

Francestown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2011

The meeting being properly posted, and McAuley, Hardwick and S. Carbee present constituting a quorum, McAuley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Present: See attached list.

The Board met with the BAC to review the proposed budget and warrant articles. McAuley clarified that the intent of this meeting was to go over the proposed budget numbers and for the BOS/BAC to recommend or not recommend warrant articles. McAuley advised that the Board would not take any public comment until after if time allows.

It was noted that the budget is very tight and does not allow for any major incidents. McAuley pointed out that the boiler at the PD is old and in need of repair at some point. They also discussed the uncertainty of heating fuel costs, which also has a direct effect on Town assistance. It was the consensus to add \$5000 to legal, \$5000 to welfare and to decrease the amount to go into the Capital Reserve Account entitled future replacement or purchase of equipment to \$170,000.

The Board discussed future concerns they the Town will need to address in the next few years such as infrastructure, staffing in the Town Office, Police Department and Highway Department.

There was a discussion to have employees contribute to 20% to the cost of health insurance with an offset in compensation the first year. The Board would need to relook at options next, but employee would be responsible for 20% regardless. Maureen Von rosenvinge stated that she is willing to work with the Board again this year to look at what other options are available.

Warrant Articles-

Article 5 – The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The majority of the BAC does not.

Article 6 – The Selectmen and the BAC recommend this appropriation.

Article 7 – The Selectmen and the BAC recommend this appropriation.

Article 8 – The Selectmen and a majority of the BAC recommend this appropriation.

Article 9 - The Selectmen and the BAC recommend this appropriation.

Article 10 – The Selectmen and a majority of the BAC recommend this appropriation.

Article 11 - The Selectmen and the BAC recommend this appropriation.

Article 12 - The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The majority of the BAC does not.

Article 14 – The Selectmen and a majority of the BAC recommend this appropriation.

Article 15 - The Selectmen and a majority of the BAC recommend this appropriation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller