

Warrant Committee Meeting
Feb 19, 2020
6 PM

I Call to Order/Roll Call 6 PM

Present: Jesse Dunbar, Chair, John Williams, Carolyn Ball, Priscilla Ksionzyk, Jim Vallette

Abs: Don Lodge, Ruth Davis,

Ex Officio: Kristin Hutchins, Select Board member

Present: Marilyn Lowell, Town Clerk

II. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of February 11, 2020

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes 4-0

III. Review of Nonprofits

1. Life Flight \$882

Served 7 from SWH last year. Supports EMS. Vast majority of calls are hospital to hospital transfers or to specialized places far away, mass incidents, clinical education. Has a foundation. 100% of town money goes into aircraft. 223 towns support the service. Takes anyone regardless of insurance. Has 4 teams 24 hr/days. \$2,000 is maximum request to a town.

2. Island Housing Trust. \$2500 Marlo Burnham, Executive Director, speaking
For Homeownership Assistance Program. Has create 32 covenants to keep housing affordable. Establishes resale approaches within the covenant to keep housing affordable. Four are in covenants in SWH.

3. Downeast Horizons \$1800

Serves adults and children with disabilities to maintain independence. One residential home on Knox Road, Bar Harbor. 30 served from SWH.

4. Southwest Harbor Public Library \$60,000 Erich Reed, Executive Director, speaking
125th anniversary this year. Went from 9-11,000 in attendance for programs. Has increased numbers taking out books when for most libraries the numbers are going down. The library started in 1884.

5. Westside Food Pantry \$2500 Dean Henry, Director, speaking.

Founded in 1990 to provide food security during the winter months (this year through May) Supply vouchers recipients can use at local food markets, Serve westside, MT. Desert, SWH, Tremont. Supply the backpack program with food kids can prepare on their own. 31 children in Tremont and SWH. 83% of funds from individual donors.

6. SWH Tremont Ambulance \$78,000 Kristin Hutchins, board member, speaking
Expects a shortfall of \$45,000 to 50,000 due Medicare reimbursement restrictions. Have 5 yrs until need to buy ambulance. Ambulances are normally kept for 20 years. The service is starting a development committee, recognizing that it needs to do more fundraising. Medicare does not pay for any checks on persons in which there is no transport. Persons must be loaded on to the ambulance. It will not reimburse if the person can walk on. The Service pays \$24,000 year to Dispatch. There is someone on-call 24 hrs/day.

7. Downeast Transportation \$10,000 Paul Murphy, Executive Director, speaking 70,000 passengers on the SWH route last year. According to ANP and Downeast Transportation, there will be significant need for growth in Downeast Transportation. Downeast has engaged a firm to determine what the needs are going to be. It runs 35 busses at the peak. It runs from Jun 23 to Columbus Day. About 20% of riders live on island year-round. To increase the ability to find drivers, Downeast does exchanges with winter resorts for commercial drivers. Young people are not getting commercial driver licenses; more are smoking marijuana restricting ability to pass the drug test and become drivers.
8. Eastern Area on Aging \$1500 Diane Walsh, Executive Director, speaking Meals on Wheels is their largest program. It's for those who are homebound or mostly homebound and over 65. It provided services to 36 SWH residents
9. Mt. Desert Nursing Association \$2,000 Heather Lewis, Executive Director, speaking In 2017 received Medicare accreditation. Provide home healthcare. 2018 was the first full year. 46% 65 + and older. Goal is to serve patients in the home and to keep them out of the hospital. Subsidized care for nursing visits. \$75.00. Visits are increasing, 100 more than last year for SWH. Do well checks.
10. Island Connections \$2,500
Increase in # served; 60 neighbors served. Transportation by volunteers to appointments, groceries. Also distribute Meals on Wheels. 5,014 rides/yr provided by 84 active volunteers. Have two vans. Have to be 70 (or person with disability) to receive transportation assistance. All rides are free. Sometimes don't have enough drivers to fill needs.
11. Downeast Community Partners \$3,574
Provide services for low-income clients. Tax preparation. Aging in place (At home in Mt. Desert Island on sliding scale). Contract with MDI Nursing creating a hybrid program. Services also include Head Start. Transportation program is state funded and reimbursed by Mainecare for health appointments. Those wishing transportation call Logisticare and then Logistacare calls Downeast. Pay for meals and lodging for those who cannot return home easily. Downeast has a heating program. Do have supplemental funds for others who do not meet criteria. 309 households served in the two counties.

IV. Other

The Historical Society will present on Mar 2nd and Mt. Height will be contacted to come that day.

VIII. Next Meeting Dates

Feb 26 A joint business with the Select Board and School Committee 6 PM

Mar 2 5 PM

March 11 is the date the Warrant Committee has to have recommendations to the Select Board

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM