

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S JOINT MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2016

Present: Theresa A. Kyle
Ella M. Brown
William Manzi

10:00AM

Budget Committee Members present: Paula Wood, Ellen Chase, Ivan Eaton & Paul Knowles

Mrs. Kyle opened the meeting at 10:06AM. It was explained that the Selectmen would be the only ones voting today and the budget committee would take votes at a later meeting.

Mrs. Kyle said the Selectmen made a policy on September 26 that they would not accept any new human service agency requests or consider any increases. There was discussion on what the board is going to allow the agencies to request.

HAVEN

Lori Gagnon was present and gave a description on what the program offers to the residents. The agency has requested level funding. It was stated that town funding is non-restrictive so it can go towards salaries but federal funding has restrictions so it cannot.

Ms. Armentrout spoke and said when dealing with domestic violence you need to react quickly so the need for shelter funding is recommended.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To recommend \$7517 for
Second: Ella M. Brown Haven.
Motion passed 2-0

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

Lauren Bradshaw was present and gave a description on what the program offers to the residents. Ivan Eaton asked how they were able to manage financially where the amount they asked for was cut last year. Ms. Bradshaw said they receive funding from all different sources and continue with services no matter what.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To recommend \$4000 for
Second: Ella M. Brown Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Motion passed 2-0

CHILD & FAMILY SERVICE

A brief overview of the program was given. Ms. Armentrout spoke and said this service is very valuable as teenagers can become

homeless at the age of 18 and referrals are made to this program.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To recommend \$4500 for
Second: Ella M. Brown Child & Family Service.
Motion passed 2-0

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

A brief overview of the program was given. Mrs. Kyle asked about the salaries. It was stated that they apply for grants that help to cover some of the salaries. They also do a lot of fundraising.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To recommend \$2500 for
Second: Ella M. Brown Child Advocacy Center.
Motion passed 2-0

CHUCKY'S FIGHT

Charles & Mary Rosa were present and explained the program and services offered.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To recommend \$7500 for
Second: Ella M. Brown Chucky's Fight.
Motion passed 2-0

Paul Knowles and Ivan Eaton stated that they wish they could give the \$10K and will try again for them at the deliberative session.

COMMUNITY HOME SOLUTIONS

Ellen Chase gave a brief overview of the program and services offered. She said a lot of referrals are done through the welfare office. Mrs. Kyle said even though they did not get money last year they still continued to offer the help to the residents. Ms. Armentrout spoke and explained how she works with them especially for the elderly. She said about 99% of the time they are able to fix the issues that are referred to them.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To recommend \$7500 for
Second: Ella M. Brown Community Home
Motion passed 2-0 Solutions.

Ms. Armentrout asked how much of the funding goes to salaries. Ms. Chase said it depends on the job they do but it is not at the rate that a regular employee would get. She said most of the work is done by Fran Chase so there is no labor fee however, sometimes there is a small fee charged when an employee goes out. Ms. Wood said it is important for the voters to know that

they continue the services even though they had no funding last year.

Ms. Wood commented that Easter Seal's did not submit an application as they did not receive any funding last year. She asked Ms. Armentrout what is going to happen this year. Mrs. Kyle said this is not the meeting to discuss as they did not make application and should be done at another meeting. Ms. Wood disagrees and feels it is an informational meeting and could be brought up.

Board took a break at 11:06AM. Board reconvened at 11:16AM.

FAMILIES FIRST

There was a brief overview of the program and services offered. Ms. Armentrout said dental is an issue in town as there are no programs out there. If they have an issue with teeth they need to go to the emergency room to get a referral and then they can go to families first and receive a sliding scale.

There was discussion on how soon someone could use the dental service. They stated it was no longer true that they have to be a client for a year to get dental. There was clarification on the taxi service offered. There was discussion on the medication that is offered to addicts and how they assist the individuals. They said there is a need for other options to help and that is where the counseling programs come in.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To recommend \$7500 for
Second: Ella M. Brown Families First.
Motion passed 2-0

RICHIE MCFARLAND

Peggy Small-Porter was present and gave a brief overview of the services and programs offered.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To recommend \$7500 for
Second: Ella M. Brown Richie McFarland.
Motion 2-0

Jessica Brown spoke and stressed how important this program is for the children and she hopes with a little more information this will pass at town meeting this year. Ivan Eaton said they had made a suggestion to add notes so the voters would know what the program is for. Paula Wood asked if they were able to maintain services without the funding and she said they did as they never deny services.

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Keith Bates and Patte Ardizzoni were present and explained the programs and services offered. He said they are requesting level funding although they did not receive funding last year. He said they have opened the new building and there is a Head Start program in Seabrook. He spoke about the food pantry and of the donations they receive for this.

Mrs. Kyle and Mrs. Brown spoke and said the new facility is wonderful and commended them for the work they do. Ms. Ardizzoni spoke and said they are here to help and want to work with all agencies whether they receive funding or not and continue with services.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve \$42,700 for
Second: Ella M. Brown Community Action Program
Motion passed 2-0

Paula Wood said she does feel the money that is given could have been used better to service the residents and also that the money would have been better spent on residents without the new building and land. She has to justify the money to the voters and she doesn't know how to do that with a new building. Ms. Ardizzoni said the CFO would be happy to discuss this with them. What she knows is that instead of renting and never knowing how long they will be there this gives them more stability and invested in the town. She said they went back and forth with the design of the building and it was Seabrook that wanted something more in line with the Old Smithtown. Mr. Bates said the funding to build is different than the money for services.

Ivan Eaton said they are still paying more than the other towns that use the services and of similar size. Mr. Bates said Seabrook residents use about 55% of the services. The \$42,700 goes to the general operation of the program and does include salaries. Ms. Wood said as far as she is concerned if they did not provide the financials for the building in Seabrook that serves the residents then she wouldn't have accepted the application as it is not complete.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To take a break until
Second: Ella M. Brown 1:15PM.
Motion passed 2-0

ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION & MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

A brief overview of the programs and services were provided.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve \$9570 for

Second: Ella M. Brown
Motion passed 2-0

Rockingham Nutrition &
Meals on Wheels program.

Ms. Armentrout spoke and said the food program they did for the children this past summer was excellent and they are trying to implement a similar program for the elderly.

SEABROOK LION'S CLUB

Linda Fortin was present and gave a brief overview of the programs and services.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle

To approve \$7,000 for
Seabrook Lion's Club.

Ms. Wood said it was stated they were not increasing any amount. Mr. Manzi explained that the amount was changed by the board last year and not done at deliberative session.

Second: Ella M. Brown
Motion passed 2-0

SEACOAST MENTAL HEALTH

A brief overview of the programs and services was provided. Services are provided to children, youth, adults and families.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle

To approve \$5,000 for
Seacoast Mental Health.

Second: Ella M. Brown
Motion passed 2-0

Jessica Brown said they come right to the school for services and it is a great program.

SEACOAST VISITING NURSES

A brief overview of the programs and services was provided.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle

To approve \$9,500 for
Seacoast Visiting
Nurses.

Second: Ella M. Brown
Motion passed 2-0

LAMPREY HEALTH CARE

A brief overview of the programs and services was provided.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle

To approve \$3,800 for
Lamprey Health Care.

Second: Ella M. Brown
Motion passed 2-0

SEACOAST YOUTH SERVICES

Vic Maloney was present and gave a brief overview of the programs and services offered. Mrs. Kyle said it very admirable of him working with the youth and commends him for what he does.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve \$22,500 for
Second: Ella M. Brown Seacoast Youth Services.
Motion passed 2-0

Paula Wood said there are a lot more Hampton residents attending programs and they only give \$2,500 and they are asking the town for \$22,500. She would like an explanation on the cost difference. Mr. Maloney said he would break it down and provide to the board. Ellen Chase said there is also \$31K in the school budget that she understands is for the SAZ program. The town is giving this agency about \$53K and currently employs 25 employees.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To recess meeting until
Second: Ella M. Brown Thursday at 6PM.
Motion passed 2-0

Approved and endorsed

Ella M. Brown, Clerk

Date: _____