

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER FUNDING REQUEST STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 7:00 PM

AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A. 7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

- Members present - Sue Racanelli, Lindy Johnson, Paul Erlbaum, Jeanne Malachowski, Sandal Cate
Absent -- Charlie Catlin, Ann Stanton
- Meeting called to order at 7:05

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- None

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Paul made a motion to elect Lindy Johnson Chairperson, Sue seconded. Discussion: Lindy accepted this nomination as the person who has been a member for several years. It was decided we needed a vice chair in case the chair isn't available. Motion amended to include Lindy as chair and Sue as vice-chair. Vote resulted in unanimous approval - **Lindy Chair, Sue Vice-chair.**

E. PRESENTATIONS BY ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING FUNDING

- Catherine Kalkstein presented information about the **Washington County Diversion Program** - increase based on increased services for East Montpelier residents. Explanation about services and rationale for increase this year.
- Susan Crampton presented information about the **Twin Valley Senior Center** and the costs of meals and how that cost is determined. Meals cost \$9.00 (116 meals to EM residents) the center is reimbursed about \$5.00/meal so there is a shortfall. Cabot, Marshfield, Plainfield, Woodbury are also supported with meals. Finances are right on the line each month, they are never ahead. They have dinners as a fundraiser (once/month). More cultural programs are also being offered. They are requesting the extra dollars to support the Meals on Wheels program. Meals are provided on Monday, Wednesday & Friday by volunteer drivers who are reimbursed for mileage.
- Jennifer Zollner & Bertil Agell presented information for the **T.W. Wood Gallery**. This is the first year the organization has requested funding. Jennifer is speaking as a consumer of the offerings. T.W. Wood Gallery offerings includes art programs for children, adult classes, art walk nights, an open gallery, etc. Ginny Callan is the only full time employee. There is a part-time employee for education outreach who is charged with developing educational outreach/programs. The gallery is utilized by East Montpelier

residents and provides a local art experience.

F. REVIEW OF FUNDING REQUESTS

- The committee reviewed the 33 requests individually. It is the committee's decision that the **Central VT Home Health & Hospice** and **Montpelier Senior Activity Center** be removed from this funding request article and presented to voters in separate articles. This has been done in the past, in part, due to the higher dollar amount being requested by each.
- The committee is recommending that the Selectboard present the other funding requests in one article in the amounts requested by the organizations which equals \$21,836. (Please see separate spreadsheet for itemized list of funding requests.)

G. ADJOURN

- Meeting adjourned at 8:30.