

**OSSIPEE BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2017**

Minutes recorded by and transcribed by Laura Nash, Budget Committee Recording Secretary, amendments are noted by ***bold/italic*** type.

Call to Order: Chairman, Joe Goss called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Attendance by Roll Call: – Joe Goss-Chairman, Jonathan Smith, Steve Mosier, Donna Gridley, Marie McConarty, Lynn Parker, Louise Sutherland, and Rick Morgan-Selectmen's Rep.

Absent: Kathleen Maloney, and Ellen White, Town Administrator.

Meeting Minutes: N/A

New Business:

2018 Proposed Budget Reviews:

Freedom Food Pantry: The 2018 proposed budget is \$8,000.00

Doris Sirois presented the proposed budget of \$8,000.00 which is level funded from last year. The non-profit organization who provides purchased food to serve Ossipee residents who participate in the Freedom Food Pantry. (Board of Selectmen recommended).

Discussion: Gridley asked of how they serve are youth's verses senior citizens. D. Sirois replied about 70% are seniors.

A **Motion** by M. McConarty to approve the 2018 proposed budget of \$8,000.00 for Freedom Food Pantry. L. Parker seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Northern Human Services: The 2018 proposed budget is \$4,425.00

Edith Watson presented the proposed budget of \$4,425.00 which is level funded from last year. The funds partially offset the cost of providing outpatient mental health services on a sliding fee scale to uninsured town residents. Services provided include home visits to the elderly, persons with severe and persistent mental illness, and children and families. Plus 24/7, Emergency services staffed by master's level mental health professionals and backed-up by a psychiatrist. (Board of Selectmen recommended). No discussion.

A **Motion** by L. Sutherland to approve the 2018 proposed budget of \$4,425.00 for Northern Human Services. S. Mosier seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Ossipee Historical Society: The 2018 proposed budget is \$4,000.00.

Rick Morgan c/o Kellie Skehan presented the proposed budget of \$4,000.00 which is level funded from last year. (Board of Selectmen recommended). No discussion.

A **Motion** by M. McConarty to approve the 2018 proposed budget of \$4,000.00 for Ossipee Historical Society. D. Gridley seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Schools Out!: The 2018 proposed budget is \$25,000.00

Jen Berkowitz presented the proposed budget of \$25,000.00 which is level funded from last year. The School's Out Program at Ossipee Central School offers daily afterschool activities for Ossipee students since 2003. The afterschool program includes a daily snack, homework clubs, a wide variety of enrichment clubs and daily late bus transportation to local "drop-offs sites" throughout Ossipee. Ms. Berkowitz spoke

extensively about the Federal Grant that's up for renewal this year and the hope and uncertainty of it being renewed. (Board of Selectmen recommended).

Discussion: Morgan spoke highly of the program and to start thinking about if, the grant does not get approved, how the funding can continue. Several members spoke highly of the program and volunteers.

A **Motion** by D. Gridley to approve the 2018 proposed budget of \$25,000.00 for Schools Out!. L. Parker seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Starting Point: The 2018 proposed budget is \$3,706.00

Rick Morgan presented the proposed budget of \$3,706.00 which is increase \$1,110.00 from last year. Starting Point is a non-profit agency that provides services for victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence and Stalking in Carroll County. The organization provides crisis services within the community and works closely within the criminal justice system to ensure that the victim's rights are observed. (Board of Selectmen strongly recommend).

A **Motion** by J. Smith to approve the 2018 proposed budget of \$3,706.00 for Starting Point. D. Gridley seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Tri County CAP Inc. - Carroll County Transit: The 2018 proposed budget is \$3,000.00

Lisa Hinckley presented the proposed budget of \$3,000.00 which is level funded from last year. Tri County Transit (Blue Loon Bus Service) provides door to door transportation services to residents of Carroll, Coos and Grafton Counties. Passengers are provided rides to medical appointments, hairdressers, grocery shopping, social events, senior meals, and employment. Services are provided to the elderly, disabled and low income residents who are unable to provide their own means of transportation. (Board of Selectmen recommended).

Discussion ensued about the number of resident's, who do not know this service is available to them.

A **Motion** by M. McConarty to approve the 2018 proposed budget of \$3,000.00 for Tri County CAP Inc. - Carroll County Transit. D. Gridley seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Tri County Community Action: The 2018 proposed budget is \$12,000.00

Lisa Hinckley presented the proposed budget of \$12,000.00 which is level funded from last year. The Energy Assistance Services Program (Fuel Assistance) is designed to subsidize the heating cost for income eligible residents of Carroll, Coos and Grafton County. Ossipee's support of the Energy Assistance Services Program allows the Outreach Office to reach all residents in the need through intake. (Board of Selectmen recommended).

Discussion:

A **Motion** by L. Parker to approve the 2018 proposed budget of \$12,000.00 for Tri County Community Action. L. Sutherland seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Any Other Business Which May Come Before This Meeting

1. A discussion ensued about the need to make resident's aware of the services that are available to them and encouraging them to apply.
2. A discussion ensued over the extent of repairs needed to the Ossipee Concerned Citizen's building.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, November 28, 2017 – Town Hall Meeting on Town Beach – 6:30pm – 7:30pm at the Town Hall.

- Wednesday, November 29, 2017 - Budget Committee Meeting - 6:30pm - 7:30pm at Freight House for 2018 Budget Review Schedule.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** by M. McConarty to adjourn the meeting. L. Sutherland seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Next Meeting: **November 29, 2017 @ 6:30 pm**

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Board on –

Date

Joe Goss, Chairman
Budget Committee