

**LANESBOROUGH FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OCTOBER 6, 2015**

Attendees: Al Terranova, Stephen Wentworth, Chris Galib, Ron Tinkham, Ray Jones
Also Attending: Paul Sieloff, Town Administrator

Meeting called to order: 6:01 pm

Public Comment: None forthcoming.

Motions:

Approval of Minutes for July 13, 2015: Motion to accept moved by Mr. Tinkham, motion seconded by Mr. Terranova. All in favor.

Discussion Topics:

- **Town Accountant:** Mr. Sieloff invited a member of the Finance Committee to attend the interview for the new Town Accountant. The Committee will select a volunteer.
- **School Choice:** The Chairman noted that the job of the Finance Committee is to prepare a Town budget and manage the reserve fund and does not have the ability to make a decision either for or against school choice, that is the job of the School Committee. Presentations were made by Mr. Wentworth and Mr. Tinkham, discussion followed.
- **Mt. Greylock Building Update:** Ms. Galib reported that the School Committee is trying to get the best value for each dollar and have made modifications throughout the school to save money. Currently non-reimbursable construction costs are being looked at to lower costs that the MSBA will not be covering.
- **Budget report:**
 - **Annual Budget Memorandum:** Mr. Sieloff reported that the budget memorandum is being sent to the different departments.
 - **Road Repairs:** Mr. Sieloff wants repair the roads that are ranked below 5, he is working with the highway department to achieve this. This year Bailey Road and Potter Mountain Road were repaired.
 - **Wired West Project:** Getting Internet to Lanesborough is a priority project, because Verizon is at full capacity and opening no new accounts. Mr. Sieloff would like to be in the first phase to get the Wired West System built in Lanesborough.
 - **Filming the Finance Committee** during the budget process. Mr. Sieloff would like the Committee to consider being filmed for the sake of transparency. Mr. Terranova would like to discuss. He will have filming put on the agenda for the next Selectman's Meeting, October 26th.
- **MGSC Concerns:** Mr. Tinkham prepared a list of items from the MGSC Agreement that he wanted to discuss in more detail. After sharing his concerns he requested that the Committee frame a letter on these issues to the Selectmen. A motion was put forward to send the list of the MGSC items but it did not pass. Mr. Terranova asked Mr. Sieloff to arrange a meeting between the Finance Committee and the Selectmen to discuss various school related issues. Mr. Sieloff will speak to Chairman Goerlach.
- **Regional Agreement** to be voted on for presentation to the Town by November 20th. Mr. Sieloff wants this project to pass by Spring but it must be the best deal for the Towns fiscally, as well as academically. Representatives of the Mt. Greylock School Committee were in attendance to clarify the Regional Agreement for the Committee as needed.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Terranova at 8:30pm. All in favor.