

LANESBORO FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 5, 2007

Members Present: William Stevens, Ruth Brower, Al Terranova  
Guest Present: Charlie Durfee, Fire Chief

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

**2. Fire Department:**

- Charlie Durfee reported that he checked with the State Fire Marshall, and it is against the Mass General Laws to charge the local business establishments for the Fire Safety Inspections. After some discussion it was decided to submit a budget of \$12,500 for the Inspection Salaries. Also, since some are reimbursed, and there are a number of Fire Department personnel who actually do the inspections, it was decided to change the name of Line Item 36 to " Fire Inspections" (Ruth moved motion, Al seconded, and voted in favor 3-0). Charlie said that they will continue to submit vouchers for the inspections, at a rate of \$15 per inspection, and if they use up the \$12,500 they will do the remainder as required at no cost to the town.

**3. Reserve Account Transfer:**

- A request to transfer \$2,500 to Line Item 21, Board of Registrar's Expenses was moved by Al Terranova, Seconded by Ruth Brower and voted in favor 3-0.

**4. Lanesborough School Committee:**

- Ruth Brower reported on the Lanesborough School Committee:
- The Finance Committee is invited to attend the committee meeting on February 20 at 3:30 in the Lanesborough School Library
- The committee is planning a 3 year contract with New Ashford for Tuition at an increased rate (about \$6,185), to increase income to Lanesborough by about \$60 - \$70,000, without losing students to Hancock.
- Voc-Ed has 2 students going to Taconic and 22 to McCann
- There has been a loss of school choice students
- The School Committee has agreed to limit the budget request increase to Lanesborough to 2% over FY-07.

**5. General:**

- There was discussion about the Recreation Committee revolving account. It is felt that some of the monies in that account should go toward new equipment, but it

seems from those budgets submitted to the town that the Recreation Committee is expecting those expenses to come from the town and use the revolving account for picnics, etc.

- It was therefore agreed that the Chairman would request a statement from the various committees having revolving accounts to provide an itemized financial statement of income and expenses for said revolving accounts to the Finance Committee.
6. Next meeting scheduled for March 19 at 3:30 PM.
  7. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectively submitted,

Ruth Brower, Secretary