

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
BUDGET COMMITTEE
APPROVED MINUTES
December 9, 2021
Wolfeboro Public Library**

I. Call To Order

Chairman MacDonald opened the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Members Present: John MacDonald, Chairman, Bob Tougher, Vice-Chairman, Bob Moholland, John Burt, Bob Loughman, Matt Plache, Brian Black, Tom Bell, Members, Linda Murray, BOS Alternate Representative, Brian Deshaies, BOS Representative.

Member Absent: Steve Johnson, Member (excused).

Staff Present: Jim Pineo, Town Manager, Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director, Amy Muccio, Welfare Director, Barry Muccio, Director of Operations, Municipal Electric Department, Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Assistant.

The Committee participated in the pledge of allegiance.

II. 2022 Budget

AGENCIES

CASA of NH

\$1,000

Francis Mitchell stated the request supports children in Wolfeboro who have child advocates and utilize CASA services. She reviewed the program and its services.

White Horse Recovery

\$10,000

Mich Yeaton, CEO & Founder, stated there are two aspects to the organization, clinical services, and resource center. He stated the organization receives funding from the county for clinical services and funding from towns help support the resource center (recovery coaching, transportation, peer support, food, clothing, and shelter). He stated the resource center that serves Wolfeboro is located in Ossipee. He stated four years ago the County determined that the organization could receive funding from the County however, the funds can only be used for clinical services and treatment and town funding can be used for other expenditures. He stated Wolfeboro used \$43,000-\$50,000 for services last year and stated he reports expenditures monthly to the County. He stated the goal for Wolfeboro for 2022 is to provide transportation to its existing services. He stated the original request was \$10,000 because the organization provides emergency support services to Huggins Hospital however, after speaking with Amy Muccio the request was decreased to \$5,000 because the services provided are not necessarily to Wolfeboro residents. He stated the program serves an average of 21 clients in clinical. He reviewed the following funding requests to other towns; Ossipee (48 clients) - \$5,000, Wakefield (8) clients - \$5,000, Tuftonboro (4 clients) - \$3,000 and Effingham (12 clients) - \$3,000. He stated over that last three years the agency has incurred approximately \$57,000 in non-reimbursed clinical services in Wolfeboro; noting the cost to serve Wolfeboro in total is the highest in the county.

Tom Bell confirmed the requested funding from the Town is not for clinical services.

Tony Fallon stated the County pays for services that can be billed to insurance companies.

Bob Loughman stated the backup information provided to the Committee states funding requests for 2022 from Town grants totaling \$13,500. He stated the numbers do not match.

Mich Yeaton stated the \$13,500 request was held level from the year prior. He stated the \$13,500 figure represents participation from current towns that fund the program.

John MacDonald stated Amy Muccio reported that no support has been provided to Wolfeboro residents.

Mich Yeaton stated the organization supports the Kingswood Youth Center one day per week and Wolfeboro residents have utilized their transportation services almost daily.

John MacDonald asked how much the organization receives from Conway.

Mich Yeaton stated although most clients served are from Conway, the organization does not request funding from the town. He stated he projects the organization will serve 21 individuals from Wolfeboro.

John MacDonald questioned the efforts made to contact the local representative on the Governor's task force for substance abuse. He requested Amy Muccio speak to services and its use by Wolfeboro residents.

Amy Muccio stated the meeting between she and Mr. Wheaton was useful so as to avoid duplication of services and noted The Shed (resource center) would be more utilized by her clients. She stated that their services have not been used in the past however, the plan for the future is to coordinate services.

Bob Tougher stated he feels the \$5,000 is a reasonable request.

It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by John Burt to allocate \$5,000 to the White Horse Recovery Center for 2022.

Discussion of the motion:

John MacDonald stated he will not support the motion because the organization receives \$150,000 from the County; noting Wolfeboro is included in such. He stated all towns, including Conway, should be asked to fund the program. He stated that if the program has a presence in Wolfeboro next year, then he would support a funding request then.

Tom Bell asked if Wolfeboro pays a larger share of the \$150,000 received from the County.

Matt Plache stated such is based on valuation/property tax.

Brian Black confirmed the organization is representing that the funding received from the County has restrictions placed on such.

John MacDonald stated he has reviewed the organization's application with the County and he is not aware of an agreement regarding the funding received from the County.

Bob Tougher, John Burt, Bob Moholland, Brian Black, Tom Bell voted in favor. John MacDonald, Matt Plache, Bob Loughman opposed. The motion passed (5-3).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dave Maher, Chairman, stated the funding request is level funded.

John MacDonald stated the Committee has requested information from the Chamber of Commerce however, the Committee has not yet received such and therefore will not be discussing that line.

Bob Loughman confirmed the fireworks are for Last Night.

Linda Murray stated she requested \$2500 from the Committee last year with a promise that she would raise an additional \$2500; noting she did such and did not use any of the surplus.

WELFARE

Bob Moholland commended Amy Muccio's efforts.

Amy Muccio stated the decrease is a result of not duplicating services.

John MacDonald questioned services provided to White Horse Recovery.

Amy Muccio stated she has never had anyone utilize their services or has been informed by clients that they have utilized their services. She stated she will track future services and report back to the Committee.

ELECTRIC

Personnel Administration

No changes.

Technology Services

No changes.

Administration

John Burt questioned the increase in hourly wages by 20%.

Barry Muccio stated the increase is related to a pay increase and title change from Administrative Assistant to Director of Administration.

John MacDonald questioned the price for gasoline and oil.

Barry Muccio stated the figures were provided to the Department.

Jim Pineo stated he plans to review the line in every budget.

Tom Bell questioned whether safety equipment is an annual purchase.

Barry Muccio replied yes.

Distribution

No changes.

Generation

Referencing Outside Services, Bob Loughman questioned whether such could be decreased given that the appropriation has not been full spent the last couple of years.

Barry Muccio stated the new substation is online and there will be an added cost associated with such. Referencing electricity, he stated the Town is entering a new contract and noted there will not be a rate increase for five years; noting he will be conducting a rate comparison in January.

III. Consideration of Minutes

August 16, 2021

It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by Bob Moholland to approve the August 16, 2021 Budget Committee minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

November 9, 2021

It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by Tom Bell to approve the November 9, 2021 Budget Committee minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

November 10, 2021

It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by Tom Bell to approve the November 10, 2021 Budget Committee minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

November 15, 2021

Correction: Page 3, motion; change "\$16,000 to \$10,000" to "\$20,000 to \$16,000"

It was moved by Bob Moholland and seconded by Bob Tougher to approve the November 15, 2021 Budget Committee minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

November 16, 2021

It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by Tom Bell to approve the November 16, 2021 Budget Committee minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

November 30, 2021

It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by Tom Bell to approve the November 30, 2021 Budget Committee minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

December 6, 2021

It was moved by and seconded by to approve the December 6, 2021 Budget Committee minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

IV. Public Comment

None.

REVISIT ITEMS

- Review pricing for gasoline and oil in all department budgets.

It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by Tom Bell to adjourn the December 9, 2021 Budget Committee meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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