

LANESBOROUGH FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 5, 2010

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

Guests: Charlie Durgee, Jeff Duchaine, Lanesboro Fire Department

Debra Decelles, Win Newton, Ellen Rosier, Peter Gallant, Charis Keeler, COA

Ron Tinkham, MGRHS School Committee

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Lanesborough Fire Department:

Discussed expenses in general with some discussion regarding computer repair and the high volume of battery usage in equipment.

Officers expenses will be charged back to salaries, the town cannot give a 1099 form and a W-2 form to the same person, i.e. Charlie Durfee who is a town highway employee.

Inspections will be paid on a per inspection basis, but still get a W-2 from the town, and that line item was level funded at \$10,400.

Expenses were submitted at a level fund level of \$70,200, salaries level at \$7,500

Council on Aging:

The emphasis from the COA was that Debra Decelles should be given the additional hours requested to allow for additional programs to be administrated. Peter Gallant suggested that if the total hours could not be granted this year, perhaps a third this year, a third next, etc. would be acceptable.

Win Newton expressed the concern that all other departments get the funding they wish but the town seniors get nothing.

The difficulty in making the budget this year was emphasized, which would make it difficult for the committee to recommend any increases in salaries or expenses.

Recreation Committee:

Al Terranova questioned if the Recreation had the authority to hire town employees without any formal process of posting, etc. He also suggested that the Committee should have yearly inventories of equipment to better control expenses. It was stated by Jeff and Bill that that was a good suggestion.

The Park Maintenance account has been requested at more than last year primarily due to the work needed to repair the basketball court on Bridge Street and for work needed on the Town Beach.

It was also stated that the Selectmen had agreed that the town would pick up the electricity costs for Laston Field. They will put in into the Town Hall Expense account.

The increase in Directors Salaries is due to the addition of another Director at \$400.

MGRHS:

Ron Tinkham advised the committee that the Regional School Committee meetings were available for streaming on the website www.willinet.org.

Reserve Fund Transfer:

Request received for \$1,210 for Veteran's Benefits. Motion moved by Al Terranova to transfer the \$1,210 from Reserve Fund, Seconded by Ruth Brower, voted in favor 4-0

Next Meeting: Scheduled for April 12, 2010 at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM

Respectively submitted,

William V. Stevens, Chairman