

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1830 hrs. Present were Joe Goss (Chairman), Julie Rosiak (V.Chair), Donna Gridley, Marie McConarty, Kathleen Maloney, Lynne Parker, Jonathan Smith, Ellen White(Town Admin.) and Frank Riley (Selectmen Rep). There is no representative for the West Ossipee Fire Pct.

Previous meeting minutes from Nov. 16 were reviewed and a correction was needed on budget line #8 page 2. Minutes were corrected and a motion was made to approve the corrected minutes and it passed.

The following budgets were reviewed:

1) School's Out program: Jen Berkowitz presented. Serving 14 years in the school. Request an increase of \$5,000.00 to a total budget of \$25,000.00. The program is now serving 20 additional students per day. Total students engaged in the program per day are 70. This equates to 68% of Ossipee school students participating. The program was recently reviewed by an outside agency and received an exemplary rating in all categories. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$25,000.00 (+25%). Budget was approved unanimously.

2) White Mountain Community Health Center: Patricia McMurry presented. Request a reduction in funding. Serving 16 years in the community. Provides low cost or no cost healthcare services on a sliding fee scale. 163 Ossipee residents were served last year. Added on an adult dental hygienist which was badly needed. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$3,779.00 (-6.30%). Budget was approved unanimously.

3) Starting Point: Raetha Stoddard presented. Request an increased budget to \$2,596.00. Provides services for Domestic and Sexual violence. 11% of clients are Ossipee residents (total 39). They have a shelter which is always at full capacity. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$2,596.00(+15.17%). Budget was approved unanimously.

4) Freedom Food Pantry: Doris Sirois presented. Request a level funded budget. A total of 1265 residents of Ossipee were served last year. . A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$8,000.00. Budget was approved unanimously.

5) Tri-County Community Action: Lisa Hinckley presented. Request a level funded budget. Provides heating oil and electric subsidies to low income residents of Ossipee. A total of 390 residents were served last year. Verification of eligibility is done through the state office in Berlin, NH. . A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$12,000.00. Budget was approved unanimously.

6) Tri-County Cap Blue Loon Bus service: Lisa Hinckley presented. Request an increased budget to \$3,500.00 (+16.67%). Provides affordable transportation to residents of Carroll County. Served 93 Ossipee residents last year. Flex routes are \$2.00 each way. Door to Door service is \$3.00 each way or \$5.00 each way out of town. Seniors over 60 is a suggested donation. There was concern by many on the committee that the bus service was not being used efficiently. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$3,000.00. Budget was approved unanimously.

7) Ossipee Revitalization Group Inc: Pat Jones presented. Request an increase of \$4,000.00 to a total budget \$9,000.00. There was concern by many on the committee regarding the book keeping inaccuracies. There was additional concern as to how the new funds requested would be used. Joe instructed the group to correct their book keeping and return to the committee when everything is in order. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$5,000.00. Budget was approved unanimously.

8) Appalachian Mountain Teen Project: Jeanne Clarke presented. This is an enrichment program to connect kids to the outdoors, value community service and to build relationships. Request a level funded budget. 3 to 5 Ossipee teens are projected to be directly served this coming year with many indirectly. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$1,200.00. Budget was approved unanimously.

9) Ossipee Historical Society: Kellie Skehan presented. Request a level funded budget of \$4,000.00. Many on the committee expressed the importance of preserving the history of Ossipee and the value it adds to the town. Julie recommended that the Historical Society connect with the 4th grade class at Ossipee Central School for a history project. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$4,000.00. Budget was approved unanimously.

10) Tyler Blain House: Ellen White presented the mission of the organization. The shelter is located in Littleton, NH which has served several Ossipee residents that were homeless. This is a great saving to the town and money well spent. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$400.00. Budget was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2016 hrs.

Jonathan Smith

Recording Clerk