

LANESBOROUGH FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2010

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Budget Requests:

Fire Department:

Expenses:	\$75,000	4 % Increase
Emergency Management:	\$2,000	Level Funded
Officers Expenses:	\$7,725	3 % Increase
Oil Burners Salaries	\$684	9.6 % Increase
Forest Warden Salaries:	\$1,238	Level Funded

Council on Aging:

Directors Salary:	\$27,589.12	77.7 % Increase
Expenses:	\$1,700	Level Funded
Senior Transportation:		
Salaries:	\$23,141	3 % Increase
Expenses:	\$9,200	Level Funded

Library:

Salaries:	\$24,179.25	3 % Increase
Expenses:	\$9,158.00	11.4 % Increase

Highway Department:

Salaries:	N/A	Under negotiations
Roads, Maint.	\$120,350	3 % Increase
Winter Roads	\$82,000	2.5 % Increase
All Town Mowing	\$12,500	4.2 % Increase
New Small Truck	\$35,000	New

Recreation Committee:

Recreation	\$26,543	21.5 % Decrease
Director's Salaries	\$3,000	15.4 % Increase
Park Maintenance	\$8,000	60% Increase

Police Department:

Salaries	\$369,494	4.7% Increase
Expenses	\$79,650	3.4 % Increase

Town Accountant:

Salary	\$38,242	Level Funded
Expenses	\$8,650	Level Funded

Treasurer:		
Salary	\$37,440	Level Funded
Expenses	\$22,600	Level Funded
Collector Salary	\$17,160	9.5 % Decrease
Tax Title Expense:	\$5,000	Level Funded
Veteran's Agent:		
Salary	\$1,082	Level Funded
Expenses	\$800	Level Funded
Veterans Benefits	\$6,000	Level Funded
Retirement of Debt:		
Town Hall	\$16,700	Level Funded
Trucks	\$46,279	9.8 % Decrease
Spring Property	\$22,500	Level Funded
Highway Truck	\$25,495	Level Funded
School Project	\$475,000	Level Funded
Long Term Interest:		
Spring Property	\$7,167	13.4 % Decrease
Town Hall	\$9,332	10.0 % Decrease
Trucks	\$1,200	76.0 % Decrease
School Project	\$180,400	11.5 % Decrease
Highway Truck	\$2,000	46.0 % Decrease
Short Term Interest:	\$2,500	Level Funded
Berkshire County Retirement:	\$244,630	Level Funded
Police Cruiser (Article)	\$18,500	Half of cost /split with BHRD
BHRD Transfer	\$228,430	Pass-Through

#### Budget Calculations:

W. Stevens provided committee members with the latest copy of the Budget Summary and Line Item Budget. It was noted that the column labeled "estimated FY-2011" would be changed to reflect the "level funded budget" with only those un-controlled increases listed. A copy of the excel file will be sent to the members following the changes.

The Budget Summary, using the requested funds, was presented , and indicated that with the budget requests, health and general insurance numbers, the shortfall will be about \$180,000 (with a 5% cut from the State). Level funding from the State will decrease the shortfall by about \$100,000.

The next meeting will be on the mid-month Wednesday meeting with the selectmen (date TBA), followed by the regular monthly meeting on March 1. Members will be advised of the meeting date and time. It is planned to meet with various departments over the next three to four meetings. Ruth Brower will make contacts for these.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

W. Stevens, Chairman