Town of Francestown

Select Board &
Budget and Advisory Committee
Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Minutes of Meeting

Select Board Members Present: Chairman Scot D Heath, George Ravalico and Charles M Pyle, III

Budget Committee Members Present: Chairman Stewart Brock, Cindy St. Jean, Brad Bull, Marsha Dixon and Thomas P Anderson Jr.

Others Present: Town Admin. Jamie A Pike

Chairman Heath called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

Mr. Pike noted that the Transfer Station is historically very tightly budgeted and payroll continuously goes over budget. Mr. Pike requested a further increase of \$3,300 for payroll bringing it to \$55,000. All agreed.

The Boards engaged in a discussion about modifying the funding of the Capital Reserves and increased the amount of fund balance used by \$50,000 to a total of \$157,000.

The Boards commenced to provide tally vote recommendations on each article.

Article 2 – Operation Budget - \$2,168,698 – 5.78% increase over 2023

The Select Board and Budget & Advisory Committee unanimously recommend this article 8-0.

Article 3 – Capital Reserve Funding - \$443,500 (\$153,500 UFB, \$290,000 taxation)

The Select Board and Budget & Advisory Committee unanimously recommend this article 8-0.

Article 4 – Cemetery Maint Trust Funding - \$3,500 (UFB)

The Select Board and Budget & Advisory Committee unanimously recommend this article 8-0.

Article 5 – Adoption of Community Power (RSA 53-E)

The Select Board unanimously recommends this article 3-0.

Article 6 – Purchase and outfit 1-ton Highway Truck - \$120,000 (CRF)

The Select Board and Budget & Advisory Committee unanimously recommend this article 8-0.

Article 7 – Statistical Revaluation - \$38,000 (CRF)

The Select Board and Budget & Advisory Committee unanimously recommend this article 8-0.

Article 8 – Tennis Court Refurbishment - \$30,000 (\$10K Donation, \$20K CRF)

The Select Board and Budget & Advisory Committee unanimously recommend this article 8-0.

Article 9 – Storage Sheds for Cemetery and Recreation - \$30,000 (\$15K ETF, \$15K CRF)

The Select Board and Budget & Advisory Committee unanimously recommend this article 8-0.

Article 10 – Town Facilities Projects - \$14,000 (CRF)

The Select Board and Budget & Advisory Committee unanimously recommend this article 8-0.

Article 11 – Preliminary Road Engineering - \$15,000 (CRF)

The Select Board and Budget & Advisory Committee unanimously recommend this article 8-0.

Article 12 - Police Cruiser Replacement - \$60,000 (CRF)

The Select Board and Budget & Advisory Committee unanimously recommend this article 8-0.

Article 13 – Appointment of Public Asst. Admin

The Select Board unanimously recommends this article 3-0.

Article 14 - Class A Trail Classification - Driscoll Hill Road

The Select Board unanimously recommends this article 3-0.

Total estimated tax rate impact – 1.51%

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie A Pike, CPM
Town Administrator

Approved 02.05.2024