

BUDGET COMMITTEE
TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024
6:00 P.M.

In attendance: Doug Benton, Don Paiva, Fred Platts, Ed Skroback, Cindy Williams; George Tuthill, Selectman's Rep

Don called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Doug, 2nd by Fred to accept the minutes from September 10 as amended – correction from Fred Sharp to Larry Sharp in attendance and changing language to the TTCC Town of Bristol maintenance from property maintenance to grounds maintenance.

VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE TINA MULLEAVEY, newly appointed Executive Director appeared at 6:25. She provided a report of services provided to Alexandria residents. They provide financial support, groceries, gas and transportation to survivors of violence and their families. There is one sexually abused survivor from Alexandria that they have worked closely with through the PD and have provided much support. They assist in providing a safety plan and support through process to include therapy. They have provided outreach to 856 students of which many are from Alexandria. There is a staff of 6 full-time employees and all services provided are free to the client.

They have just acquired 3 new curriculum to assist in training for turnover of staff in schools and is hoping to create contracts with the schools for smoother transition and also to teach skills in defusing possible violence or bullying situations.

Tina has worked at the agency for over 20 years but now in new role as Director. They are requesting \$2200 this year from Alexandria. They have a great working relationship with our PD and most referrals come from the PD. The numbers they have provided for services are not accurate as many callers do not disclose where they are calling from.

Doug asked how they work along with the schools and their programs. She explained that work along side those agencies like DCYF and mental health agencies.

She has just written a grant to provide group therapy for kids in school. Because of the lack of transportation, they would be able to reach more kids if services were available at the school.

Don asked where the bulk of their funding came from. Tina explained they are funded by grants, donations and the 21 towns they serve. George asked how they assist survivors – she explained they assist them locating an attorney if possible, attend court hearings and assist with the paperwork for restraining orders, etc. and also accompany survivors to court hearings. They work along side CASA.

NANA – LAKES REGION VISITING NURSES – were scheduled to appear at 6:45 – no show.

George reported that SKR has been contracted for the sitework at the transfer station and Construx for the building. No schedule as been determined. He reported it was very difficult to get people to bid the job.

A motion was made by Doug, 2nd by Fred to adjourn the meeting at 7:00, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Williams