

LANESBOROUGH FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2011

Members Present: Brian Johnson, Bill Stevens, Al Terranova

Member Absent: Mike Murphy

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM
2. Budget Request Forms:
 - a. There were no comments regarding the suggested wording on the note to be attached to the budget requests for FY-2013. If there are no comments during the week of November 7, the wording as suggested will be used.
 - b. Council on Aging:
 - c. Is there a way in which we can make the expense of the Senior Work-off Program be more transparent? For example can it be shown as a line item expense and then the revenue considered from the Overlay? It is felt that the voters should know the cost to the town for this benefit.
 - d. Are the senior transportation wages paid as a salary regardless of the hours actually driving, or based on hours driving the van?
 - e. Library: The Reserve Fund transfer of \$180 needs to be added to the amount voted at town meeting to total the amount approved for FY-2012.
 - f. There are questions regarding the American Legion regarding who actually owns the building, and what extent of expenses is the Town liable?
 - g. Al Terranova would like to see overall Revenue and Expenses for all items in department budgets, i.e. Grant Income, Outside income from donations, bake sales, etc., as well as ALL expenses listed to provide a picture of what each program actually costs to run.
 - h. Committee members should review the proposed Budget Forms as distributed during the meeting and comment to Bill Stevens this week. Bill will schedule to have the forms and covering letter given to Paul Boudreau on Monday, November 14.
3. Finance Committee Membership:
 - a. It was the consensus of the Members Present that we should recommend Gregory Wolfe to the selectmen to be appointed to the Finance Committee. Brian Johnson will notify the Selectmen.
4. Committee members should review the budget line items, and make a list of which groups and committees they would like to schedule meeting with to discuss the budgets for FY-2013. Brian Johnson will review these recommendations and begin to establish a meeting schedule.
5. Al Terranova reported that during his meeting with the Lanesborough Firemen's Association that they expressed an interest in meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss some ideas that they have.

6. Brian Johnson appointed Bill Stevens to be the Finance Committee representative on the Town Budget Review Committee.
7. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectively submitted,

William V. Stevens, Secretary