

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S BUDGET WORKSHOP  
DECEMBER 5, 2018 AT TOWN HALL**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Kim Cowles.

**Note: The original agenda for this meeting was not followed exactly due to a power outage creating the necessity for a shortened meeting.**

**The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm.**

**Insurance Stipend:** Following up on a discussion from the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, Town Administrator Burbank advised the Board that she had learned that most towns provide a \$5000.00 stipend to employees that decline the town's insurance option.

Town Administrator Burbank then let the Board know that she had received information from HEB Engineers about the Bickford Hill Bridge. HEB suggested that doing some repairs to make the bridge secure may be the best option for the next twelve years as the bridge is on the NH Bridge Aid Program list for 2030.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to expend \$7200 from the Bridge Construction Fund for professional engineering services by HEB Engineering. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Town Administrator Burbank then let the Board know that as money has been spent out of capital reserve funds over the past year, those funds would need to be requested from the Trustees of the Trust Fund soon so the Trustees can have checks processed before the end of the month.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to expend \$7387.87 from the Northern Pass Defense Fund. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Chairman Brewer made a motion to expend \$4720 from the Rural Water Supply Fund. Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Chairman Brewer made a motion to expend \$200 from the Bridge Construction Fund. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Chairman Brewer made a motion to expend \$367.20 from the Highway Improvement Fund. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Chairman Brewer made a motion to expend \$84,622.92 from the Lafayette Recreation Fund. Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Town Administrator Burbank noted that there may be a small amount of additional Lafayette Recreation expenses in coming weeks that have not yet settled.

Kim Cowles then reviewed the 2019 Proposed Budget for Recreation with the Board. The Board briefly discussed several line items.

Town Administrator Burbank mentioned to the Board that each departmental budget would show an increase due to the addition of NH Retirement, which the Board will make the final decision on later.

There was then a brief discussion to schedule the Tri-Town Budget Review. January 14<sup>th</sup> was selected as the meeting date.

The next budget review is December 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at Town Hall.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan  
Administrative Secretary