway Department budget was reviewed. No decisions were made.

Barham reported the September 27, 2017 Mill Road Dam informational meeting was held at the Brentwood Community Center. Members of ESRLAC along with UMass Boston put together an informational work session. The history of the dam was given and they then established working groups to cover questions gathered from the September 9<sup>th</sup> community session from residents. This covered some legal issues, the benefit of preservation vs removal, the possible future of the dam, and process for resolving the dam issues. The owner's responsibility, ecological impacts and water supply and quality of water were concerns and the panel of experts received questions for answers and input which will be further addressed and published in the near future.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to table the minutes of the September 21, 2017 meeting to review changes was made by Barham. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2017 work session was made by Janvrin. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

**V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Generator updates - Janvrin hopes to be able to present his final report next week. He is waiting for one vendor to submit a proposal for a smaller generator and one propane company that he will meet with Monday. Cordes requested if a draft is available sooner to email it out.

2. Town Hall basement updates:

- Plastering and framing of the stairway work was done on Monday and Wednesday.

- Electric work was done on Tuesday.

- Plumber was out on Thursday to look at the water line. Due to the age of the line and the retrofit, it needs to be brought up to code and made a 1" line. The cost estimate to do it with all copper piping is \$2,908 and the cost for rigid PVC and glued fittings is \$1,660. Board needs to make a decision on which piping they prefer. The budget could accommodate either format. A motion to recommend and approve \$2908.00 for copper piping was made by Barham. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

- Mark Minasalli provided a tentative estimate for the cost of the flooring updates. The vinyl sheet product the Board chose two weeks ago costs more than the allowance provided in the main entry, and costs more than the carpet placed in the rear hallway. He is working with Carlson on the final details.

3. For Board consideration - Fire Chief asked for a copy of the Town Attorney's letter for review by other officers. The Board had no problem with this. A motion was made by Barham to approve release of two recent letters from Town Counsel regarding FSLA and Fire Department volunteers. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0. If any other issues they will need to schedule another meeting.

4. Copies were circulated of budgets yet to be recommended:

4220 Fire Rescue

4312 Highway

5. Heidi Carlson met with CC Chair Leanne Miner today to review concerns and questions presented during the recent Budget Committee discussion. Miner will like schedule time later in October to meet with the Budget Committee to address some of the questions.

Copies of NH RSA 36-A were provided to Selectmen (and will be provided to the Budget Committee next week) for review, as well as an updating listing of payments into the accounts and funding in some of the different Conservation Funds. These go with account 4610 in budget books.

6. USource is preparing the RFP for electricity. The target due date is October 12, 2017 and pricing will only be good through the afternoon that day (our meeting is in the evening). The Board discussed the possibility of designating one Board member to make a decision, having a conference call, or some other avenue to be able to make a decision while pricing is still valid. If not, the Board will review at that evening's meeting and make a decision in hopes that vendor will honor the price the next morning. The Board recommended Cordes along with Carlson to aid in the decision. As there is a week between the decision, they will discuss with Carlson next week any other concerns.

7. Updates from the Road Agent:

- Butch Porter is starting work with the Highway Department on October 9, 2017 (32 hour per week position).
- He has checked the beaver dam backup on Beede Road at Sunken Cassie and reported it to NH DOT for action. There is currently no water flowing.
- He has put together a list of the plow contracts and Carlson is working on putting them together for each of the vendors.
- Working on Warrant Articles and is planning to see the Board again next Thursday night and the Budget Committee the following Wednesday (October 11).

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. A motion to approve the accounts payable manifest of \$61,627.37 for week end dated September 29, 2017 was made by Janvrin. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

2. A motion to sign a manifest for a replacement payroll check (lost in the mail) for Tom Ryan in the amount of \$210.25 was made by Janvrin. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0. Net zero expense, just replacing a lost check.

3. The Board reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence.

4. The Road Agent asked the Board to approve a proposal for paving repair work for Poplin Drive at Beede Hill Road. This was discussed on Tuesday with other paving patch work, but the number for the section on Poplin was not received until today. Janvrin moved to approve, based on the Road Agent's recommendation, the patch paving work as outlined in two estimates from Petra Paving, which totaled \$19,685.00. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

Janvrin then moved for Chairman of the Board to sign on their behalf on both contracts. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

5. An email response has been received from Bob Kelly in follow-up to the Board's recent letter. Casey and Heidi are working on a reply to the email, to clarify the record. Copies were provided to the Selectmen.

6. Complaints were received today relative to the increase in traffic on Shirkin Road due to the Seacoast United Soccer field and event expansion. Apparently Epping has approved additional parking lots and additional building and services which are continuing to cause traffic and congestion on the paved section of Shirkin Road (as well as deterioration of our roads). Speed and truck load complaints were passed on the Police Department.

7. Chief Twiss dropped off a copy at the office earlier today of the proposed Police Department longevity plan (approved in the 2017 operating budget). For a better understanding and some more information, the Board wants to meet with Chief Twiss. Janvrin wants provisions for other employees to be considered not just police personnel.

8. Carlson is working on hiring an alternative candidate for maintenance work (cemeteries, special events, voting setup, etc.) and the new (used) highway truck has been registered.

**Approved 10/05/2017**

**VIII. WORKS IN PROGRESS**

1. The Public Budget Hearing will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evening January 10, 2018. The Town's Deliberative Session is set for Monday February 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Ellis School; with a snow date of Wednesday February 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday October 5, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.

At 7:34 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Janvrin. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren  
Selectmen's Clerk