

Budget Committee
October 21, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Chair Joe Caristi, Vice Chair Dave Carr, Tom Kaempfer, Walter Waring, Charles Therriault, Janet Cavanagh, and Select Board Representative Les Dion.

Others Present:

Nik Coates

Call to Order:

Chair Joe Caristi called the meeting to order at 6:00PM at the New Town Office.

Correspondence:

None.

Old Business:

None.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve June 10th minutes by Mr. Waring, second by Mr. Kaempfer. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Motion to approve June 24th minutes by Mr. Waring, second by Mr. Kaempfer. Motion passed 5-0-2.

Motion to approve September 9th minutes by Mr. Waring, second by Mr. Kaempfer, 5-0-2.

Motion made by Mr. Therriault to amend the date on minutes from September 26 to September 23. Motion seconded by Ms. Dion; the motion passed 7-0-0. Motion to approve September 23 minutes by Mr. Therriault, second by Mr. Carr. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Motion made by Mr. Caristi to amend his name under present as he was absent from the October 7 meeting; seconded by Mr. Kaempfer; the motion passed 7-0-0.

Motion by Mr. Therriault to amend the year of the creation of the Bristol Fire Dept from 1958-1959 to 1858-1859, seconded by Mr. Carr; the motion passed 6-0-1.

Motion to approve October 7 minutes by Mr. Therriault, second by Ms. Dion; motion passed 6-0-1

Non-Profits Presentation and Budget Proposals

- 001-4652-577 CADY- \$2,000
A staff representative from CADY reported that Lakes Region Community Services and Pemi Baker Community Health are the only ones that service this area. 100% Bristol funds go to the Restorative Justice Program School Programs.
- 01-4652-579 CASA NH- \$500.
A staff representative from CASA NH says the organization goes to the courts to speak on abused and neglected children and supports and trains volunteers to do so. It costs \$1400 per advocate and in the past two years there has been a 49% increase in cases, but their requests are at a minimum.
- 01-4652-580 Day Away- \$1,500
Sandra Coleman, Director stated the program in August 2013 and has stayed opened every Thursday for caregivers of and those with Alzheimer's and Dementia. The program gives them a social program to be a part of. They create memory boxes, have two people to cook homemade meals; all volunteers at thousands of hours a year. They take in eight people per Thursday and a total of 40 people participating over the past six years.
- 01-4652-571 Grafton County Senior Citizens Council- \$8,500
Two representatives spoke on behalf of the GCSC. Since the start in 1972, they have offered nutrition programs, bus for transportation, activities, and more. 164 people totaling 24% are age 60 or older. \$92,725 in services to this community; 9% of that cost same as last year. There was an 11% increase in meals in the past year. The organization has created and offered a local aspect of senior center in the basement of the church on Church St. They offer frozen meals to others all done by volunteers and serve 45-75 people in the area for lunch, offers bone builder and yoga classes, and the Newfound bus to help transport those to grocery store, doctors, errands, etc.
- 01-4652-567 Lakes Region Mental Health Center (previously known as Genesis)- \$3,000
Two representatives spoke on behalf of the LRMHC. They service 24 towns in Belknap and Southern Grafton County and have one office in Laconia and the other in Plymouth. 1.2% uncompensated costs for therapy care in 2019 - 138 were Bristol residents, 58 of those emergency services totaling a 38% increase. LRMHC is mandated by the State of NH to provide emergency services for Lakes Region General Hospital and Speare Memorial Hospital 24 hours a day 7 days a week including psychiatrists and nurse practitioners so to reduce costs to town fire departments, police departments. The costs are very high for their services since it is the first place that people turn to. 37 children under the age of 17 and 88 under 62 used these resources and services.

- 01- 4652-567 Lakes Region Planning Commission Annual Dues – \$4,209 – absent
- 01-4415-350 Newfound Area Nursing Association- \$33,400
NANA has its 60th anniversary coming up Feb 16th, 2020. There were 2,300 visits in Bristol for all different diagnoses and age groups, 0 months to 100 in age. There was an increase in middle age 30-60 due to change in health care this year. 732 people had free visits and clinics, many from Bristol and services were partial to no reimbursement. Medicare is now at 78% taking off 8% in reimbursements as their billing period is changing and cut in half. Medicaid dropping as well and private insurances/hospice dropping by 2%.
- 01-4197-837 Newfound Lake Region Association - \$4,000 - absent.
- 01-4197-836 Pasquaney Garden Club - \$1,800
Jane White stated that as of 2019 YTD financials, money received is used only for the Town of Bristol and provide additional money request for plants soil planters. In 2019, the club provided \$200 additional of their own money for the Town of Bristol; none for speakers or material. In 2019, the club purchased eight new replacement planters and a picnic table. In 2020, they want to purchase an arbor for the Butterfly Garden, bird baths, and plants and soil bulbs for the new Town Office and Bristol Community Garden. They are working with BHVS since they have a green house. Break down of the request is \$1,250 for 250 hanging baskets, \$200 for plants at intersections and corners of Bristol.
- 01-4652-576 - Pemi River Local Advisory Committee - \$300
Max Stamp stated in 1989 the Rivers Management and Protection Program was created, starting the program for the Pemi in 1991; being 1 of 20 rivers in the State Local Advisory Committee and from there creating a management plan in 2003 which guided in activities by Clean Water Act. Mr. Stamp stated that the river is doing good. Barry, also on the committee, stated that the PRLAC was able to stop the Northern Pass and is working on a source water protection plan which New Hampton is a part of that.
- 01-4652-569 - Transport Central- \$422
Doug Grant founded Transport Central to help the disabled and elderly that are not able to drive themselves to doctors' appointments, stores, etc. Some of their funding is Department of Transportation money. Over the past three years, they have transported 100 new people equaling 3% of the town population; giving out 3300 rides in a year. The company has traveled 180,000-280,000 miles this year alone. 75% of funds go to driver payment reimbursement. There are two people in the office part time as coverage all morning. Tom, the dispatcher, takes a phone home and does the answering of calls from home. 30% of rides are taken out of a fund if services are not paid through Medicaid, DOT, or the Veterans Administration.

- 01-4652-573 Voices Against Violence- \$3,300
Meg Kennedy Dugan, Executive Director of the local crisis center stated that VAV services 18 towns and is the second highest service user with 500 contacts per month, a 24 hour hotline, shelter, and child advocacy center. The organization has seen 50% of domestic violence cases end in homicides, four per year and nine this year alone and the case loads are increasing.
- 01-4652- 832 NH Municipal Association Annual Dues - \$3,338
Margaret Byrnes, Executive Director, stated NHMA provides legislative advocacy for 233 of 234 municipalities. The dues are formula based on population and equalized assessed values. Dues vary from \$1,500 to \$29,000 per year.
- 01-4652-578 Bridge House Shelter- \$2,000
A representative from Bridge House Shelter stated the shelter offers rooms for \$75 a day. Now seven years later it has gone up to \$100. They offer outreach intervention to Bristol, service veterans (meal, shower, etc.) and hospice. Serviced 19 veterans and 18 this year, 10 in their homes; 3 veterans are working full time thanks to their services.
- 01- 4652-570 Tri County CAP-Homeless Intervention- \$1,535 - absent
- 01- 4652-570 – Tri County CAP Energy Services Program- \$6,880
Reagan Pride represents the TCC which provides fuel and energy assistance. Ashland office is where Bristol community goes and has serviced 108 Bristol households in fiscal year 2019. Kelly Lacasse from the Town Welfare Office refers Bristol residents to TCC first to keep town budget low before tapping into town funds.

New Business:

The Capital Improvement Program Committee was absent. Mr. Coates will request a different date from them to present. The purpose of the CIP plays into the 10-year program for big capital purchases.

Ms. Cavanagh made a motion to reduce line 01-4197-837 Newfound Lake Region Association from \$4,000 to \$2,000, seconded by Mr. Carr The motion passed 4-2-1.

Mr. Therriault made a motion to reduce line 01-4197-837 Newfound Lake Region Association from \$2,000 to \$1,000, second by Mr. Carr. The motion failed 1-5-1.

Mr. Waring made a motion to increase line 01-4197-837 Newfound Lake Region Association from \$2,000 to \$2,500, second by Ms. Cavanagh. The motion failed 2-4-1.

Mr. Therriault made a motion to move bottom line of section 01-4197 Regional Associations at \$11,347, second by Mr. Kaempfer. The motion passed 6-1-0.

Mr. Carr made a motion to move the bottom line for section 01-4415 Health Agencies at \$33,400, second by Ms. Cavanagh. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Mr. Therriault made a motion to move the bottom line of section 01-4652 Outside Agencies at \$29,937, second by Ms. Dion. The motion passed 6-1-0.

Member Comments:

None.

Select Board Comments:

None.

Staff Comments:

Mr. Coates said the Budget Committee will be going paperless starting next meeting. So, he asked everyone arrive at 5:00pm so that he could do a training on the laptop.

Adjournment:

Ms. Cavanagh made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm, seconded by Mr. Therriault. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Wharton