

## Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

11/18/2015

Meeting called to order at 1832hrs. Present were Joe Goss(Chair), Julie Rosiak (V.Chair), Lynne Parker, Rick Morgan, Jonathan Smith, Marie McConarty, Tom Kondrat and Kathleen Maloney.

Minutes from the previous meeting on 11/12/2015 were approved unanimously.

The following budgets were discussed and voted upon:

Appalachian Mtn. Teen Project: Beth Clay Presented: Stated that they have room to serve 4 students from Carrol County. Currently serving one from Ossipee and are in the process of enrolling a second. Requested level funding of \$1200. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Caregivers of Southern Carrol County: Phil Wasmuth presented. Stated it is 100% volunteer. Spent a total of \$4950 on Ossipee residents to provide transportation services. Level funding of \$2500. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Central NH VNA and Hospice: Liz Tessa presented. Stated 2362 visits were provided to Ossipee residents. Total of 187 patients. Rick Morgan questioned pediatric care services. Liz stated they are now bundled in the young family support category due to a funding change. Level funding of \$14000. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Kingswood Youth Center: Jean Clark presented. Serves students in grades 7-12. Served 36 Ossipee students in the previous year. Currently serving 21. Lynne Parker asked about transportation service. Jean stated it is provided by the GWRSD buses. Level funding of \$4000. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Life bridge: Rick Morgan stated that they did not request funding this year but would like to keep the future open for funding. No vote needed.

Northern Human services: Eve Clark presented. Served a 178 Ossipee residents for mental health services at a cost of \$109,285. Also provides substance abuse services. Joe Goss asked about drug treatment for kids. Eve stated it is an across the board problem (all ages). Requested level funding of \$4425. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Ossipee Historical Society: Kellie Skehan presented. Money will be used for heating oil, electric and telephone services. Tom Kondrat asked about shutting down the building in the winter to save on heating costs. Kellie stated she will ask at Dec 2 meeting. Requested level funding of \$4000. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Ossipee Revitalization Group: Director Gail Montgomery presented. Spent about \$30k on the gazebo project which the town allocated \$9500 during 2015 budget. The rest was raised through donations and fundraisers. Still need to finish the electric and paving stones. Ralph Wooster spoke from the public and

stated that the "Main Street Program" is a national program which consists of a public/private partnership. Without public money it cannot take part in the program. Rick Morgan stated the budget does not reflect a need for \$9500. Marie McConarty asked if they researched local builders for the gazebo project? Gail stated that the Amish did the project. Tom Kondrat noted some accounting problems in the way the budget is presented. Gail stated that is why they need new software. Julie Rosiak asked about the projected clients served. How do the numbers get estimated? Gail stated it is a best guess. Julie also noted the postage line item of \$250 does not reflect the expenditures of \$68. Why the difference? Gail stated that is for a PO box. Julie noted accounting discrepancies as to how items are recorded. Gail stated that is why we need new software. Julie asked as to what the money would be used for. Gail stated the general fund unless you restrict it. Tom Kondrat asked if they have 501c3 status. Gail said yes. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen reduce the funding to \$5000 with a 2-0 vote. Budget Committee passed the budget of \$5000 with a reduction in funding of \$4500. One no vote by Lynne Parker.

Starting Point: Melissa Couture presented. Provide domestic violence and sexual assault services. They have a 10 bed shelter and currently have 11 victims. Served 36 Ossipee residents in the previous year. Projected to serve 45. Tom Kondrat asked about funding going down with a projected victim increase. Melissa stated that a formula is used based on the number of victims per town plus a per town rate of \$750. Requested reduced funding in the amount of \$372. Total budget of \$2254. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Tri-County Community action: Lisa Hinckley presented. Provides fuel/utility assistance to households in need based on an income formula. Gets limited federal dollars for the program. Ossipee residents used a total benefit of \$427,597.51. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

White Mtn. Comm. Health Center: Patricia McMurray presented. Served 169 Ossipee residents with health and dental care at low or no cost. Requested level funding of \$4033 which is the same as 2014. 2015 did not need funding since there was an increase in Medicaid reimbursement. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Open discussion on the budgets reviewed.

Rick Morgan stated at the present time it appears the tax rate will increase \$.33 per thousand. Much better than anticipated due to a loss of property values of around 10%.

Meeting adjourned at 2030hrs. Next meeting will be on 11/19/2015 at 1830hrs at the Freight House.

Jonathan Smith

Recording Clerk