



*TOWN OF CHELSEA
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TOWN OF CHELSEA, VERMONT SOCIAL SERVICE APPROPRIATION POLICY

The Town of Chelsea, Vermont asks that all appropriation requests be submitted to the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 296 Vermont Route 110, Chelsea, VT, 05038 by December 30th each year.

Pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2642 (a)(3)(A), All petitions, must be signed by at least 5% of the registered voters, and must be submitted not less than 47 days before Town Meeting.

Pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2642 (a)(3)(C), a petition must contain the petition language on every page on which signatures are collected and must contain the printed name, signature, and street address of each voter who signs the petition.

All petitions must state the dollar amount requested.

No proposed article may contain any opinion or comment about the subject being voted upon. All appropriation requests must be submitted by petition. Petitions submitted after the deadline will not be honored. Petitions submitted prior to the deadline but not containing the required number of signatures shall be returned by the Town Clerk within 24 hours from the receipt stating in writing on the petition why it cannot be accepted. Any petition returned to the petitioners may be amended to correct any stated deficiencies and refiled with the Town Clerk not later than 48 hours after the petition was returned by the Clerk, or the filing deadline, whichever is later. However, supplementary petitions shall not be accepted if the original petition did not meet the filing deadline or did not contain the requisite number of signatures.

All social service agencies requesting appropriations under this policy must to submit a report for inclusion in the Town's Annual Report. Descriptions must be limited to ½ page and should describe the program and its services provided to Town residents. Agency representatives are encouraged to attend Town Meeting to explain the appropriation request to the voters and answer their questions.

Approved social service appropriations will be paid by the Town after November 1st of each year.

Payment is subject to the availability of funds.

Revision Date: October 17, 2017

The foregoing policy is hereby adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Chelsea, Vermont, this 17th day of October, 2017, and is effective as of this date until amended or repealed.



Joan Goodrich, Selectboard Chair



Michael Kuban, Selectboard Vice-Chair



Susan Elder, Selectboard Member



Ruben Hook, Selectboard Member

Greg Kotyk, Selectboard Member