

LANESBOROUGH FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 20, 2010

Members Present: W. Stevens, A. Terranova, R. Brower, A. Flynn, B. Johnson

Selectmen Present: J. Goerlach, W. Prendegast, J. Szczepaniak

Others Present: Ron Tinkham

Senior Work Off Program:

The latest revision of the rules of the Senior Work Off Program has authorized expenditures of up to \$20,000 per year. It is felt by the Finance Committee that with the financial pressures of this and the near future, this amount should be lowered, and more controls instilled into the program. For FY-2009 there were 21 individuals, with an annual expense in of \$14,445.00. The selectmen suggested that they may wish to impose a moratorium on any new positions, but would take the discussion under advisory.

Police Department:

There were questions regarding the number of vehicles in use by the Police Department, as well as personnel. Ron Tinkham advised that the Mall was providing one-half the expense of a new SUV at about \$18,000 for next year. As regards personnel, the selectmen mentioned that they were against additional personnel, but were over-ridden at the Town Meeting by the voters. Joe Szczepaniak that perhaps a study of other municipalities similar to Lanesborough and their police size and budgets would help in understanding the comments.

Other Items:

LES: There may be some additional staffing required this year at LES due to new SPED students.

Town Manager: Al Terranova suggested that the town should have a Town Manager form of Government to better control some of these ambiguities.

Budget: Bill Prendegast stated that he was disappointed that the Finance Committee made some Reserve Fund Transfers last year to accounts to which he felt could have been covered within their own budgets, i.e. Lanesborough School and the Police Department.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM

Respectively Submitted,

William V. Stevens, Chairman