

TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S BUDGET WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 19, 2018 AT TOWN HALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank, Town Administrator; Carol Wills, Town Clerk; Scott Leslie, Public Works Director.

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

Budget Review:

Town Clerk Budget: Carol Wills, Town Clerk presented her budget to the Board of Selectmen. She noted that she has asked for an increase to the office equipment line, as the State of New Hampshire will no longer be servicing the Lexmark Printers and Towns will now be responsible for any costs associated with them. Carol also noted that the computer support line was reduced to zero, as the 2019 invoice was paid in 2018.

Tax Collector Budget: Carol Wills, Tax Collector next presented the proposed 2019 budget for Tax Collector. There were no significant changes.

After a brief discussion, the Board thanked Carol for all she does and for presenting her budgets.

Highway Department Budget: Scott Leslie, Public Works Director presented his budget. He noted that the only changes to his budget this year is the increase in salaries, and an additional \$500 to the Roadside Mowing line.

The Board briefly spoke to Scott regarding the purchase of new highway vehicle being proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Buildings & Grounds Budget: Scott next presented the Buildings & Grounds budget to the Board of Selectmen.

The Board reviewed the heating fuel line with Scott. Scott noted that our heating fuel and propane rates increased on average \$1.00 per gallon. This was an unexpected increase causing that line to be overspent in 2018. With that being said, and after a brief discussion, the Board agreed to increase that line item to \$27,000.

Scott also noted that due to an increase in the fees for fire alarm inspections, that line has been increased by \$550. There has also been some furnace maintenance issues at the highway garage, so it was suggested to increase that line item by \$800.

The Board thanked Scott for presenting his budgets, and thanked him and his crew for all of their hard work and dedication over the past year.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly A. Burbank
Town Administrator

