



# Carver Finance Committee

## Public Meeting Notice

Posted in accordance with M.G.L Chapter 30A Section 20 Amended.

Carver Town Hall, Second Floor Room 1

AGENDA for July 18, 2019 @ 7:00PM

Authorized Person Alan Germain, Chairman

Order of Business: Action, Discussion and Possible Votes.

The Committee Chairman reasonably anticipates the following matters will be discussed at this meeting.

Present: Alan Germain; Chairman, Kathryn Bandzul: Vice Chairman, Members: George Callahan, Adam Holmes, Kevin Sullivan and Elizabeth Sulger; Carver Finance Director Meg Lemay and Potential Member; Pat Meagher.

Absent: Michael Milanoski, Bill Duggan, Patrick Kenneally and Steve Pratt

Chairman Germain opened the meeting at 7:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting will be recorded by Area 58

No public input.

### **Year End Transfers:**

There are no yearend transfers to be made for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. This is the first time that this has happened. This is because of the way that Town Meeting voted on the Budgets. In the past the Budgets were approved by line item. Now they are approved by department.

Per Meg Lemay "The Department Heads watched their budgets like hawks".

### **Grant Application Interviews:**

Health Imperatives, represent by Jennifer Allison.

Health Imperatives has 3 main programs: Reproductive Services, Women Infant and Children (WIC) and Domestic/Sexual Violence. They also run a 24 hour per day hotline. In 2018 they served 256 Carver residents and in 2017 they served 239 Carver residents.

They would love to come back in the spring to tell the Finance Committee what they spent the funds on.

George Callahan asked how they advertise. The stated they advertise through their website, social media, community benefits and flyers. They would like to also start reaching out through the schools.

Health Imperatives asked for \$6,000. Because this application was sent in after Town Meeting and not on the article, the max that can be awarded is \$5,000. Jennifer initialed the application to state \$5,000 instead of \$6,000.

Meg Lemay asked Health Imperatives to send her an invoice and Meg will have Alan Germain sign off on the invoice and Accounts Payable (AP) can release a check.

Alan will send information about Carver Old Home Day and Carver Night Out to Health Imperatives.

Ms. Bandzul made a motion to approve the \$5,000 grant to Health Imperatives, seconded by Ms. Sulger.

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc., represented by Raymond Yox.

South Coastal Counties Legal Services provides legal aid to the Southern Eastern part of Massachusetts. All money received is used for direct legal costs. The Hyannis office supports Carver. The office handles only civil cases, no criminal cases.

Anyone who meets the federal poverty level of 200% or is over 60 years old qualify for this program. Anyone over 60 does not to have a means checked to be eligible.

All cases are assessed for priority yearly. They cover cases for housing, family law, public benefits, educational matters, immigration, divorce, child support, welfare, food stamps, unemployment, etc.

Lawyers make \$250 per hour.

South Coastal Counties Legal Services also coordinates all pro bono cases.

The services provided by South Coastal Counties Legal Services reduces costs to towns by diverting crises.

George Callahan recommended that they should reach out to Meg Lemay to get information to Town Department Heads to get the word out about this program.

They would be willing to come back in the spring to tell the Finance Committee what they spent the funds on.

Ms. Bandzul made a motion to increase the grant from \$4,000 to \$5,000, seconded by Ms. Sulger.

Ms. Bandzul made a motion to approve the \$5,000 grant to South Coastal Counties Legal Services, seconded by George Callahan.

Shane Gives Thanks, Inc., represented by Krystal McColgan

Shane Gives Thanks served 823 guests in June 2019, of which 712 were from Carver.

There are 112 enrolled in the back pack program and 45 are from Carver.

Healthy heroes is a program for children to eat fruit while parents shop.

Guest can shop the grocery store every 7 days and not just be handed a box prefilled.

Items in need are toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, bath supplies, dog food, cat food, fresh fruit s or vegetables.

Donations come from The Greater Boston Food Bank, 2 Cumberland Farms locations in Carver, 1 Cumberland Farms in Wareham and Aldi.

They reach out through social media and word of mouth.

The order 3,000 pounds of food a week.

Krystle would be like to come back in the spring to tell the Finance Committee what they spent the funds on.

Alan Germain explained that this grant will be awarded for \$6,000 instead of the capped \$5,000 because it was in the town article at Town Meeting for \$6,000.

Ms. Bandzul made a motion to approve the \$5,000 grant to Shane Gives Thanks, Inc., seconded by Ms. Sulger.

Ms. Bandzul made a motion to approve the minutes from June 13, 2019, seconded by Mr. Callahan.



Next meeting will be Thursday August 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm with Steve Pratt about the Town Wide Sustainability Study. There will be a Finance Committee meeting on September 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Ms. Bandzul made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Callahan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Sulger

Voted & Approved