

LANESBOROUGH FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2010

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

FY-2011 Budget: Publications from Massachusetts Taxpayers Association are predicting further cuts in State Aid to municipalities, as well as loss of Federal Stimulus Funds, which will make it more difficult to balance a budget for FY-2011.

Reserve Fund Transfer: Request to transfer \$2,592.00 to the Veteran's Benefits Account to fund the required January Payments. A. Terranova moved to transfer \$2,592.00 from Reserve Fund to the Veteran's Benefits, seconded by R. Brower, voted in approval 5-0.

General Discussion:

1. Police Department. A question was raised as to the reasons and justification for the number of officers and vehicles in the police department, as well as who is ultimately responsible to determine the extent of staffing in the Police Department. It was felt that this should also be discussed with the Selectmen
2. Senior Work Off Program: It is felt that there are too many positions in the Senior Work Off Program, and it is costing the town \$15,000 per year extra to fund them. It also seems that there is little oversight as to what jobs are assigned and who determines what are available. It was decided to discuss this with the Selectmen.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be with the Selectmen at their monthly mid-week meeting. The time and date will be announced and posted. The next regular monthly meeting will be on February 1, 2010 at 7:00 in the Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectively submitted,

William V. Stevens, Chairman