

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Budget Committee
January 17, 2019

Members present: Norm Langevin, Charlie Turcotte, Peter Maki, Frank Sterling, Bob Schaumann, Sam Greene, Don MacIsaac

Staff: Town Manager Frederick, Administrative Assistant Zola,

Others: Petitioners

Meeting opened: 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: None

PETITIONER PRESENTATIONS:

Monadnock Family Services - Mary Deslisle & Chris Selmer

In 2018, M.F.S. provided services to 85 clients which resulted in 2,122 visits/events. They are requested level funding of \$ 6,821, which is census driven. The Monadnock Adult Day Program provided services for 13 residents. Services included personal care, podiatry, Occupational Therapy, Speech services along with help with Activities of Daily Living from nursing staff. These services give caregivers a much-needed respite.

Greene asked if they apply for grant funding and Selmer replied that they do apply for grant funding specific to the Monadnock area and are mostly private grants.

On a motion by Schaumann, seconded by Maki, Monadnock Family Service's request for funding in the amount of \$6,821 was tentatively approved – Vote taken – all in favor (7-0).

The Community Kitchen – Phoebe Bray

The Community Kitchen served 75 Jaffrey residents meals through the Pantry Program. Residents can choose their food items, which include local fruits and vegetables when in season. There are also recipes and workshops available. There is also a soup kitchen which provides a hot meal. A resident is asked to complete forms yearly and then they verify eligibility through USDA guidelines. This year because of a Block Grant, they were able to renovate their building, buy more freezers and install new fire exits and pave the parking lot. Because of the added freezers, they are able to act as a wholesaler to neighboring food pantries. They do look into grant funding and accept donations.

They are requesting \$9,500 this year, which is \$500 more than last year in order to buy more healthier food.

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Sterling, The Community Kitchen's request for funding in the amount of \$9,500 was tentatively approved – Vote taken – all in favor (7-0).

Community Volunteer Transportation Company – Ellen Avery

This is the 10-year anniversary of CVTC.

Jaffrey is #1 in requests for transportation. There were 785 trips for 51 Jaffrey residents. Time is volunteered, by 88 drivers, but mileage is reimbursed by NH DOT. Rides are to medical & mental health providers, pharmacies & therapies. They solicit all the towns they provide services to. Other funding is provided through the United Way, NH Charitable Foundation and annual appeals.

CVTC is requesting \$2,000, which is level funded from last year.

On a motion by Greene, seconded by Turcotte, CVTC's request for funding in the amount of \$2,000 was tentatively approved – Vote taken – all in favor (7-0).

Home Healthcare & Hospice – Susan Ashworth

The organization provides Visiting nurse, physical, occupational and speech therapy, social work and home health aide services. They also provide Hospice and long-term care services. The Meals on Wheels program provided Jaffrey approximately 4,219 hot, nutritious meals and safety checks Monday thru Friday for homebound senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. They have provided over 6,000 home visits to Jaffrey residents. They have also started the Friendly Meals program at the United Church which is providing daily meals to seniors as well as Blood Pressure checks, so far 2,339 meals have been provided.

Funding is sought from State agencies and local organizations.

A request is presented for \$17,000 to continue visiting nurse and hospice services for Jaffrey residents in 2019.

On a motion by Greene, seconded by Schaumann, Home Healthcare & Hospice's request for funding in the amount of \$17,000 was tentatively approved – Vote taken – all in favor (7-0).

Hundred Nights – Mindy Cambiar

They are asking for an increase in funding this year, due to the increased need. They had a family and a couple from Jaffrey staying for an extended time in the shelter. They have been at full capacity since opening day on November 12th. They have seen an increase in families using the shelter.

Funding is made up of 52% donations, Keene and surrounding towns funding as well as County funding and fundraising. They received \$44,000 in grants. There was discussion of the possibility of using one of the empty dorms at Keene State College.

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by Maki, Hundred Nights request for funding in the amount of \$2,500 was tentatively approved – Vote taken – all in favor (7-0).

The River Center – Margaret Nelson

They are a family and community Resource Center to strengthen individuals and families throughout the Eastern Monadnock Region through family support, economic opportunity programs and community connections. Services provided include: parenting classes, home visiting for pregnant women and their babies, job readiness skills, free tax preparations, information and referral to resources in the eastern Monadnock Region. They also have a wood bank to help with fuel costs.

Funding comes from the United Way, Grants, Businesses and they ask all the towns they serve for funding.

They are requesting \$1,500 from the Town of Jaffrey to support these programs which benefit Jaffrey residents.

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, The River Center's request for funding in the amount of \$1,500 was tentatively approved – Vote taken – all in favor (7-0).

Monadnock Community Early Learning Center – Bill Gurney

The center was founded in 1970. Most of their children are from the Jaffrey and Peterborough. They are only closed 8 days per year. They provide 2 full meals and 2 snacks through a federal funded food program. They also provide before and after school care. Teachers are certified with the State DOE.

Regarding funding, they do not ask Peterborough for funding as they are a non-profit and are not required to pay real estate taxes, they receive funding from all the other towns they serve, as well as Tuition, United Way grants and the Federal Food Program.

A request for \$8,000 was presented for consideration.

On a motion by MacIsaac seconded by Schaumann, MCELC's request for funding in the amount of \$8,000 was tentatively approved – Vote taken – all in favor (7-0).

Southwestern Community Services – Keith Thibeau

SWCS is looking for 1% direct assistance funding in the total of \$ 4,989. The proposed funding empowers families to live on their own with some assistance. Some of the services provided are WIC (women, infants, and children) Head Start program, property tax, electric and fuel assistance and a welfare to work program. They provided energy services to 144 households. 13 Jaffrey Children are enrolled in the Headstart Program and they are currently looking for a bigger facility.

Funding is asked from all the communities served.

On a motion by Greene, seconded by Maki, SWCS's request for funding in the amount of \$4,989 was tentatively approved – Vote taken – all in favor (7-0).

Jaffrey Civic Center – Tom Doane

They have been a regional resource with an increasing outreach through art and cultural programs. They sponsor senior coffee for 30 residents with the Jaffrey Rec. Dept. They plan to have a lift installed to bring 2nd floor access to all patrons, with construction being completed in March. They hope to expand their artist base. They have upgraded their computer system and website. Funding is mostly through grants and Jaffrey is the only municipality asked for funding. They are asking for \$4,000.

On a motion by Turcotte, seconded by Greene, the Jaffrey Civic Center's request for funding in the amount of \$4,000 was tentatively approved – Vote taken – all in favor (7-0).

Jaffrey/Rindge Memorial Ambulance – Sam LaFortune, Dave Hedman

JRMA Staff would like to thank the Town of Jaffrey and Jaffrey residents for their support. Staff is at the station 7 days a week 6:00am to 7:00pm. They have purchased new life saving equipment and have added a second shift at night to cover calls. They are behind the average in the pay for advanced EMT's, so they have implemented a new pay scales which reflects time on the force and skill level to retain employees. They do ask Rindge for similar funding. The JRMA is requesting an amount of \$30,000 to help defray operational costs.

On a motion by Schaumann, seconded by Sterling, JRMA's request for funding in the amount of \$30,000 was tentatively approved – Vote taken – all in favor (7-0).

Reality Check – Mary Drew

Reality Check is a community-based recovery center based in Jaffrey. It supports clients across the lifespan. Support groups are for clients, their children, their families and all those affected by addiction. Employer training is available to help with employees re-entering the workforce after recovery. They have been presenting prevention programs in schools and in the community. It is less costly to invest in prevention now, than to treat an addict. They recently obtain a location to house their offices on Turnpike Road through grants and donations. They are requesting \$ 10,914

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by Turcotte, Reality Check's request for funding in the amount of \$10,914 was tentatively approved – Vote taken – all in favor (7-0).

Contoocook Lake Area Preservation Association – Warren Harris

This organization was founded in 1969. They are fighting a Milfoil problem throughout the lake in both Jaffrey and Rindge. This is a very invasive plant and if untreated, it could grow 5-10 feet a day. Milfoil was first spotted in the 1970's. From 1998-2009 they were spending \$6,000 annual on chemicals. From 2010 to 2017 they have been hand weeding with divers, of which DES was providing a grant to pay for 50% of the diver's time. In 2018, a new chemical became available which is working better than expected. The chemical is sprayed onto the area and penetrates the roots of the Milfoil, not disturbing any of the other plants. The cost of this treatment and application is approximately \$52,000, of which they will fundraise and use savings as much as possible as well as looking into Moose Plate grants. They did ask Rindge for the same amount as Jaffrey. They also asked both town's Conservation Commissions for donations, but both towns declined. Since there is a 3-year guarantee on the spraying, he is hoping to defer asking for funds next year. Their plan is to ask for \$5,000 less each year and hopefully eradicate the milfoil problem completely.

On a motion by Schaumann, seconded by Turcotte, CLAPA's request for funding in the amount of \$2,500 was tentatively approved – Vote taken – all in favor (7-0).

DISCUSSION:

TM Frederick stated that a draft Warrant Article needs to be written for the rehabilitation of the water lines on School Street, Stratton Road and Squantum Road. DPW Director Heglin has applied to DES and needs to scale back the project until more funds are available. The Town will need to ask for the total amount needed to fund the project, but all those funds may not be available. Wording can be added that the funds are "not to exceed" a set amount. The total cost would be \$4.1 million, with \$1.9 million being available, leaving \$2.1 million to finance. There will be a Public Hearing at the January 28th Select Board meeting. The numbers will be firmed up by then and the meeting will be posted appropriately.

The Sidewalk Project on Peterborough Street and Stratton Road was discussed. The total cost of this project would be \$803,617 with funding coming from NH DOT TAP grant, TIFD and General taxes. Both sides of the roads would have sidewalks in the 5-way, the rail trail up to the schools and on Peterborough Street up to Dollar General. This construction will not interfere with the 5-way construction plan. The roads will be narrower due to the sidewalks and will slow traffic down. Bike lanes may also be added.

\$39,000 would be a fixed amount for this project.

On a motion by Greene, seconded by Schaumann, this request was approved (7-0)

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 24th 6:00pm at the Town Office.

ADJOURMENT:

Motion presented by Sterling to adjourn meeting seconded by Maki. (7-0)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:28 p.m.

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