

LANESBORO FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2007

Members Present: W.Stevens, R.Brower, A.Terranova, R.Pollock
Also Present: Gae Elfenbein, R.Walsh, P.Boudreau

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM
2. Paul Boudreau advised that the Winter Roads and Sanding budget is likely to over-run the budget, but not by a significant amount.
3. Warrant Article 6 will need to be revised as the cost estimate for the Boiler Replacement has increased by about \$5,000. Ruth Brower moved to recommend the article at the new rate, Al Terranova seconded, voted 4-0.
4. W. Stevens asked if it would be prudent to reduce the Berkshire Retirement line item by \$20,000 to accommodate the payment by the Baker Hill Road District. Paul Boudreau advised that it could easily be done.
5. Proposed Article 21 is a repeat of the article passed in the town meeting last year for the retirees benefits. The request was passed by the Legislature and never voted in the Senate. It was stated that to be "safe" it should be voted by the town again. After some discussion it was decided not to present this article at the town meeting, but that the Selectmen would write a letter to Senator Downing urging continuance.
6. Paul Boudreau reviewed the most recent Cherry Sheet numbers and it is now estimated that the recommended budget will be \$79,000 below the levy limit.
7. A general discussion was held on the Senior Citizen van costs. Al Terranova questioned the line item of \$9,000 for volunteer salaries on the ambulance. We should not use the term "volunteers" and they pay them a salary. The same situation is evident in the Recreational Budget for their "volunteers"
8. It was stated that there are two men leaving the Police Department, and he will need to send a new man to the Academy at a cost of about \$6,000. The officer must pay the town back the Academy expenses if he were to leave prior to three years in office, based on 33% per year of service.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectively submitted,

W.Stevens, Chairman