



Board of Selectmen
Wednesday, January 16, 2019 @ 4:00 P.M.
Southwest Harbor Town Office

MINUTES

I. Chairman Chad Terry called the Selectmen's budget meeting to order at 4:10 pm. In attendance Lydia Goetze, Kristin Hutchins, Assistant Manager Marilyn Lowell and Manager Justin VanDongen. George Jellison was excused due to travel out of town and Ryan Donahue was excused until late arrival at 4:34. There were approximately 5 members of the public also present.

II. Ingrid Kachmar reviewed the request for the Harbor House. The Town funding supports the Sports and Afterschool programs. No changes were made to the request.

Doreen Willet reviewed the request for Island Connections which provides ride services to individuals that need assistance getting to medical appointments and other necessary services. SWH residents are a growing portion of their services. Increase is the first requested increase in 10 years. Also delivers meals on wheels in SWH. No changes made to the request.

Jennifer Jones reviewed the request for the Bar Harbor Food Pantry which was up \$500. The pantry serves all of Hancock County and 41 households in SWH.

Anne Heisey reviewed the request from Families First, a new family oriented homeless housing project in Ellsworth serving families throughout Hancock County. They also provide outreach service to help families find stable housing. No changes were made to the request.

Tom Judge, CEO presented Lifeflight of Maine's request. It was based on \$.50/resident and allows them to secure significant grant funding. Each vehicle or aircraft they operate is like a small ICU. 17 SWH residents were transported in 2018. No change was made to the request.

Patricia Pinkham reviewed the request from the SWH Historical Society. They made the request due to the increased operational cost resulting from their purchase of the Manset Union Church. They are also engaging in a capital campaign to increase funding for upgrades to the church building.

Heather Lewis, Director of Mount Desert Nursing Association, reviewed their request of \$5,000. They provide in home nursing services island-wide. Fees charged based on ability to pay. Also lends out medical devices.

The Board by consensus removed the additional police officer and additional cruiser from the budget. The Board also increased the Harbormaster salary to match the hourly rate of police officers. The Board by consensus kept the transfer of \$150k from undesignated funds to offset the increased CIP appropriation.

III. Kristin Hutchins made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm, seconded by Lydia Goetze, approved 4-0-0.