

LANESBOROUGH FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2012

Members Present: Brian Johnson, Bill Stevens, Al Terranova, Mike Murphy

Member Absent: Gregory Wolf

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Johnson
2. Discussion with Recreation Committee: (Bill Koziara, John Wellspeak, Doreen Voller, Steve Mussina, Rick Paris, Perri Petricca, Tim Sorrell, Richard Astle)
 - a. The Recreation Committee has submitted a budget requesting \$29,720 which is \$8,177 higher than the Fy-2012 appropriation. There are extra expenses for Football Helmet repair and replacement, and some new teams added in different sports. There was discussion regarding the number of teams, and the expense of umpires, referees, etc. which are needed for each game. It was also stated by many directors that they have always tried to make do with the equipment as long as possible, i.e. re-use baseballs if possible (use old game balls for practice), mend the soccer nets instead of purchasing new. It was apparent to the Finance Committee that the sports directors are all very committed to their programs and are trying to do their best to provide quality facilities and equipment to the kids in Lanesborough.
 - b. There were some team schedules made available to illustrate the level of commitment and complexity of the activities.
 - c. The Recreation Committee has a web site with a significant amount of information, and they will try to get a link to the site put on the Lanesborough Town web site.
3. Meeting with Selectmen (8:30 PM)
 - a. There will be a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday April 3 with two articles, one for Wired West and the second to vote on changes to the Zoning By Laws.
 - b. The general status of the Budget was reviewed by Bill Stevens. The numbers for the Health Insurance need to be finalized, and the Vocational Education numbers should be available by mid-April. There was discussion about possible cuts in the budgets for the Police and Highway Department as suggested by Bob Barton, and Al Terranova reiterated his opinion regarding reducing the Senior Transportation account .
 - c. It is planned to have further discussions with the Selectmen and Finance Committee regarding the budget.
4. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectively Submitted,

William V. Stevens, Secretary