

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Budget Committee
January 16, 2020

Members present: Norm Langevin, Charlie Turcotte, Peter Maki, Frank Sterling, Sam Greene

Members Excused: Robert Schaumann, Kathy Batchelder

Staff: Town Manager Frederick, Finance Director FitzGerald, Administrative Assistant Zola

Others: Petitioners

Meeting opened: 6:02 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: None

PETITIONER PRESENTATIONS:

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 provides Jaffrey residents with hot, nutritious meals and safety checks Monday thru Friday for homebound senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. They have provided over 1,000 home visits to Jaffrey residents. The Friendly Meals program at the United Church which is providing daily meals to seniors as well as Blood Pressure checks, last year 5,164 meals were provided there and 1,000 meals at the VFW. The question was asked if health insurance was governing their visits. Susan responded that since they are a non-profit/private agency it's not as restrictive, but Medicare is imposing tighter restraints.

Funding is sought from State agencies and local organizations, grants and fundraisers.

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 Maki, Home Healthcare & Hospice's request for funding in the amount of \$17,000 was tentatively approved (5-0)

The Community Kitchen – Phoebe Bray

The Community Kitchen served 64 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. They were able to renovate their kitchen, buy more freezers and repair their 2nd floor this year. 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, but on the petition, it's listed as \$9,750. It will have to be presented at the petition amount and asked to decrease to the actual requested amount.

On a motion by Greene, seconded by Maki The Community Kitchen's request for funding in the amount of \$9,750 was tentatively approved. (5-0)

Community Volunteer Transportation Company – Ellen Avery

Ellen is ill and cannot attend tonight's meeting. It is a level funded request at \$2,000. Their numbers did decrease slightly due to client's aging out and some rides covered by insurance. The Committee members were all in favor of having Ellen come to the next meeting to present.

Hundred Nights – Mindy Cambiar

They are asking for an increase in funding this year, due to the increased need from Jaffrey. They provided beds for 6 Jaffrey residents for a total of 104 nights costing \$3,383 and 9 Jaffrey residents used the resource center for a cost of \$3,195. They have been open year-round, but are at full capacity since officially opening for the winter months. They have seen an increase in families using the shelter.

They ask all the surrounding towns for funding.

On a motion by Greene, seconded by Maki, Hundred Nights request for funding in the amount of \$5,000 was tentatively approved (5-0).

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. Home visits are customized to what the family needs are. They support 5 Jaffrey Families with 113 visits.

Maki asked how a client could ask for help. Margaret stated clients can call, go online or come into the office in person to ask for help.

Funding comes from the United Way, Grants, Businesses and they ask all the towns they serve for funding. The Home visits are not funded by the State or Insurances.

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 Turcotte, The River Center's request for funding in the amount of \$1,500 was tentatively approved (5-0)

Monadnock Community Early Learning Center –

No representative was present. They will be contacted and asked to appear at 1-21-20 Meeting.

Southwestern Community Services – Keith Thibeau

SWCS is looking for 1% direct assistance funding in the total of \$5,196. 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 \$130, 000 in oil services/emergency housing to Jaffrey households. 12 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 Turcotte, seconded by Greene SWCS's request for funding in the amount of \$5,196 was tentatively approved (5-0).

Monadnock Family Services - Mary Deslisle & Chris Selmer

In 2019, M.F.S. provided services to 69 clients which resulted in 2,131 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.

They do apply for grant funding specific to the Monadnock area and are mostly private grants.

On a motion by Maki, seconded by Turcotte, Monadnock Family Service's request for funding in the amount of \$6,821 was tentatively approved (5-0).

Jaffrey Civic Center – Bernie Hampsey

They have been a regional resource with an increasing outreach through art and cultural programs. With the Sharon Arts Center closing, they are the only place in the area providing art classes. They are the permanent home of the Jaffrey Historical Society. They provide meeting spaces free of charge and free use of lawn for Riverfest and other events. They will be working with Park Theatre when it's opened.

Funding is mostly through grants, which they apply for regularly and Jaffrey is the only municipality asked for funding.

On a motion by Greene, seconded by Maki, the Jaffrey Civic Center's request for funding in the amount of \$4,000 was tentatively approved (5-0).

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 have been doing presentations for a drug free workplace. They are working with MCH to provide an on-call recovery coach for drug related ER visits. They are also involved with suicide prevention and mental health training. This is the first year in their offices on Turnpike Road with mortgages paid by the rental income. This year they received many grants and funding from the State, Medicare/Medicaid. They are asking for level funding this year. Mary stated that she requests funding from Rindge, New Ipswich, Peterborough and Jaffrey.

On a motion by Greene, seconded by Maki, Reality Check's request for funding in the amount of \$10,914 was tentatively approved (5-0).

Warrant Articles:

Cold Stone Springs- Total Bill is \$12,300,000 – Jaffrey would only be responsible for \$5.5 million. There will be a M.O.U. with Peterborough from development to treatment plant, costs will be 50/50. If approved at Town Meeting a Bond will be pursued.

Highway CRF - \$160,000 Level

Highway 10-wheel Truck - \$225,000

Town Office CRF - \$50,000 level

Fire Equipment CRF - \$ 60,000 level

Fire Radios - \$90,000

Fire Mobile Radios - \$35,000

Repeater grant fell through

Electric Signs - \$12,5000 with grant, will not be pursued if no grant funding.

Downtown TIFD - \$40,000 level

Land Acquisition CRF - \$5,000 level

Cemetery Trees - \$3,000 up from last year

Gravestones - \$1,000 level

Meetinghouse - \$3,000 level

Municipal Building CRF - \$200,000 level

Bridge CRF - \$120,00 Consulting on Nutting Rd. Bridge

Police Cruiser CRF - \$50,000 level

Jaffrey 250th - \$7,500 to mirror 1973 efforts

CBA Police – \$30,616

DISCUSSION:

Road Bond –

Options for funding roads can either be a \$1 million Bond or if bond request fails, the money must be raised by taxes would then be changed to \$600,000...if both fail, there will not be any road repairs. If brought to town meeting there would have to be a 2/3 majority vote to pass. The bond would be the best option to get repairs started. For years money has been taken out of the road budget and now the town is far behind in repairs and upkeep. The hope of the reconstruction of the DPW will produce a highway supervisor who will have a solid plan on how to proceed. The bond would cover the most needy roads according to the DPW's Street Scan report. Ingalls Road was discussed again, with the consensus to concentrate on the whole town and not only a road that services 35 homes. It was the failure of the Planning Board at the time to require the developer to maintain the road, and limiting development to a certain number of houses. Chairman Langevin, as a tax payer, would approve the Road Bond to include all roads and not specifically one road. BOS final word would be appreciated before the Budcom decides. BOS meets again 1/27/20.

CVTC and MCELC will present at the next Budcom meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 21st 6:00pm at the Town Office.

ADJOURMENT:

Motion presented by Green to adjourn meeting seconded by Turcotte. (5-0)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30 p.m.

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