

Funding Request Study Committee Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Lyn Blackwell (chair), Rhoda Chickering, Kevin Nadzam, Ann Stanton, Lindy Johnson (recorder)

Guests present: David Orrick (OUR House), Alison Lamagna (Good Beginnings), Doug Kievit-Kylar & Wendy Freundlich (Girls/Boyz First Mentoring), Mike Caccavo & Rita Copeland (Twin Valley Senior Center)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Lyn Blackwell

Organization representatives were asked to present information about their various programs:

Wendy Freundlich introduced the Girls/Boyz First Mentoring Program information (brochure). This organization is requesting \$1,500. This is the first time they have requested money from East Montpelier. Doug Kievit-Kylar presented personal experiences as a mentor and the positive outcomes.

Discussion from the committee included questions about why they are requesting money now? They've been in existence for 17 years. Wendy is trying to ask all towns in WCSU and Montpelier so she has added a couple each year.

Alison Lamagna introduced Good Beginnings to support the request for \$300. She handed out a brochure and discussed the services available for new parents. First time request because expenses have increased (dedicated space when it used to be run from kitchen tables) and services have increased. She is expanding her base for support.

Rita Copeland presented for Twin Valley Senior Center with Mike Caccavo (board member) to explain the request (\$2,000) and increase. New facility in E. Montpelier, only provider of Meals on Wheels for E. Montpelier, free exercise classes, and meals provided on site.

David Orrick (OUR House) presented as a board member for this organization. First time request for \$250. They are just beginning to ask towns for support as grant money is being reduced. They are currently going through an accreditation process that may help in funding when it is completed.

8:25 - The committee began discussion of all requests. Correction to the spreadsheet is that Montpelier Senior Center will not be included in this proposed appropriation; the Selectboard plans to place this item separately on the warning for Town Meeting. Discussion involved the maximum amount for a floor vote (\$25,000) and the Selectboard's maximum recommendation for this years' increase (5% or \$23,000). The committee discussed what to do about disproportionate requests over \$5,000, which represents a fifth of the maximum, and decided to recommend to the Selectboard that these be listed separately from the more modest requests made by the majority of applicants. The other organization that falls in this category is Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (\$5,500).

After much discussion and evaluation of each organization's request, the committee agreed to recommend a total appropriation of \$22,561.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.