

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Ed Rainville, Andy Godin and Lisa Larivee

Guests: none

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Agenda amendments: no changes to agenda

Public comments: no public comments

Budget preparation/review: The board reviewed the budget for FY16.

Highway budget:

Equipment fund was cut to \$10,000 to be set aside for future truck purchase.

Equipment rental cut to \$5,000

Gas & fuel dropped to \$22,000 as the cost of fuel has decreased.

Gravel cut to \$30,000; discussion on use of blue rock vs. gravel and the state's recommendations. Need to review with Howard, road foreman

Chloride: increased by \$5,000 (1 load) need to review with Howard, road foreman.

Blacktopping: increased to \$125,000 to complete a larger project.

Shop & Tools decreased to \$10,500 due to heating fuel price drop

Health Insurance: increase of 9% to premiums

Salaries: the board discussed highway crew work and performance. Ed Rainville/Yvon Dandurand made a motion that due to the health insurance increase of 9% and the uniforms cost increase this will be the raise in benefit compensation for the highway crew. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Howard cost is \$1164.56; Ron cost is \$1130.60.

General budget:

Ambulance Service: the annual contract cost of \$39,340 will be offset by \$9196; funds from Franklin Rescue Service.

Haston Library: \$41,780 level funded as close as possible

Building Maintenance: \$2500 office for window painting and pillar; \$4500 for town hall roof, foundation, drainage.

Sheriff: at \$5500 for the 12 months

Salaries: listers and auditors will go to the minimum for 2015 of \$9.15

Ed Rainville/Brooks Sturtevant made a motion to give a 2% increase to Town Clerk/Treasurer and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Discussed the letter received from the Highgate Selectboard requesting \$4,000 in support of the Highgate Arena. This will be warned as a separate article for voter approval.

Brooks Sturtevant/Ed Rainville made the motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
December 30, 2014

These minutes are not official until approved at the Selectboard's next regular meeting.
Minutes were approved at the January 14, 2015 meeting.