

**Town of Franeestown**  
**Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 5, 2019**

Selectmen Present: Abigail Arnold and Henry Kunhardt

Budget Advisory Committee Members Present: Chairman Charlie Pyle, Stewart Brock, Judi Miller, Thom Anderson and John Thalhauser

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Chief Michael Dowd, Officer Fred Douglas, Chief Larry Kullgren, Dep. Chief David Hanlon, Captain Celeste Lunetta, and Jason St. Cyr

Ms. Arnold called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Chief Dowd was present to speak about the Police Department's 2020 budget proposal. There were no major changes proposed for 2020. Chief Dowd explained that he will be attending a class at the Roger Williams University again in April 2020 as he did this previous spring. Chief Dowd was asked about his experience with the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) whom had requested a \$1,000 appropriation for the upcoming year. Chief Dowd explained that the CAC has provided services to children in Franeestown and the Police Department worked with them on several cases. Chief Dowd also expressed his deep involvement with the CAC at his previous department.

Chief Kullgren was present to discuss the 2020 budget for the Fire Department. There were two new initiatives in the proposed budget. First, the department will be outsourcing the testing of hoses in the coming year. This project will cost between \$3k and \$3.5k and will help with the Town's ISO rating. The second initiative is the implementation of a stipend plan. This plan has been studied over the past year, and maintains the department's volunteer status. The cost of the stipend plan is \$19,500 based on the current roster. This is an increase of \$10,000 over the current officer stipend plan. Chief Kullgren also reviewed the most recent pump tests on the Department's apparatus. Three of the four pumps failed, two requiring minor maintenance to repair. The final pump will need to be completely rebuilt. This rebuild will likely cost in excess of \$15,000. As soon as a quote is received, a separate warrant article will be submitted for this work.

Mr. Pike reviewed the remainder of the departments. Line 4194-91 was reduced to \$2,600 by moving the Fire Departments pest treatment to quarterly vs monthly.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(d) at 7:16pm. Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to exit the non-public session at 7:37pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to seal the minutes of the non-public session as divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye.  
**Motion passes.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved 01.13.2020

Jamie A Pike