Town of Francestown Board of Selectmen & Budget Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting Thursday, December 6, 2018

Members Present: Chairman Brad Howell, Abigail Arnold, and Henry Kunhardt, BAC Chairman Charlie Pyle, Judi Miller, and John Thaulhauser Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, Alana Samuelson, Chief Fred Douglas, Kevin Pobst, Fire Chief Larry Kullgren, and Celeste Lunetta

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 5:32

Police Department

Professional development has a 400% increase due to the hiring a new Police Chief who will require training. Telephone has an increase due to the extra lines that were needed with the renovation of the PD building. Chief Douglas raised the question of getting a second electronic speed sign since the first has met with strong public approval and has been successful in slowing down traffic.

Recreation

Rec Director Alana Samuelson is attempting to bring back programs such as Tennis. Baseball is now done through Cal Ripken so fees are not paid out or collected by the Town. Ms. Samuelson is looking into grants to get the tennis courts resurfaced. Mr. Thaulhauser suggested the Rec Dept explore grants for other programs.

Fire Department

The Fire Department wishes to join the NH State Fireman's Association which provides certain benefits to disabled and fallen firefighters resulting in a 75% increase in Dues. Maintenance is up as well as propane and heat. The biggest change is the proposed 2019 stipends which reflects an increase of \$23,100.

Mr. Pike reviewed for the committee, all budget sections that were under the purview of the Board of Selectmen or were not being represented during these meetings. There was some discussion about having a stipend for the Health Officer.

Being no further business, Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Kim Dalley

Approved 1/21/19