

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Bristol Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 12:37 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Appropriation Issue - Addison County Restorative Justice Services

Importance: High

Hi Valerie

I received an appropriation request from Addison County Restorative Justice Services; however, the amount requested was from two years ago (\$1,150). Last year they requested an increased amount (\$1,500) and obtained the required signatures. When I talked to Jean Stone (Director) she said that she couldn't get out there to obtain signatures so they requested the previous amount with the hope that the Town would accept it. Not sure if we can use the highlighted sentence to let this through as they didn't get three years' worth of signatures before requesting a lower amount. They had the 3 years for the \$1,150 before last year. Is this something where the Selectboard can override the policy?

Those social service agencies that have had an appropriation request approved for the same amount, for three (3) consecutive years, are not required to submit a petition for an article requesting an appropriation if the amount requested is the same or less than the amount approved by the voters in the previous year. In such case, the agency should make its request by letter to the Selectboard postmarked no later than 50 days before the day of Town Meeting. If the last day for filing letters with the Selectboard falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the deadline shall be extended to the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. The letter should identify the name of the agency, the amount requested for appropriation, and a person to contact for more information. Agencies that do not submit a letter to the Selectboard before the 50 day deadline may be required to submit a voter-backed petition in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2642.

Thanks.

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