

***City Council Committee Reports for 2023***

*Date: April 4, 2023 Recorder: Jane Snow/McCauley*

***Community Service Committee***

<b>Councillors Attending</b>		<b>Others Attending</b>	<b>Address</b>
James McCauley	<i>m</i>	<i>Andi Egmont</i>	<i>Dir NYS</i>
Jennie Donahue	<i>m</i>	<i>Andrew Levine</i>	<i>COS</i>
Connie Preston	<i>m</i>	<i>Jane Snow</i>	
Byron J. Lane		<i>Stephanie Nikitec</i>	
Ed Cameron			
Heather L. Shand	<i>x</i>		
Afroz Khan			
Bruce L. Vogel			
Christine E. Wallace	<i>x</i>		
Sharif I. Zeid			
Mark Wright			

***AGENDA ITEMS***

***ACTION TAKEN***

<i>Approval of Previous Minutes</i>	<i>3-0</i>
<i>Discussion with Andi Egmont, Dir NYS, on the Grant funded aspects of NYS</i>	

**Recording**

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***Agenda Items***

Chair Cllr McCauley, Cllr Preston, Cllr Donahue

***Approval of Previous Minutes 3/21 Committee: Approved 3-0***

***Discussion with NYS***

Department Speaker: Andi Egmont Dir of NYS

Discussion with NYS - Andi Egmont – excited to be able to talk about service and support division. Always been a part of YS but has increased because of the needs of community. Handed out list of all the grants received since 2005 (2022 Mass Call 3 BSAS State grant \$250,000 & tower Grant \$400,000 -5 yr grant. 2023 MASS Call 3 Grant BSAS from State \$500,000 for 2 yrs ) ECAB (Essex County Asset Builder Network) pamphlet goes out to 6 communities as a result of the completing Youth surveys. History- grants have always funded parts of YS. First grants written with Cllr Holaday for substance use prevention. Got grant which launched YS. Federal Drug Free Community Grant a 5yr grant \$379,000. Asset model is protective factors. Allowed 2 to 5 yr. cycle of grant. Saw a decrease in first time use. All of our funding has been in partnership with the schools. After 10 yrs. of funding city couldn't apply as application based on zip code. We decided to form a regional group. Wrote to Tower foundation with this idea that with 10 yrs. experience we could train other communities. We went regional and ECAB was then given grant for additional 5 yrs. Hired Tina who has background in public health. We communicated to Tower grant folks that we were now doing something different – wanted YS to be trail blazer. They grant us funding them for 2 more yrs. We received \$125,000 grant from MASS Call 3 – BASA -Bureau of sustains abuse. They doubled this \$250,000 because of covid. Tower Grant- focuses on therapeutic not health sense but handicap. Provided social work software, youth council support, and funds to do community assessment on mental health. As Director I don't apply for grant unless I have the need for them. When you identify need you can write a stronger grant. Needs identified thru community discussion. Have no grants that require city to match grant. I don't take in grant unless I know how we will fund things at end of grant. Worked to be able to fund grant funded positions by the time grant ended. Grants now funding half of directors' positions. Administrator fee is 10-15% goes into revolving fund for our office manager. Tina - Assoc Dir. ¾ salary from BSAS grant ¼ from Tower Grant People only work with social worker as needed. Social worker has an LSW – oversees monthly social service group via Zoom. Helps connect residents with agencies. Cllr Donahue- love everything I am hearing and see the need for all of them. Cllr Preston- provide needed services. Social worker paid for split BSAS and Tower. How long do expect Tower Grant to continue? Andi- feel grant will continue after 15 yrs. No limitation on funding. We presented to them and all the trustees. Limitation will be when we want to do something new. Funding for YS- Boys & Girls club raised a million over 5 yrs for their building. Fund raising could happen but not for the entire building, only portions. During value engineering phase of design as we felt we could fund raise for items within the building. I would fund raise for gym and feel community would support that. Used our software to compute how much we could pull out to fund building. Cllr Preston- how do you feel about using Brown School gym- Andi- first response please don't put kids back in school. Now feel as long as it is a safe space I would support. When we were at Brown gym was used 75% of the time during winter. As we are looking at Adult recreation it make sense. Schools are full no extra space. Cllr Shand - question about grant. Andi- \$250,000 for next 2 yrs. Can go up to 8 yrs. Cllr Wallace- ques how money shows up in budget. Looking for full picture. Are employees funded by grants in budget? Andi- yes will put revolving acct in. Tower Fund sends us a check and we put in our account. State Grants-we spend money and send in for reimbursement and they pull down from grant account. Those will be in budget now to make it clearer. If we write a grant mayor has to sign off. Anything, I can do to provide more information I would gladly do. All 3 divisions are closely tied. Social grps – grandparents

raising grandkids meet monthly. Cllr McCauley- Grants \_Tower and BASA grant secured for several years. How do you work with schools? Tower is specific to Youth Dev – LQBT and kids of color. We funded from our grants the schools Wellness curriculum. Anything under health and wellness we cover. Also, would work with Y and police. Gave \$20,000 to Georgetown and helped Ames to write grant. Currently working with Triton. Cllr McCauley- we are assuming cost and pieces of it. Andi- they all contribute to assessment piece or give something in kind. Georgetown opened a YS- mentoring them and helped them with \$20,000. Carefully not to market as clinical. NAGLY Grp in Salem worked with them to create a satellite group that meets in Senior Center every week. Started YPOC-young people of color group. Have had difficulty finding a facilitator. Cllr McCauley- suggestion has been made that Marijuana shops here that could help fund YS would that effect your program. Andi – no. Some towns have directed these funds to prevention programs.

Cllr McCauley- should put this in budget and get credit for it. Want to paint a more complete picture. Schools represent 60% of our budget.

**Public Comment:** Jane Snow thank you for sharing all this information. I had done some research and was pleased to see schools were offering programs and support for all grade levels in our school. I was very surprised and pleased to hear this is funded by YS. Many of the things you mentioned tonight I believed was a duplicate of services. Schools never mentioned they have been working with YS in partnership and that YS has provided them with funding for the programs, speakers for parents and summer programs for students, support groups for grandparents etc. Could you help me to understand you are the Dir of ECAB and also work for the city. How does that work. Andi- staff person runs that.

Stephanie- agree with Jane - clarity with money is everything. Ques Private non- profit grp. Does Friends of YS donate money to YS? Andi- yes I usually go to them and make a request for funding. Funded part time position at rec. center. Also, cover cost of Senior Night at High School. Stephanie- Greater Newburyport Families on line state city has absorbed group. Andi- we absorbed the programs. No money, just absorbed programs as they were shutting down. 501 dissolved. Stephanie -Y has an after-school programs that states it is in co-operation with YS. What does that entail? Andi- contracted childcare to Y-they deal directly with schools. YS has nothing to do with them. Part of beacon commission. Schools negotiate cost of space directly with Y.

*Motion to adjourn 3-0.*

*Additional Public Comment*

### **A Snapshot of Newburyport's Youth**



2021 Youth Survey



→ include in minutes

#### Grants Overview

- All Grants are written for previously identified needs
- All Needs are determined by data and community discussions/ prioritization
- Grants requiring matches are usually 75% in kind
- NYS creates prioritized funding needs as part of a sustainability plan created for all multi-year grants

#### Current Grants and Goals

Tower Foundation Grant \$46,518.80

Year one of new cycle (5 years funding previously)

- NYS continues to be a trailblazer in the region for positive youth development work
- Focus is on mental health, youth leadership, Therapeutic Rec and supports for LGBTQ youth and Young People of Color
- Funding LSW/ Supports Coordinator, software, Youth Council staffing and initiatives, mental health assessment (contracted)

BSAS Grant Year 2 \$250,000 (doubled after award)

- Grant is Substance Abuse prevention for regional cohorts focused on grades 6-12
- Year one was assessment
- Year two has been focused on capacity regionally to implement prevention strategies
- Planning of logic model and strategic plan for 5 years complete
- Funds Associate Director (50%), funding for NAGLY and Youth Council, substance free events, Rec Center staffing (subsidized membership), LSW/ Supports Coordinator, Grant administrator (>15 hours a week), Community youth assessments (bi-annual), Georgetown Youth Center, Parent Speaker Series (regionally), Youth Retreat, ECAB events
- Awarded 2 more years today!

#### Social Work:

- Connected with 127 Newburyport families; 15 of these receive regular support and live at Kelleher Gardens
- 228 referrals including fuel, food, infant and youth support, housing, mentoring, clothing, mental health and more
- \$8316 in scholarship/assistance (Drivers Ed, gift cards, camp scholarships etc)
- Weekly in person time at the Newburyport Public Library to increase accessibility to residents
- Utilized partnership with translation agency to better serve non-English speaking parents and caregivers
- Offered affinity groups such as NAGLY North, Young People of Color, Multicultural Families, Growing Humanitarians, Grandparents Parenting