

## Franklin Finance Committee Minutes

March 26, 2014

Council Chambers

Present: Susan Dewsnap, Linda Huempfner, Pat Fleming, Bill Dowd, Tim Smith, George Conley, Paul Aparo, Mike DuFour, Chris Quinn

Absent: None

### Discussion, motion, agenda items

Meeting is being recorded. Noting a quorum present, Susan Dewsnap called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

No citizens comments.

### Budget Hearings

1. Town Clerk – Level service budget
2. Elections – Increase over FY '14 to account for 2 FY '15 elections
3. Historical Commission – Level service budget
4. School – Increases contractually obligated and for professional development training (+2.3% from FY '14). ~50% of the schools budget is supplied by the state. Spending 20% less per student than state avg.
5. Information Technology – ~15% decrease from FY '14 due to lower consulting services related to the new high school
6. Council on Aging – Increases in staff hours to address the growth in elderly population. Funding provided through budget and from grants
7. Tri-County – Formula based expense
8. Norfolk Aggie – Formula based expense

### Items for Action:

School Department Capital Budget Requests:

1. \$157K for K-5 math textbooks that aligns with MA frameworks Common Core. Expected 5+ years shelf life
2. \$54K to redeploy 54 interactive whiteboard projectors (removed from FHS and install throughout the town)
3. \$31K to replace 19 'point of sale' lunch payment/tracking software
4. \$60K to replace 30 9-year old PC's in the Keller and Sullivan computer labs

Old Business: None

New Business: None