

**Town of Mount Desert
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 24, 2022**

Selectboard Members Present: Matt Hart, Chair John Macauley, Martha Dudman, Geoff Wood, Wendy Littlefield

Town Officials Present: Tax Assessor Kyle Avila, Town Manager Durlin Lunt, Town Clerk Claire Woolfolk

Members of the public were also in attendance.

I. Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Macauley called the Meeting to order at 6:31PM.

II. Selectmen's Reports

None Presented.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Service Groups/3rd Party Budget 2022-2023 Requests

Neighborhood House – MDI Campfire Coalition – Requesting \$3,000.00. 54 Households have been served this year.

Neighborhood House – Community Events - Requesting \$23,000.00. In 15 years the Neighborhood House has not increased their request, however their budget has risen by 63%. Neighborhood House serves as the Town's Recreational Department.

Neighborhood House – Youth Program – Requesting \$50,000.00.

Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce – Requesting \$65,000.00 – The amount requested has risen to cover a new position shared between the Economic Development Committee and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mount Desert Island Historical Society – Requesting \$2,500.00. Other organization funding comes from donors, small fundraising events, membership fees and grants.

Mount Desert Masonic Lodge #140 AF & AM – This is a recurring item; the Masonic Lodge provides water to the Town and the Town forgives their taxes. It was unknown whether the arrangement would continue once the Somesville Fire Station renovations occur.

Mount Desert Nursery School – Requesting \$9,250.00 – There are currently 15 students and also a waiting list. This is an increase in the amount requested. Additional funding will go toward roof repairs, a new washer and dryer, and to finish the basement. The age of nursery school students is currently in the 2-5 years range.

Mount Desert Nursing Association – Requesting \$35,000.00. 92 Mount Desert residents were served this year, up from 48 residents served last year. It was noted that the Nursing Association offers private-pay services to those needing it.

Northeast Harbor Library – Requesting \$20,500.00. 31,827 visitors to the library last year. The library serves as the Mount Desert Elementary School library. 24 library scholarships were awarded last year.

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- 1 **Northeast Harbor VIS** – Requesting \$5,000.00.
2 **Northern Light Homecare & Hospice** – Requesting \$1,200.00. Five Mount Desert
3 residents were served with 97 visits occurring last year. Hospice Volunteers of Hancock
4 County are a partner. They provide volunteers for Northern Light Homecare & Hospice.
5 **Seal Harbor Library Association** – Requesting \$4,000.00.
6 **Seal Harbor VIS** – Requesting \$55,000.00.
7 **Somesville Library** – Requesting \$11,000.00.
8 **Somesville VIS** – Requesting \$3,000.00.
9 **SPCA of Hancock County** – Requesting \$1,000.00. 500 animals supported last year.
10 **WIC Nutrition Program** – Requesting \$495.00. Since 2020 almost 20 Mount Desert
11 families have received almost \$12,000 in vouchers. Federal funding will match
12 Municipal contributions.
13 **American Red Cross** – Requesting \$3,500.00.
14 **Downeast Community Partners** – Requesting \$2,150.00.
15 **Families First Community Center** – Requesting \$1,000.00.
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17 **IV. Other Business**

18 *A. Such other business as may be legally conducted*
19 There was no Other Business.
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21 **V. Adjournment**

22 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to adjourn the meeting.
23 Motion approved 5-0.
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25 The Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM
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Wendy Littlefield