

TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S BUDGET REVIEW
DECEMBER 4, 2019 AT TOWN HALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Brewer, Eric Meth, Jeff Blodgett.

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Tim Blake, Chief Mac Cashin, Dawn Steele, Karen Foss, Mary Grote.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.

Town Administrator Burbank provided the corrected PSNH Settlement Agreement to the Selectmen, which they signed.

Before starting the Budget Review, Town Administrator Burbank reminded the Board that there are 53 pay weeks in 2020 and the additional week is included in the 2020 proposed budget's wages. All payroll figures in the department budgets are based on a 2% COLA increase that was agreed upon in a previous meeting. The Health Insurance figures are based on the town's current model.

BUDGET REVIEW:

Transfer Station - Tim Blake, Transfer Station Supervisor, presented his budget to the Board of Selectmen. He noted that the changes in his budget are mainly due to increased shipping costs. Town Administrator Burbank said the C&D Plastic line item of \$12,000 will likely be overspent this year and is requested to increase to \$15,000 for 2020. The Solid Waste Hauling fees are coming in under budget so Holly feels that item can safely be reduced. The Solid Waste Tipping Fee line is overspent and requested to increase from \$23,750 to \$33,000 for 2020.

Police Department Budget: Chief Cashin presented the proposed Police Department budget to the Board. He is requesting the addition of a full-time patrolman to the department and included those figures in his proposed budget. The addition of the officer and a proposed increase in the hours of Jamie Allaire, Administrative Secretary to the Police Dept., would increase Total Wages by 17.99%. Materials and Supplies have a proposed increase of 8.27%. All other items in the Police Dept. Budget have proposed reductions. The total increase for the Police Department Budget is 14.86%.

There was a brief discussion about future meetings, after which the Board agreed that they did not need to meet with Fire Department, Forest Fire or Life Squad as there are no proposed changes to their budgets. Town Clerk/Tax Collector is also not required to review her budget with the Selectmen this year due to minimal changes.

The Board entered non-public session at 5:12pm pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II(a).

The Board left non-public session at 6:10pm.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary