

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2019 AT TOWN HALL**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Brewer, Jeff Blodgett and Eric Meth via telephone

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank

The meeting was called to order at 4:06pm.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the proposed 2019 Tax Rate given by the NH Department of Revenue Administration.

The Board discussed the possibilities of using a portion of the Fund Balance to help offset the tax rate. They looked at several different dollar amounts that could be used, and their different effects on the rate.

After a brief discussion, it was decided to use \$150,000 of the Town's Fund Balance to help offset the tax rate. By using the fund balance, it would drop the proposed rate from \$19.50 to \$18.98. This would only be a \$.06 cent increase in the tax rate. Town Administrator Burbank noted that the tax rate would not be final, until the NH Department of Revenue Administration approves it. We should have the new rate within a couple of days.

The Board next discussed the Bickford Hill Bridge Project. After a brief discussion, Jill Brewer made a motion to give Holly Burbank permission to sign on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and enter into the contract with Austin Construction, and also to be allowed to make minor changes as the project progresses.

The motion was seconded by Jeff Blodgett. All were in favor.

With no further business or discussion, the meeting was called to order at 4:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Burbank
Town Administrator