

LANESBOROUGH FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2012

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

- Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Chairman Johnson
- **Library Budget:** Kathy Adams, Librarian
 - Kathy presented the budget request which reflected a 3% increase in salaries and 3% increase in Expenses. She noted that the minimum amount for her budget required to qualify for State Aid was \$32,317, and her request was for \$32,823.
- **Recreation Committee Budget:**
 - Brian Johnson received the budget request from the Recreation Committee during the previous week, and provided copies to committee members. He noted that once he contacted Timmy Sorel, he was more successful in getting the budgets submitted. There were comments and questions which arose from a cursive review of the submission. Brian Johnson asked that all committee members review the budget request, send any questions or items needing clarification to him, and he will send to the committee for review to prepare them for a meeting with the Committee.
- **Meeting with Selectmen:** John Goerlach, Bill Prendegast, Bob Barton, and Joe Kellogg
 - The Committee re-convened in the selectmen's office at 7:45 PM
 - Joe Kellogg, the interim Town Administrator was introduced to committee members.
 - Bill Stevens reviewed the budget status:
 - Health Insurance: The present policy will increase 6.84% or increase about \$76,630, while the GIC option would save about \$62,000 based on the cost and the payback on the savings. Joe Kellogg provided a summary sheet in which the projected net savings would be \$75,482. He suggested that we level fund the Health Insurance line items until the final agreement is reached.
 - Vocational Education: It is hoped that we will have the projected costs for Voc Ed by the end of the month.
 - The Free Cash account was discussed with various options for use.
 - John Goerlach stated that we should add a line item in the budget for Flags and fund at \$1,000.
 - It was agreed by the Selectmen that we should list the salaries of town employees at level funding at his time.
 - Bob Barton suggested that we should be taking a "hard look" at some department budgets to see if there are possible savings available.
 - Brian advised the Selectmen that we finally received a budget request from the Recreation Committee last week.

- Bob Barton suggested that we have people assigned to work with them and the departments to find cost savings, and the following were assigned:
 - Capital Expense and Debt Service: Bob Barton and Bruce Durwin
 - Health Insurance: Joe Kellogg
 - Lanesborough Elementary School: Bob Barton
 - MGRHS: Joe Kellogg and Bill Stevens
 - Vocational Education: Brain Johnson
 - Police Department: Mike Murphy
 - Highway Department: Bob Barton
 - Town Hall: Selectmen
 - BHRD: John Goerlach
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectively submitted,

William Stevens, Secretary