

## **Budget Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**10/23/17**

**Present:** Rob Glassett, Chairman, Wayne Anderson - Vice Chairman, Janet Cavanagh, David Carr, Joe Caristi, Ashley Dolloff, Robert Emerson, Bill Cote, John Sellers, Walter Waring, Elizabeth Schneider, JP Morrison, Selectmen's Rep, Don Milbrand - Alternate Select Board Rep, Scott Sanschagrin- late arrival

**Absent:** None

#### **Others Present:**

**Review of Minutes:** John Sellers made a motion to accept the minutes of September 11, 2017, seconded by Wayne Anderson. The Committee voted 10-0-1 extension in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence:** Rob Glassett stated no correspondence.

**Old Business:** John had 30 questions relative to items in the budget; Rob Glassett brought the list to Nik Coates who brought them to Dept. heads. Mr. Glassett has the list back. Janet Cavanagh wanted to clarify that the Select Board approves expenditures, however she feels the Budget Committee should see the questions before they are sent to the Dept. heads. Mr. Glassett explained that they proceeded as the Town Administrator suggested. Ms. Cavanagh feels that the Budget Committee can hash out some of the questions themselves. Mr. Glassett will email the questions/responses to the committee and address questions in the next meeting.

**New Business:** Mr. Glassett asked that presentations be limited to 10 minutes.

**Grafton County Seniors:** Roberta Berner, Executive Director. Roberta Berner informed the Committee that Newfound Area Senior Citizens is the local office of GCSCC. They provide bus transportation, meals to homes, monthly congregate meals, and counseling services. September 30, 2017 was end of fiscal year. Bristol is #8 out of 40 towns served. 181 Bristol residents. Service Link served 40 Bristol residents. Board members are invited to join a delivery route. Mr. Glassett asked if the figure requested is the same as the other communities or if it varies by usage. Ms. Berner explained that it varies by usage.

**Tri-County Cap:** Heidi Wells, Grafton County Office. Last year they provided \$167, 615 in services to residents of Bristol. They are requesting \$6,880 this year. David Carr ask why last year they received \$2,880. Ms. Wells explained that last year they only received a portion of what was requested. Tri-County Caps budget is down from last year, why is budget increased. Ms. Wells expressed gratitude in regards to whatever the town will give them.

**CASA:** no representation

**Garden Club:** no representation

**NANA:** Pat Wentworth and Betty Seeler, Jennifer Rosene, PT. NANA provided 2679 visits to Bristol residents, 2581 home care visits and 98 hospice visits 73.2% revenue is Medicare, which has cut rates 29%. Medicaid is 4.3% of revenue pays below cost. Private Insurance which is 19.7% of revenue pays

below. NANA provided \$39,267.46 in free care to Bristol residents in the past year. Ms. Wentworth emphasized the importance of local deployment.

**Red Cross:** no representation

**Genesis:** Ann Nichols, Kim Bruneau. Ms. Nichols explained that Genesis is our local community mental health center. In fiscal year 2017, 124 Bristol residents received services, 23 of those receiving emergency services. \$14,556.56 in charitable care to Bristol residents. Ages 0-17, 46 served. Ages 18-61, 66 served and 62 and over, 12 served. Down 4 from 2016 (128 total), however for various reasons the cost are more this year by about \$1000. 24 emergency services. Genesis asking for \$3000. Walter Waring asked for clarification of emergency services. Ms. Nichols explained that Genesis serves LRGH, FRH and SMH. When a patient presents for a crisis, they are treated and cleared by hospital staff and Genesis takes over their care. Ms. Nichols explained that the amount Genesis asks for is calculated by population. Mr. Glassett asked how the funding affects emergency services. Ms. Nichols explained that if it wouldn't affect them, they treat regardless of ability to pay.

**Day Away Program:** Sandra Pohlman, Liz Machetta. Started in 2013 one of 4 programs in the state. Day program for care givers and participants. Held Thursdays 9-3, to give care givers respite time. Only one paid staff member (\$20/hr.). Families asked to pay \$25 a day donation. Held at Holy Trinity Church, no heating or rental costs. Money asked for is based on population. \$1500 asked for from Bristol. Currently there are two Bristol residents participating.

**Homeland Cemetery:** Greg Bradley, Treasurer of Bristol Cemetery Association, Lisa Gilpatrick, President. Asking for \$7500 to go towards mowing and spring clean-up. Mowing is \$1200 per mow, contracted for 6 mows per season. Mr. Carr asked about the investment earnings. New York Life account closed and rolled over to Morgan Stanley account. Interest earned is re-invested. Account is about \$250,000. Cost is about \$14,000 to run cemetery yearly. Elizabeth Schneider asked if any other towns were asked for funds. Mr. Bradley said they are not. The Walkers grow corn on the land, however no money is received from them. Plot sales and burials are sources of revenues. Mr. Bradley will get figures in regards to revenue from last year. JP Morrison suggested charging outside towns more for sites.

**Newfound Area Lake Region Association:** Andrew Smith. This association takes care of watershed, 2 ½ staff members. Asking for same amount as last year (\$4000) mostly for youth workers, as well as partnership with Bristol Highway Department and for general operations. Education programs, events, and river monitoring.

**Pemi Bridge House:** Cathy Bentwood. Every town in Grafton County is asked to donate \$2000. Last year served 107 people inside the shelter, 72 outside the shelter. 6 were from Bristol. Value is estimated at \$35 a day, towns that don't contribute are billed \$25 a day. They are striving to be not government funded.

**Voices Against Violence:** Meg Kennedy Dugan. Local crisis center for Domestic sexual violence, stalking, human trafficking. Bristol is second largest user of services. What they ask for is based on usage, last year they served 835 individuals, 55 from Bristol about 135 service hours. Run a confidential shelter, 24 hours a day, it is usually full of women and children. Provide food and clothing, basic necessities. Money for them to continue to eat. Looking to get a security system. There is a 24 hour hotline.

**CADY:** no representation

**Pemi River LAC:** Max Stamp. Asking for \$300. They have 10 members. Eight towns are served by the committee and all eight towns contributed to the budget in 2017. PRLAC does water testing on the Pemi River and tributaries and Northern Pass is another big project.

**Transport Central:** no representation

**Select Board Comments:**

**Adjournment:** Scott Sanschagrin moved to adjourn, seconded by Robert Emerson. The Committee voted 12-0 in favor of adjourning.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Hewitt