

Approved 06/18/2026

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at the Fremont Town Hall Basement Meeting Room. Present were Select Board members Gene Cordes, Roger Barham and Jon Benson; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting is live broadcast by Bill Millios from FCTV and livestreamed on Vimeo.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Upcoming EVENTS:

Ellis School Graduation is being held this evening. Some of our FCTV Team is there taping it.

Results of the Special School District meeting vote are posted on the website and Town buildings. The Article was voted down 578-287.

The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 3-5 pm tomorrow afternoon for Candidate Declaration only, for the NH Primary scheduled on Tuesday September 8, 2026.

Saturday June 20 – A daylong 250th Celebration beginning with a parade at 10 am that kicks off from the ballfields on Main Street, followed by historical presentations, music, sale of historic Fremont memorabilia and more!

Saturday June 27 – Library Spring Cookout from 11 am to 1 pm at the Fremont Public Library. Everyone is invited and we'd love to have you all here to help us build community spirit. The theme is Happy Birthday America!

Wednesday July 1 – First issue property tax bills are due. The Collector will be open from 8 am to 2 pm.

Friday July 3 - All Town Offices are closed for Independence Day. There are NO DELAYS in trash and recycling pickup during that week.

The Land Use Office will be closed for the next four Thursdays due to some schedule conflicts. You can leave an email for Leanne or leave a message, and see the Select Board's Office for any immediate needs. She will be in the office on Tuesdays and will be available for evening meetings, returning messages when she is able to.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

The NH DRA has sent postcards to a random sampling of properties for the next stage of revaluation compliance follow-up. DRA sent yellow postcards to residents notifying them if they were chosen in the sampling, which entails a DRA representative arriving at their property for an exterior inspection (measurement and listing information confirmation). This is legitimate and part of the process whereby DRA checks the information collected and used for assessing records. Anyone with questions can contact Heidi Carlson at the Town Office.

06/03/2026 Planning Board: The meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will be Wednesday June 17th. The Grassdrag Site Plan Review and Griffith hearings will be held that evening.

The Conservation Commission held their Climate Vulnerability workshop on Monday at the Library, along with a brief meeting. They will hold a special meeting next Monday to discuss the Jockey Cap Stables Variance & Special Exception applications.

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06/09/2026 Safety Committee: Met at the Fremont Public Library for quarterly review. No substantial follow-up is needed and the next meeting will be held on September 15th at the Library.

The first of the 250th Celebration commemorative events was held last night. It was warm in the Meetinghouse, but the event was excellent and well attended! Join us for the next one on Saturday June 20th beginning with a parade at 10 am.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Benson moved to approve the Board's Meeting Minutes of 04 June 2026 as written. Barham seconded and the vote was approved 3-0.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS - times scheduled to change based on the flow of the meeting

6:45 pm Public Input - none

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board members reviewed the budget report from last week and had no additional questions. There was general discussion about 2027 budget planning. Some topics of need included the Meetinghouse concerns (paint, windows, exterior); the Town Hall retaining wall and some of the other maintenance needs. There was discussion about the items facing the Town, and Cordes noted that the School District is looking at two labor contracts next year. As with the Town, they are trying to keep ahead of the market to retain the staff we have now. The goal is to have Department budget requests back to the Board by early August.

2. The Board reviewed a draft of previously discussed Site Plan comments relative to the NHSA Grassdrag amendment application. Some additional markups were done and it will be finalized for the Board to initial at the end of the meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Cordes read aloud the items on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Cemetery Deed for Lot 20 in the New section B at Leavitt Cemetery to Al Ashley

Barham moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Benson seconded and the vote was approved 3-0.

2. The Board reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence to include: flyer for a fundraiser for Fremont resident and Nottingham PD Detective Joe Lister, who is recovering from his injuries in the Raymond standoff on Easter weekend; Notice from the Bow Planning Board for a June 18 meeting at 7 pm for a communications tower on South Bow Road in Bow NH; Letter from Nottingham Chief Woodman regarding Sergeant Barbosa's actions on April 4.

VIII. WORKS IN PROGRESS

The annual Dog Warrant is being prepared and will be ready for Board signature next week. Anyone who has not yet licensed their dog for 2026 has a few more days before the additional civil forfeiture penalty will apply. Please get this done if you have not already.

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Our office is still working on follow-up from the DRA audit. Several letters went out this week to get additional information for the Current Use files on some of the older or subdivided lots.

Fire Chief Richard Butler came in to the meeting at 7 pm. He circulated copies of the Department's monthly reporting statistics. There was some discussion about the lockbox that is being looked at for Black Rocks Village. The packet of information included the Officer's Meeting of May 26, Department Meeting of June 1. Cordes noted that there was no detail within the context of the list of events from these meetings, but not any discussion about who was doing the follow-up on each item.

It was noted that someone signed up for every EMS shift in May (at least one person). Some of the other volume reports were not yet available, and it has been difficult to gather some of the data.

There has been no feedback from Raymond Ambulance relative to the ambulance donation, and the call volume has not yet been received either.

Carlson noted that she had followed up with Town Counsel on a possible ambulance contract with another community and has the Sandown contract draft document (for use in our possible future arrangements). The Chief also has this contract. This may be used as a model for a future inter-municipal contract.

At 7:15 pm Barham moved to enter non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A 3 II (e) to discuss a legal contract negotiation. Benson seconded and the roll call vote was approved 3-0: Cordes – yes; Benson – yes; Barham – yes.

At 7:45 pm Barham moved to return to public session. Benson seconded and the roll call vote was approved 3-0: Cordes – yes; Benson – yes; Barham – yes.

The Board discussed the Highway Supervisor job description and how to handle Leon's retirement Next spring. They discussed how to plan a budget for the Highway Department and what that might include for a supervisor's position. Kathy Braun is working on a job description and she will be asked to have a sample ready for the next Board meeting.

The Board is tuned in to the critical necessity of managing all of the budgets. It was noted now that the annual expenditure of paving is nearly completed, that there is no extra funding remaining within the Highway Department budget and management of the final half of the year is crucial.

Benson inquired about what the Board thought about posting on the Fremont Facebook community page and there was discussion about what that entailed.

The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday June 18, 2026.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Benson and seconded by Barham to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. The vote was approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator

Minutes of Non-Public Session

In: 7:15 pm

Present: Select Board members Gene Cordes, Roger Barham, Jon Benson, Fire Chief Richard Butler, and TA Heidi Carlson

Butler discussed some more information about a potential ambulance arrangement with another community. There is still more to be discussed and learned about the process. The Town's attorney had been consulted and the Sandown/Hampstead contract was obtained to use as a potential model. There was still question about the Town's obligation about providing ambulance service. Additional research will be done into the statute and also posed to Town Counsel about this obligation.

The Sandown/Hampstead contract was signed by both towns and both fire chiefs, and Counsel advised that a Town Meeting vote is not necessary for the contract. There was discussion about having it on the Warrant to allow for committing to a longer-term contract.

Carlson sent an email to the Town's Counsel this evening asking about the provision of ambulance service.

Chief Butler left at 7:35 pm.

There was brief discussion about Department personnel concerns this week.

Out: 7:45 pm