

## OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes, September 11, 2023

In attendance: Allyson Pinkhover, Patricia Conway, Barbara Davis, Michael Szczesny, Pamela Vayda, Steven Zeboski

Nominations were made for Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk.

Motion made by Davis, second by Vayda to nominate Allyson Pinkhover as chair. Motion carried 6-0-0

Motion made by Szczesny, second by Davis to nominate Patricia Conway as Vice Chair. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Motion made by Conway, second by Vayda to nominate Barbara Davis as Clerk. Motion carried 6-0-0.

After member introductions, Chair Pinkhover gave a brief history of where the settlement money is coming from. Holbrook will be getting approximately \$50,000 per year. The State requires towns to report on the use of the money.

There are many allowable uses for the money - treatment, supporting people in treatment, connections to care, harm reduction, education and prevention.

Committee brainstormed some ideas for the use of the money to give the town the biggest bang for the buck. We want to work to create sustainable programs and look into partnership programs with area towns through an intermunicipal agreement. As an advisory committee, our job is to make recommendations to the Selectboard.

Hiring a social worker-type person to help people get back on their feet.

Nalox boxes – boxes to store Narcan in areas around town in various places. Cost is about \$250 per.

Suggested doing some community asset mapping of available resources in the area so we don't reinvent the wheel and duplicate resources. Also do a community flyer of some kind with the resources.

We want to use a multi-pronged approach so we're not putting all our eggs in one basket.

A suggestion is to do a survey to get community input.

Lots of things we can do to start that are at no or low cost.

Board of health can do Narcan training.

Allyson will get info from the town accountant on how much money is currently in the account and how to access it.

Next meeting will be Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn made by Pam Vayda, second by Barbara Davis. Meeting adjourned at 8:27.