



Select Board

Budget Meeting

Monday January 11, 2021 @ 4:00pm

Via Zoom Remote Access

MINUTES

I. Chair Kristin Hutchins called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm;

Present: Board members Carolyn Ball, Chad Terry, George Jellison, and Allen Willey. Warrant Committee Members Lydia Goetze, Carl Wrubel, Don Lodge, Priscilla Ksionzyk, Alan Rosenquist, Ellen Pope.

Town Manager, Justin VanDongen, and Admin Assistant Jesse Dunbar.

II. Budget Hearings:

Community Service Organization Funding Requests

Southwest Harbor Tremont Ambulance Service – Requesting \$78,000 for FY22, This is the same request as last year. The service is seeking grant funding and will continue with annual appeal. They have requested \$56,000 from Tremont. The ambulance had 383 calls in 2020, 252 of those were in Southwest Harbor. Goetze recommended the service look into educating the summer population on the services they provide and the funding required.

Bar Harbor Food Pantry - The food pantry has upgraded internal distribution and has added a shed for outside distribution due to COVID-19. 94 individuals in Southwest Harbor are currently being served by the Pantry, this is an increase of 40 over the prior year. The pantry has seen an increase of 32% since March 15th, 2020. They are looking at ways to invest money.

Downeast Horizons – The organization currently serves 30 Southwest Harbor Residents. They do 2 appeal mailings a year. There are 162 employees, about 30 of which are administrative. They serve around 225 clients.

Mount Desert Nursing Association – The association has picked up a lot of new clients in 2020. Their medical supply closet continues to be well used and they started a free mask mission in 2020. There are 43 Southwest Harbor residents that were patients during 2020 and accounted for approximately 1500 visits.

WIC – 33 Southwest Harbor residents utilize the service. Their initial request was going to be \$1,435, however due to the pandemic they were not able to reach the number of signatures required to request an increase, therefore the amount being considered is the same amount as last year, \$1,035. They are facing a 30% budget cut from the Federal Government.

Westside Food Pantry – This will be the pantry's 30th year in operation. They have been safely conducting business through the pandemic. Vouchers normally run from November to April but

were extended until July 2020 due to the pandemic due to early support for the extension. All volunteers. Backpack program is still going on. 90% of vouchers are redeemed at the Southwest Food Mart.

Life Flight Foundation – The fleet consists of 3 helicopters, 1 fixed wing aircraft, and ground transport. During FY20 they transported 2,267 patients, this amounts to 1 every 4 hours. 13 Southwest Harbor residents were transported during 2020. 174 towns contribute to the foundation.

Island Connections – The organization has been around since 1997 providing free transportation for seniors. Last year they delivered 19,000 meals with the meals on wheels program. 3600 rides were provided. 46 new riders were added in 2020. During 2020 there were 2,086.5 volunteer hours and 42,114 miles driven.

Northern Light – Requesting the same amount that they have since 2014, \$1870. 30 Southwest Harbor residents use the service.

Southwest Harbor Public Library – 1200 items were borrowed from the library in 2020. They currently serve around 400 year round residents, 50 children, and 200 seasonal. Grants are used for reading programs and building upgrades.

Hospice of Hancock County – All services are free of charge. The organization has independence by not being tied to the Federal or State government.

Common Good Soup Kitchen – The organization started in 2009, they now offer home delivery and a Sunday food pantry. They offer two meals a week. Currently delivering to over 130 homes on MDI. Expenses have increased due to COVID-19. They have applied for over 25 grants and have received some. Popover service in the summer is 6 days a week. Staff consists of 1 year round, 4 summer staff and 50 volunteers. They lost 75% of volunteers due to COVID-19, most are over 60 years old. They were open six weeks less and at a reduced capacity due to the pandemic. Ball asked about their annual report, 990 form, and the Board of Directors not being listed on the site. Laurie Ward said she would get that information to the town.

Next Meeting January 12, 2021 at 4pm via Zoom.

X. Adjourn

Motion by Terry to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Second by Willey. Passed 5-0-0

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