

Fincom min.

5/4/2015

Committee: Dowd, Huempher, Smith, Conley, Bertone, Fleming, Dewsnap (7:15)

Administration: Dacey, Nutting, Gagner

Call to order by acting Chairman Smith 7:04PM

Citizen Comments - none

Approval of minutes – none

Budget Presentations:

1) Schools

- Request is 56,950,000, 2.43% increase over FY2015
- Personnel up by a net 4
 - 5 elementary teachers
 - +1 FHS
 - +4 Middle schools
 - +3 Math Specialists
 - +1 English Language instructor
- Elementary enrollment levels are reaching a plateau, while secondary levels are increasing
- Per Pupil spending is approx.. 3k below state average (11k compare to MA average of 14k)
- Tri County assessment is down 45k (2.1%). They are working on a capital plan.
- Norfolk Aggie estimated based on projected Franklin student enrollment

2) Recreation

- Self supporting (revenue is included in General Fund local receipts)
- Programs support about 8,000 citizens
- No firm date on the move to new building, may have to suspend some activities during the transition
- Joint programs with Medway are working well and are well received

3) Police

- Enough funds are in budget to include a Deputy Chief. Promotion from within the ranks of Lieutenants, no net increase in head count in FY2016
- About 2% increase over FY2015 budget
- Additions to force are backfills due to attrition, no change to department overall head count
- There was some discussion on improving diversity in the Department, but this is challenging due to low turnover.

4) Town Council may vote to eliminate meters later in the year

Comptroller Susan Gagner introduced her new assistant, Linda Darling

Old Business – none

New Business

- 1) Council scheduled to vote on Capital Budget Wednesday, 5/6.
- 2) TA will provide FinCom with OPEB review and analysis at one of our fall meetings. Consultants are scheduled to update the Town's projected need this spring / summer.

Adjourned at 7:50PM

Minutes Submitted by Bill Dowd 5/6/2015