

# **MINUTES** *approved minutes*

**Board of Selectmen Meeting:** January 29, 2020, 8:30AM

**Present:** Frank Emig, Jim Jennison, Lori Landry, Jim Fenn, Gordon and Betty Gowan, Brenda Melius, Conan Cook

LL described the proposed FMRSD budget to be voted on March 10. Although the total district budget shows a 1.5% increase the Acworth tax rate shows a decrease of \$1.16. The overall district increase is due to increases in support staff and teacher contracts, retirement funding, health insurance and a new transportation contract. The Acworth decrease is due to an increase in State Adequacy funding. JF reviewed figures showing the Acworth portions of district costs and populations.

GG noted Townspeople need information about the Charlestown withdrawal effort and its costs. In Article 11 of the March 10 School District ballot voters will be asked whether they support the withdrawal. JF noted all will see increases if the vote is yes. If the vote is split the State Board of Education could grant Charlestown a second voting opportunity in the form of a special town meeting in district towns.

FE noted there will be an information session about the withdrawal at the February 17 Selectmen's meeting which will be held at 7PM in the Town Hall.

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:30AM; Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt.