

**FRANKLIN JOINT BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**February 3, 2014**

**Attendees:** Town Administrator Jeff Nutting, School Superintendent Maureen Sabolinksi, Town Council members Tom Mercer, Andy Bissanti, Peter Padula and Brett Feldman. Finance Committee Chair Susan Dewsnap, School Committee member Kevin O'Malley. School Finance Director Miriam Goodman, and Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow.

**Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2014**

**FY 14 Capital-** Jeff has finalized the capital budget and will get copies to the Town Council and the School Committee and scheduled meetings. The capital budget will include all the "normal requests" and will need to wait until spring to make decisions.

**5 Year Fiscal** plan has been updated.

The Town Administrator said the fiscal forecast shows that FY 15 and 16 should be ok but in FY 17 revenues will not keep pace with anticipated expenses. The difficulty in the future is that we have made cuts in staff and insurance programs, etc. It will come down to a dramatic reduction in services or request more funds from the tax payers.

Maureen stated that the news about negotiations doesn't get out there. There are significant give-backs from all units on both the School and Town side such as longevity, lane changes, minimal raises, increased staff contributions to insurance.

Peter asked Maureen about keeping good teachers that are leaving after 2 or 3 years. Maureen discussed that it is more about new teachers getting nervous that they may lose their jobs. You also don't want to lose your leadership. Pay is lower than other districts that are better staffed.

FY 15 Budget revenues are up about \$2.5 million and the School will be allocated about \$1.6 million. Two-Thirds of the budget is School.

Our insurance rates are low and staff has agreed to changes to keep the premium low. But co-pays have increased significantly.

**Davis Thayer-** The Town Administrator shared the report from the architects. The space at Davis Thayer is still needed but need to schedule public meetings for the Davis Thayer parents.

**Modulars-** are still needed. 85 students have classes in there. Need to determine an agenda to have removed since we will have a "new downtown" and the aesthetics of the modulars is an issue.

**Breakfast program** -Miriam mentioned the breakfast program at the Davis Thayer, Parmenter, Horace Mann and Franklin High School.

The budget hearings for the Finance Committee will be on March 11 or 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Meetings Adjourned at 7:45pm.**