

November 10, 2021

Chairman MacDonald opened the meeting at 6:06 pm at the Wolfeboro Public Library.

Staff Present: Jim Pineo, Town Manager, Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director, Cindy Scott, former Library Director, Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Assistant.

II. 2022 Budget

Brian Black questioned the increase from the Town Manager's approval and the BOS approval.

Bob Loughman questioned the increase in building maintenance.

Kathy Carpentier stated the budget reflects an increase from \$497,000 to \$557,000 because in the past miscellaneous revenues have been used to decrease the budget however, such is not the proper practice.

Granite VNA	\$22,000
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Referencing allocations, Tom Bell asked how the funding is allocated throughout the different towns.

John Burt questioned the number of families and people in Wolfeboro that was serviced.

Meals on Wheels	\$7,500
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Wolfeboro Area Children's Center	\$10,000
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Representative unable to attend the meeting - rescheduled to November 29, 2021.

Tri-County Community Action **\$14,450**

Amy Goyette reviewed the programs and services provided and the formula used to

Bob Loughman confirmed that the Carroll County Transit program is now included in the Community Action funding request.

John Burt noted an operating surplus of \$490,000.

Amy Goyette stated the agency received additional funding due to COVID. She stated she would She stated the agency is required to have unrestricted funds as a match from different charities and federal funds; noting the unrestricted funds are made up from the funds received from the municipalities.

John Burt confirmed the funding request is not based on the number of services provided.

Steve Johnson requested information regarding the surplus.

Amy Goyette stated all of their services are available to Wolfeboro residents all of the time.

It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by John MacDonald to approve the Community Action funding request in the amount of \$14,450.

Discussion of the motion:

Steve Johnson requested information regarding the surplus be forwarded to the Committee.

Matt Plache stated we have an obligation to provide services to the community and feels the agency is doing just that.

John MacDonald, Bob Tougher, Brian Black, Bob Moholland, Bob Loughman, Matt Plache, Tom Bell voted in favor. Steve Johnson, John Burt opposed. The motion passed (7-2).

LIFE Ministries **\$15,000**

Mike Turner, President, reviewed the programs and services and number of individuals served. He noted the request is level funded.

Starting Point **\$4,436**

Deborah Weinstein, Executive Director, reviewed the program and services. She noted the request is level funded.

Kingswood Youth Center **\$5,000**

Zach Porter, Executive Director, reviewed the program and services. He noted the request is level funded.

Northern Human Services **\$7,449**

Valeda Cerasale, Behavioral Health Director, reviewed the program and services. She stated the request is level funded.

John MacDonald asked how people are referred to the agency.

Valeda Cerasale replied hospitals, PCP offices and self-referrals.

Senior Center and Meals **\$25,000**

Representative unable to attend the meeting - rescheduled to December 9, 2021.

Caregivers of Southern Carroll County \$4,500

Bob Tougher stated the Committee received a letter from Barbara Hunt today regarding the funding request; noting she is not comfortable attending the meeting due to COVID.

John MacDonald requested a motion to approve the funding request.

It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by Bob Loughman to approve the Caregivers of Southern Carroll County funding request in the amount of \$4,500. All members voted in favor. The motion passed (9-0).

Dinner Bell \$6,000

Bill Peterson reviewed the program and services as noted in his letter, dated August 31, 2020. He noted the request is level funded.

CASA of NH \$1,000

Representative unable to attend the meeting – to be rescheduled.

68 Hours of Hunger \$5,000

Jan Brooks reviewed the program and services and noted an increase from \$4,000 to \$5,000 due to the inability to fundraise due to COVID.

White Horse Recovery \$10,000

Eric Moran, White House Recovery, reviewed the program; noting an increase in clients and has partnered with Huggins Hospital to provide 24/7 services. He stated the program is expanding and reviewed the plans for such. He stated the program has served 121 clients from Wolfeboro for a cost of \$43,542 and noted \$19,594 loss for this year because Medicaid only pays 55% of the total cost for services. He stated the program also offers transportation and noted that such is not used often by Wolfeboro residents.

Tony Fallon further described the programs offered by the organization and noted that Wolfeboro is number 3 in population statistics of the 17 towns that are served. He stated out of all the towns they have never received funding from Wolfeboro and noted a \$20-25,000 per year gap between what is being paid for Wolfeboro clients and costs covered by Medicaid thus, the request for \$10,000.

John MacDonald stated he is disappointed that they feel Wolfeboro doesn't pay its fair share because the Town is part of Carroll County and the County provides \$150,000 to the organization to run the program. He asked why \$10,000 is being requested when the County is providing \$150,000.

Tony Fallon stated they request funding from almost every other town and the towns double what they ask for.

John MacDonald stated Wolfeboro contributes to the funds received by the county.

Eric Moran stated the organization is looking for added support and noted such helps them when requesting grants.

Matt Plache confirmed the organization is receiving \$13,500 from towns. He stated Carroll County has a policy that if agencies are receiving money from towns that they cannot receive money from the County.

Eric Moran stated the County informed them that it is ok to seek Town funding because the loss from Medicaid billing is substantial. He stated the organization was given permission from the County to request funding from towns.

Bob Tougher stated the paperwork reflects an intent of a \$5,000 request for 2021. He noted the agency did not appear before the Board to speak to that request; noting the Town reached out to them a couple

(Downtown, Town Docks, Union and School Streets). He stated something should be done and recommended either flashing lights or signage.

John MacDonald requested the BOS to review the matter.

IV. Public Comment

None.

It was moved by Bob Loughman and seconded by Steve Johnson to adjourn the November 10, 2021 Budget Committee meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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