

Budget Committee
October 22, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Chair- Rob Glassett, Joe Caristi, Dave Carr, Scott Sanschagrín, Walter Waring, Les Dion, Janet Cavanagh

Absent:

Eric Rouille, Bob Emerson, John Sellers, Shaun Lagueux, Betsy Schneider, Paul Simard

Others Present:

Non Profits

Call to Order:

Committee Chair Rob Glassett opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

Approval of minutes from October 9, 2018

Rob Glassett asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes. Scott Sanschagrín motioned to approve the minutes of October 9, 2018 as written, seconded by Janet Cavanagh the vote was **7 in favor – 0 opposed – 0 abstained** the motion passed.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence

Old Business:

There was no old business

New Business Not for Profits Presentations:

01-4652-578 – Bridge House - \$2,000.00

We are a full service homeless shelter for Grafton County with a unique commitment to Veteran's & their pets. We have a \$450,000.00 budget. We have 30 units opening in Plymouth at Boulder Point on May 1, 2019. We ask each of the towns to support us with \$2,000.00 that is what we are asking for again this year. We appreciate what Bristol does for us each year. Thank you for your time.

01-4652-577 – CADY - \$2,000.00

Deb Narrow there is an escalation of drug abuse among 12 to 20 yr. olds. We have tragically lost 500+ young people each year for the last several years to substance abuse. 100% of your funds go to the Restorative Justice Program. Chief McIntire and Lt. Woodward of the Police Department have been very supportive of our program and they also went to a meeting with us in Manchester. We have had 207 youth complete the program at a cost of \$1,500.00 each. Grafton County funds CADY at \$40,000.00 per year. We couldn't do this without your support. We have helped 19,600 clients from 13 towns. Joe Caristi said this is a wonderful program.

01-4652-579 – CASA - \$500.00

No one was present for CASA

01-4652-580 – Day Away - \$1,500.00

No one was present for Day Away

01-4652-571 – Grafton County Senior Citizens Council - \$8,500.00

Gail Shaw and Kathleen new executive director we are one of eight centers. The agency is asking for \$8,500.00 this year. Last year we received \$4,250.00. We do home food deliveries five days a week and frozen meals for the weekend use and also transportation. We recently helped the Beach Street fire victims it was a very emotional day. We have 24% of Bristol residents that are 60+ using our services to reduce isolation and to socialize. The request we have made is only 10% of what we need. Our services are essential to the residents. Scott Sanschagrin asked where the center was. It is in the United Church of Christ which is across from the diner. We would like to thank the committee for your time.

01-4652-575 – Lakes Region Mental Health - \$3,000.00

We are asking for the same amount as last year which is \$3,000.00. We are regionally located in Plymouth and Laconia we have been here for 52 years and serve about four thousand people per year. The money we receive from the town is used for emergency care. We are a full service medical facility and have 37 adults at hospitals waiting for care right now. We also respond to Lakes Region Hospital, Franklin Hospital, and Speare Hospital. We have also told Chief McIntire that we can offer training to the officers because of some things that they respond to. Our workforce right now is a challenge because we have 24 openings out of 180 staff members that is a lot of people to be missing.

01-4197-831- Lakes Region Planning Commission - \$3,153.00

No one was present for Lakes Region Planning Commission

01-4415-350-NANA - \$33,400.00

Executive Director Pat said we have been providing services for 59 years and would like to thank you for your past support. We have provided services to 2,488 people with homecare and hospice care from birth to end of life for Bristol residents. NANA does not get paid for its services. All of the insurances such as Medicaid and private pay below cost. Self pays are on a sliding scale according to income. We are asking for \$33,400.00 the same as the last several years. Our costs for Bristol residents in 2014 was \$80,880.00. All of the money is used for the residents. We have free foot clinics for 563 clients in 2018. We also provided free care to 17 people in 2018. We continue to offer free care to those who need our services. Thank you.

01-4197-832-NHMA - \$3,227.00

No one was present for NHMA

01-4197-837 – NRLA - \$4,000.00

Boyd spoke about the environmental watershed saying that they go to each of the towns for budget requests. We are asking for \$4,000.00 which is the same amount as last year. We have 3 things that we fund General Operations, Newfound invasive plants which we have none in the lake, and the Newfound Youth Conservation Corp. We did do some work on the swale at Cummings Beach this year. Alexandria and Bristol do have aquifer protection which protects the watershed for Newfound Lake. Rob Glassett mentioned that 2/3 of the lake is in Bristol. Thank you.

01-4197-836 – Pasquaney Garden Club - \$2,000.00

Jane White president thanked all of the health care people here tonight as she was in health care for 40+ years. We are asking for \$2,000.00 this year which is \$200.00 more than last year. It is all used for the town of Bristol to purchase plants and holders or containers. We also purchase the supplies for the Decorating Committee. The Highway Department is looking to replace the trash receptacles without planters on them because they feel that's why they are all rotting out. They will cost 65.00 each. We also

needed to replace both picnic tables in the Butterfly Garden we already purchased one and need to get one more. The split rail fence that borders the river is a safety issue because 9 posts need to be replaced. The Highway Department has offered to put them in. We want to participate in the bicentennial project. We do have many volunteer hours and they are from Bristol, Alexandria, Danbury and Bridgewater. We would like to thank you for your time tonight.

01-4652-576 – Pemi River Local Advisory Committee - \$300.00

Barry Draper said that they were asking for \$300.00 again this year which is the same as last year. This money is used to have the water tested, equipment, and fees and administrative costs. We have also noticed that the riverbanks are caving in because of the Northern Pass project. They were supposed to leave a buffer so this didn't happen. PRLAC protects NH Rivers. There are 8 towns involved and they all volunteer to give the \$300.00. Walter Waring said that he remembers what the river did to White House's back in the 1960's and also the smell. The river is very clean now and that no longer happens.

01-4652-572 – Red Cross - \$500.00

No one was present for the Red Cross

01-4652-583 – Transport Central - \$610.00

We are an all-volunteer organization we work closely with the Fire Department. The older population keeps expanding. Currently we don't have any volunteers from Bristol. We are asking for \$610.00 this year. We also have a great team of volunteers. We will continue to help seniors. This past year we drove 13,000 miles for Bristol residents. Scott Sanschagrin asked if they had a fleet of vehicles. No we do not. The volunteers use their own vehicles. The residents never pay for our transportation services. We are trying to develop an entire transportation system. Thank you for your time this evening.

01-4652-570 – Tri-County Community Action Program - \$6,880.00

Regan Pride said they service the 3 most northern counties. We are asking for \$6,880.00 which is the same as the last few years. We do have transportation, energy, elders and outreach services located in Ashland. We took care of 111 households for fuel assistance, 93 households for electric assistance and weatherization for 3 homes at a cost of \$10,000.00. We even replace furnaces. The \$6,880.00 is about 4% of the budget. We are also looking to hire people for a weatherization program. Rob Glassett mentioned that the woman that was here last year said your budget was decreasing. Regan explained that it is because of federal allocations for the administrative side is going up because we are serving more clients and we want to make sure that the funds go to the residents for the LIHEAP programs.

01-4652-573- Voices against Violence - \$3,300.00

Meg Kennedy said they have been here since 1982. We are asking for \$3,300.00 which is the same as last year. We helped 647 people this past year 35 of them were from Bristol we work with all of the local hospitals, courts, and school systems for sexual assaults, and domestic violence bullying and violence in homes. We have a 24 hour hot line and cover 18 towns with local law enforcement. We have tried for a grant for many years and finally received it so we will now have an advocate right here in Bristol. Thank you

Rob Glassett asked if there was any other new business and there was not.

Member Comments:

Rob Glassett had one comment and said that the court had approved the Special Town Meeting it will move forward that is great news.

Select Board Comments:

There were no comments

Rob Glassett asked for a motion to adjourn. Janet Cavanagh motioned to close the meeting, seconded by Scott Sanschagrin. The vote was 7 in favor – 0 opposed – 0 abstained and the motion passed.

The meeting ended at 8:25 PM and the next meeting will be November 5, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Vogan, Secretary