

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGENDA ITEM VII**



CITY OF FRANKLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

*November 4, 2013 City Council Meeting*

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**Subject: Other Business**

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**A. Committee Reports**

**B. City Manager's Update**



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**Date:** October 29, 2013  
**From:** Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager  
**Subject:** **Manager's Update**

**Contingency Grant Line Activity:** The City received the following in the contingent grant line this month:

\$50 from Ms. Veysey for book club  
\$250 from Tennis Foundation  
\$75 in drug dog donations  
\$190 Merrimack County grant

**Franklin Mayor's Drug Task force update-**

The task force has been busy this month...members participated in the Lights on After School Program on Oct 23, the Drug take Back Day on Oct 26, the Odell Park after Dark event also on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. The task force also brought a representative to Franklin to discuss the Dover Youth to Youth program and how we can incorporate some of their ideas for youth empowerment at both the Middle and High school.

**Franklin Targeteers Club:** The Targeteers have proposed maintenance work to the shooting range property. The group would like to cut approximately 25 trees on each of the ranges (the main range and shot gun range). This will be a selective cut to improve the area. They would also like to bring in gravel to expand the parking area in addition to filling and grading the access road to the main range. Chief Goldstein and Director Sullivan have reviewed the proposed improvements and are supportive.

- If there are no objections from the council I will have the Targeteers club fill out the required intent to cut form and give them approval to move forward.

**Tax Rate Setting:** The city wide revaluation work is complete and we are currently awaiting submission and approval of the required school forms to set a tax rate. The overall value for the city has dropped approximately 9% and as a result-- the tax rate is expected to increase by \$2.40 (of which only .18 is due to increase in the various budgets and \$2.22 is from the drop in values).

**Recent Drug arrests:**

Undercover details sponsored by the Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force resulted in drug arrests. At the end of September, while working in plain clothes during a surveillance detail, members of the Franklin Police Department pulled a vehicle over on South Main Street. The driver was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled drug with intent to sell. While searching the vehicle, police found additional unmarked prescription bottles containing individual baggies of marijuana and prescription medicine. According to police, the medication found is believed to be Oxycodone Hydrochloride. In addition, police found a shopping bag containing around a

quarter-pound of marijuana. A couple weeks later, on October 18<sup>th</sup>, during another motor vehicle stop on Central Street residents of Bow Street were arrested when the police discovered a large amount of money and drugs in the car. Kudos to the Franklin Police Department for a job well done!