

MINUTES OF ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 26, 2017
Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting

Advisory Budget Committee Members Present: Howard Hatch, Jon Hobbs, David Joslin, Barbara Dutile and Daniel Brady (Peter Conrad was excused)

Selectboard: Darwin Clogston, Tom Friel and Mike Bonanno

Town Manager: Jo Lacaillade

Non Profits: Deb Whitaker and Roberta Berner-Horse Meadow Senior Center; Jane MacKay-White Mountain Mental Health; Ed Ballam and Audry DiMatties-Good Shepherd Ecumenical Food Pantry; Nichole Slattery-Burch House and Tri-County Cap Homeless Outreach; Andrea Brochu-Tri County Cap; Keisha Luce, Roger Warren, Barbara Warren, Sandy Knapp, Joanne Moore and Mary Ellen Kirkpatrick-Tri County Cap

Call Hearing to Order: Chairman Brady called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Minutes from the 1/19/17 Meeting: There was a brief discussion as to whether the minutes of the 19th accurately reflected what was said at that meeting and it was the consensus of the majority that they did. A motion was made by Barb Dutile and seconded by David Joslin to approve the minutes of 1/19/17 and carried unanimously.

CASA: No one was in attendance to speak to CASA so Barb Dutile gave an overview of what their program provides. Howard Hatch made a motion to approve the budget of \$500; seconded by David Joslin and carried unanimously.

Household Waste Collection Day: TM Lacaillade stated that this year's collection will be tires and electronics. After a brief discussion David Joslin made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Jon Hobbs and carried unanimously.

Recycling: There was discussion about the contract terms regarding the vendor the Town has selected to provide a recycling drop site for the residents. There was discussion about a fee being set to purchase a permit to be able to use the facility and no revenue has been put in the budget because decisions have not been made with regards to what that fee might be. Jon Hobbs felt that no decision could be made without knowing what revenue the Town might be looking at. Howard felt that by the budget hearing the Board could come up with a price of a permit. Howard asked if there would be any revenue from the recyclables taken to White River Junction and the answer was no. Roger Warren said that as a member of the public he would be willing to pay \$25 or more for the permit. Tom Friel felt that they would have a better feel for the whole process after 3 months of operating. Dave Joslin asked what would happen if it doesn't pass at Town Meeting. TM Lacaillade said that there are a lot of items that are still being worked out regarding this issue. There was discussion about what protection the Town will have with regards to if the recyclables are not disposed of properly. Dan Brady wants a recommendation of a fee to be made before Town Meeting. Jon felt there were more questions than answers at this point and he is not comfortable voting for this without further information. Barb Dutile made a motion to approve the budget as presented; seconded by David Joslin. Voting yes was Barb Dutile, David Joslin, Howard Hatch and Dan Brady. Jon Hobbs voted no.

RSVP: Roberta Berner gave an overview of the services that RSVP provides. Jon Hobbs made a motion to approve the budget of \$1000; seconded by Barb Dutile. Voting yes was Barb Dutile, Jon Hobbs, David Joslin and Howard Hatch. Dan Brady abstained.

Horse Meadow Senior Center: Roberta Berner and Deb Whitaker provided an overview of the services provided by Horse Meadow Senior Center. GCSSC asks for appropriations from 40 towns and receives funding from all 40 towns. Jon Hobbs made a motion to approve the budget of \$22,000; seconded by Barb Dutile and carried unanimously.

White Mountain Mental Health: Jane MacKay gave an overview of the services they provide to the community. Barb Dutile made a motion to approve the budget as presented; seconded by Jon Hobbs and carried unanimously.

Tri-County Community Action: Andrea Brochu gave an overview of the services Tri-County Cap provides to the community. TM Lacaillade said that the committee will note that Cap had asked for \$8,000, we have typically funded them for \$4,000 and that her recommendation for 2017 is for 2017. Tri County Cap has reduced many services that they used to provide the community and later on in the warrant articles there is a request for money to help support the food shelf that used to be part of the money we allocated to Tri County Cap that they have stopped doing. TM Lacaillade said that she felt her number reflected the reduction of services provided. Barb Dutile made a motion to approve the appropriation recommended by the Town Manager of \$2,000; seconded by Howard Hatch and carried unanimously.

Burch House: Nicole Slattery gave an overview of the services they provide to our community. Jon Hobbs made a motion to approve the budget as presented; seconded by Dave Joslin and carried unanimously.

Tri-County Cap Homeless Outreach: Nicole Slattery gave an overview of the number of people they served dealing with homeless issues. TM Lacaillade said that the Town utilizes this program often. Jon Hobbs made a motion to approve the budget as presented; seconded by Barb Dutile and carried unanimously.

Good Shepherd Ecumenical Food Pantry-Petitioned Warrant Article: Ed Ballam gave an overview of the Food Shelf and where the funding and food comes from. This year they are starting the outreach to the communities they serve for appropriations. Howard thought that perhaps instead of providing the appropriation the Town could negotiate the rent. Dave Joslin made a motion to approve the budget; seconded by Barb Dutile and carried unanimously.

Court Street Arts at Alumni Hall: Keisha gave an overview of the programs that they have offered over the past year. They have a membership program now. They work constantly on fund raising. There was discussion about the size of the Board. She noted that they are an economic driver for the community due to the number of people that come to events and with the local vendors that they use. She said that there are not a lot of performing arts arenas in towns the size of Haverhill. She said that they have heard loud and clear that they needed to do a better job and not keep coming to the Town for money so they lowered their request by 25% this year and they are working to not have to come to the Town. Barb Dutile made a motion to approve the budget of \$9000 and seconded by David Joslin. The motion carried unanimously.

Visiting Nurse & Hospice-Petitioned Warrant Article: No representative was in attendance from VNA. The Committee reviewed documentation provided by VNA. Barb Dutile made a motion to move the budget; seconded by David Joslin. It was a unanimous vote of the Advisory Budget Committee to not support the petitioned warrant article.

Ammonoosuc Community Health: The Committee reviewed the paperwork submitted. There was no one in attendance and this item was postponed until the January 31, 2017 meeting.

North Country Home Health: After a brief discussion about the services they provide Jon Hobbs made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$15,000; seconded by Barb Dutile and carried unanimously.

JRM & Clifford Building: TM Lacaillade said that after Darwin mentioned that the Town had an energy audit a few years prior she found the document in files at the office. She gave a quick review of what that

study showed but stated she had not read the full document yet. There was a brief discussion about the report. Howard said that it would be a multi-year thing but the savings should pay off and breaking off areas into zones. The Committee will discuss it at their next meeting.

Barb Dutile made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm; the motion was seconded by David Joslin and carried unanimously.

Minutes transcribed by Jo Lacaillade