

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

11/19/2015

Meeting called to order at 1830hrs. Present were Joe Goss (Chairman), Lynne Parker, Kathleen Maloney, Jonathan Smith, Rick Morgan and Marie McConarty. Not present were Julie Rosiak and Tom Kondrat.

Minutes from the previous meeting on 11/18/2015 were approved unanimously.

The following budgets were discussed and voted upon:

End 68 Hours of Hunger: Carol Simpson presented. There was an error in the submission of \$3k for the budget. It should have been \$5k. \$31k was spent on Ossipee children for the year. This provides them with a take home bag of food for the weekend. Consists of 3 dinners, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches plus snacks at a cost \$12. The need is determined by a social worker. A motion was made to table a vote until Dec 2 which would allow the Selectmen to revisit the budget. All accepted the motion to table.

Freedom Food Pantry: Doris Sirois presented. 45% of families they serve come from Ossipee. Donations to the pantry are way down so all assistance is appreciated. Requested level funding of \$8000. Rick Morgan stated Selectman approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Life Ministries Food Pantry: Stanley Anderson presented. They have been serving the community for 30 years with an all-volunteer staff. 27% of people served are from Ossipee. Their goal is 3 days of food per person at 3 meals per day. Requested a funding increase of \$1000 to a budget total of \$6k. . Rick Morgan stated Selectman approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Medication Bridge: No one present to represent the organization, however the budget was discussed and all felt the \$353 requested was a small sum for the services provided. . Rick Morgan stated Selectman approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Ossipee Children's Fund: Jane Podsen presented. They have served for 25 years with an all-volunteer staff with 98% of money used for the children.. They provide monetary awards so children can participate in sports, dance, childcare and a host of other enrichment programs. One third of children served are from Ossipee (245). Requested an increase of \$1000 to a total budget of \$20k. Marie McConarty asked if there was a limit on age. Jane stated 18. Rick Morgan stated Selectman approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Ossipee Concerned Citizens: Donna Sargent presented. They provide food service to seniors. They deliver to other towns and bill at a cost of \$1.50 per meal. They charge the seniors by donation only. Joe Goss asked Rick Morgan if the town can help with the water and sewer bill. Rick Morgan stated not yet. Requested level funding of \$20k. . Rick Morgan stated Selectman approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

O.C.C. Daycare: Donna Sargent presented. They provide low or no cost daycare to working families. They also feed the children who have not had a meal. Full day kindergarten in Ossipee Central School has hurt

enrollment. Total of 80 children served. Marie McConarty asked if they are open over school vacations. Donna stated they are if there is a need. They also have staff on standby. Requested level funding of \$7000. Rick Morgan stated Selectman approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

School's Out: Jen Berkowitz presented. In service for 12 years. Provides after school programs for Ossipee children. Serves about 50 students per day. Provides a daily snack in addition to the programs. It is difficult for them to apply for grants since they are not a 501c3. They operate under the GWRSD and receive in kind monetary service of about \$90k (bldg. ,heat, buses). That affects their IRS status. Requested level funding of \$20k. Rick Morgan stated Selectman approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Tri-County Cap Blue Loon Bus: No one present to represent. They provide transportation services to all in need. Seniors get priority. Rick Morgan stated Selectman approved 2-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Open discussion on town finance and future plans within the town.

Meeting adjourned at 1930hrs. Next meeting on Dec 2 at 1830 hrs at the Freight House.

Jonathan Smith

Recording clerk