

Stonington Facilities Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Stonington Human Services, Pawcatuck, CT
Tuesday, October 8, 2019
7:00 pm
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The Stonington Facilities Committee held a regular meeting on this date, Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Stonington Human Services.

Members present were Paul Sartor, Chairman, Don Maranell, Sandy Grimes, Jean Fiore, and John Prue, Board of Selectmen liaison. Also, present were Sandy Tislere, Recording Secretary, Leanne Theodore, Stonington Human Service Director and interested citizens
Members absent: Chris Donahue, Vice Chair; Alisa Morrison and Bill King

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Paul Sartor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The group joined together for the Pledge of Alliance.

3. **Comments from the public**

There weren't any comments from the public.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the regular meeting of September 10, 2019 were submitted for approval.

A motion was made by Sandy Grimes and seconded by Don Maranell to approve the September 10, 2019 as presented.

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

5. **Correspondence**

Paul Sartor discussed an email he received about the date of the Old Mystic building being turned over being extended to November 1, 2019. There was also a card dropped off at the Old Mystic building Open House suggesting use of West Broad Street School as shared community work spaces.

6. **Old Mystic School District Building**

Chairman Sartor requested a change in the agenda to discuss the Stonington Human Services Proposal first.

• **Stonington Human Services Proposal**

Leanne Theodore, Director of Human Services, distributed a Stonington Department of Human Services Fiscal Year 19-20 Budget Presentation (attachment #1) to demonstrate the types of services offered and the number of residents served. Ms. Theodore discussed programs and services Stonington Human Services offered the town of Stonington. Ms. Theodore explained there are four different departments working under one umbrella: family and youth services, senior services, recreation and social services. Ms. Theodore discussed the possible uses for the Old Mystic building such as offering daytime enrichment programs for the senior population and shared workspaces for small businesses and office space. Ms. Theodore spoke of the Stonington Round Table which is comprised of the non-profit organizations in town that meet quarterly to discuss the needs of Stonington residents saying she will share the results of these conversations regarding the Old Mystic building. The discussion will be ongoing regarding uses of the Old Mystic building for community services.

The public discussion was as follows:

- The Old Mystic community's first choice would be for the property to go back to residential.
- Mr. Richard Burke, 67 N. Stonington Road, Old Mystic, said he was shocked the town paid to have the septic system pumped every month and the roof needs work as he noticed there were lots of stains on the tiles on the ceilings. Mr. Burke stated the town would be on the hook for a lot of money to bring that place up to usable space. I'd like to see some numbers before making any decisions.
- The only remediation done to the building is the room that was used as a preschool.
- The change of use of the building would necessitate updating to zoning codes.
- Whatever happens to the property will require the consideration of sewer hookup.
- The community voiced their concern over the types of uses the property may be used.
- Keeping the property as open space was mentioned.
- The community discussed their concerns over the disrepair of the building.

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- 10/5/19 Open House Review

Jean Fiore discussed there were about 30 members of the public who attended. Ms. Fiore shared a document she created from the suggestions for the use of the Old Mystic building (attachment #2).

- Next Steps

1. Leanne Theodore will continue investigating uses for the Old Mystic property.
2. The committee will identify town agencies who might have a use for the property if there is a need.
3. Paul Sartor will start a conversation with the Stonington WPA regarding what the process is for sewer installation.
4. Paul Sartor will look into having the playground equipment and the chain link fence removed.

7. WBSS

- Update on St. Michael lease negotiation

Paul Sartor reported this item is still in negotiation.

8. New Business

The 2020 meeting schedule was presented to the committee for approval.

A motion was made by Don Maranell and seconded by Sandy Grimes to keep the monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Stonington Human Services.

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Don Maranell and seconded by Jean Fiore to have the November 12, 2019 meeting as a special meeting to be held at the Old Mystic building.

Discussion: It could be a walking meeting tour of the building.

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

9. Old Business

No old business discussed.

10. Comments from the Public

Discussed in item #6. Old Mystic School District building.

11. Comments from the Committee


No committee comments.

12. Adjourn

A motion was made by Don Maranell and seconded by Sandy Grimes to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Sandy Tislere, Recording Secretary

FY19-20 BUDGET PRESENTATION



March 1, 2019

Department of Human Services

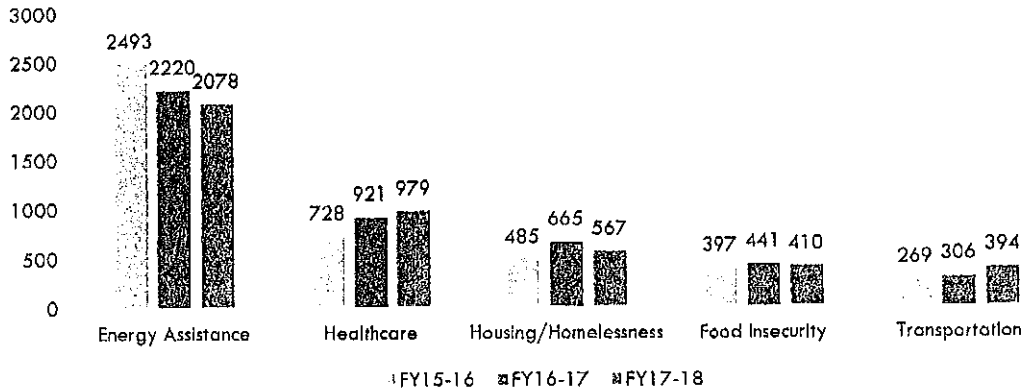
Youth & Family Services • Recreation • Social Services • Senior Services

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FY19-20 Budget Presentation

Snapshot of Community Need

CASE MANAGEMENT CONTACTS/SERVICES PROVIDED



Energy Assistance

In FY 17-18, the Department partnered with Operation Fuel, TVCCA, United Way of SECT, Salvation Army and the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center to connect 269 households with heating and/or utility assistance resulting in over \$175,000 in benefits.

Food Insecurity

Along with regularly processing SNAP applications for residents in need, referrals are also made to the PNC Food Pantry, WARM Center's Anita's Kitchen congregate meal program as well as the United Way of SECT's Mobile Food Pantry, a partnership with Stonington Public Schools, which serves 80-100 local families each month.

Did you know... 17% of SPS students qualify for free/reduced school meals. 1,140 residents receive SNAP benefits, 18% from 2017.

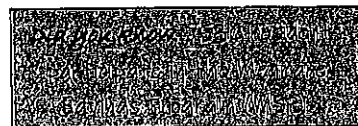
Housing/Homelessness

Did you know... Fair Market Rent for a 2-bedroom unit in Stonington is \$1,119/month (www.huduser.gov)

In FY 17-18, \$14,290 was granted to bring 22 households back to a place of self-sufficiency. The Department regularly partners with the PNC, WARM Center, Always Home, New London Homeless Hospitality Center as well as CT Coalition to End Homelessness to provide case management to homeless individuals.

Healthcare

The Department maintains (2) certified Medicare counselors on staff, with 75 sessions conducted in FY 17-18, equating to 150+ hours of case management.



Transportation

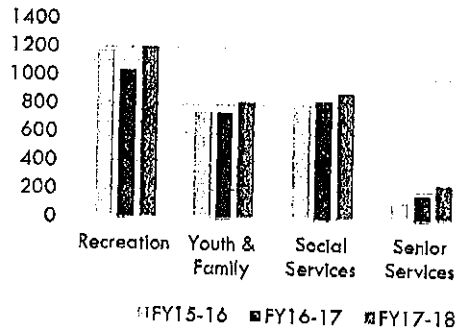
The Town funds the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center to provide a transportation program for residents age 60+. Elderly and disabled residents also utilize the ECTC Dial-A-Ride program for transportation to and from medical appointments. The SEAT service currently fills a void for the economically disadvantaged and young disabled population in Stonington, with the Department oftentimes providing assistance in the event a resident has an after-hours/weekend appointment or a crisis arises.

Sustaining self-sufficiency is at the core of maintaining one's housing, employment and self-esteem. Life coaching and budget counseling sessions are regularly components of a client's case management plan.

FY 17-18 Department Overview

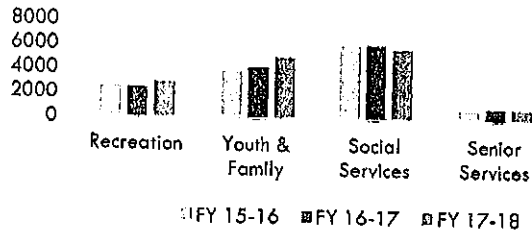
UNDUPLICATED COUNT OF PERSONS SERVED (Town of Stonington Totals: 18,477 Persons; 7,878 HH)

	Persons	HH
Total Department	2,509	1,813
Recreation	1,208	852
Youth & Family Svcs	824	519
Social Services	891	801
Senior Services	248	213

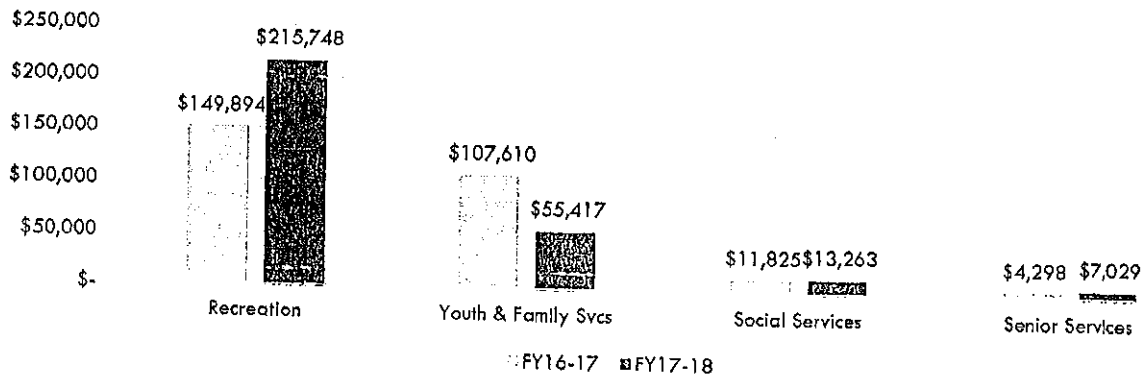


IDENTIFIABLE SERVICES BY DIVISION

Social Services	5,747
Youth & Family Svcs	4,959
Senior Services	870
Recreation	2,877



REVENUE GENERATED



NOTE: To streamline accounting, beginning in 2018, Summer Camp fees (previously split between Recreation and Youth & Family Svcs) were deposited entirely into the Recreation account; hence the significant decrease in Youth & Family Services revenue generated and the large increase to Recreation.

We are grateful for the strong network of non-profit organizations within our community - our partners - who we work collaboratively with to create new and/or enhance existing programs to meet gaps in current services, while avoiding duplication.

Libraries



Westerly Library and Wilcox Park

FY19-20 Request: **\$93,000**
(0% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation:	\$93,000	Total Budget:	\$2,146,809
Resident Cardholders:	3,575 (23% of total)	Borrowed Items:	45,128
Paid Staff:	34 (18 FT; 16 PT)	Facility Usage Hours:	N/A
		Volunteers:	150+

Funding Municipalities: Town of Westerly - \$415,000. Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Access to Community Resources; Tech Training; Story Times; Teen Programs; Lectures and Public Events; In-House Laptop Lending; Makerspace.



Stonington Free Library

FY19-20 Request: **\$211,667**
(44% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation:	\$147,000	Total Budget:	\$543,725
Resident Cardholders:	3,132 (93% of total)	Borrowed Items:	47,542
Paid Staff:	12 (3 FT; 9 PT)	Facility Usage Hours:	2,236
		Volunteers:	142

Funding Municipalities: Stonington Borough - \$24,000. Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Access to Community Resources; Adult Programs - 84 offerings with 2,049 participants; Youth Programs - 293 offerings with 6,000+ attendees; Outreach Programs.



Mystic & Noank Library

FY19-20 Request: **\$88,230**
(2% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation:	\$86,500	Total Budget:	\$713,424
Resident Cardholders:	2,823 (41% of total)	Borrowed Items:	17,414
Paid Staff:	15 (6 FT; 9 PT)	Facility Usage Hours:	2,750
		Volunteers:	40

Funding Municipalities: Town of Groton - \$100,000. Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Access to Community Resources; Adult Programs - 300 offerings with 3,498 participants; Youth Programs - 396 offerings with 5,903 attendees.



Stonington Historical Society

FY19-20 Request: **\$5,000**
(25% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation:	\$4,000	Total Budget:	\$290,527
Resident Cardholders:	1,200 (73% of total)	Borrowed Items:	N/A
Paid Staff:	2 (2 PT)	Facility Usage Hours:	1,713
		Volunteers:	12

Funding Municipalities: N/A. Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Advancing public knowledge and interest in the history of the Town. FY19-20 proposed projects include: Research Genealogy; Irish Immigrants in Pawcatuck; Rollie McKenna Project; and School Outreach.

Outside Agencies



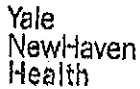
Westerly Pops
Concert
(Chorus of Westerly)

FY19-20 Request: **\$3,500**
(75% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation: \$2,000
FY17-18 Residents Served: 6,000
Paid Staff: 8 (4 FT; 4 PT)

Total Budget: \$766,220
Facility Usage Hours: 5
Volunteers: 478

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: This free concert, attended by appx 20-25K each year, is now in its 38th year incorporating 207 singers (103 of whom are children) – several dozen singers are from Stonington.



Public Health & Nursing
(VNASC)

FY19-20 Request: **\$22,500**
(25% decrease)

Visiting Nurse Association
of Southeastern Connecticut

FY18-19 Allocation: \$29,880
FY17-18 Residents Served: 573
Paid Staff: 243 (161 FT; 82 PT)

Total Budget: \$18,662,620
Facility Usage Hours: N/A
Volunteers: 9

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Providing care to residents who do not have insurance or resources to provide care for themselves. Services provided include: skilled nursing; therapies; home health aides and medical social workers.



Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center

FY19-20 Request: **\$194,250**
(5% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation: \$185,000
FY17-18 Residents Served: 1,260
Paid Staff: 8 (4 FT; 4 PT)

Total Budget: \$1,167,435
Facility Usage Hours: 164
Volunteers: 349

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Human Services – Basic Needs (food; energy assistance; job search assistance; daily living supplies; clothing, holiday programs). Senior Programs/Activities –congregate meals; recreation and enrichment; day trips; VNA clinics. Senior Transportation (age 60+). Neighborhood Services – Outreach program partnerships with various local non-profits and civic groups. The PNC regularly partners with the Department of Human Services to provide joint case management for social services clients.



Stonington Community Center

FY19-20 Request: **\$82,500**
(32% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation: \$62,500
FY17-18 Residents Served: 7,726
Paid Staff: 23 (13 FT; 10 PT)

Total Budget: \$1,246,078
Facility Usage Hours: 13,369
Volunteers: 140

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Community Partnerships – Discounted or complimentary space and/or equipment rental to a variety local groups and town entities. Community Enrichment – Social programs; expanded access to renovated spaces. Youth Programs – Makerspace, Preschool, Summer Camp, and a wide variety of athletics. The COMO fills an important need in the community for childcare (specifically before/after school and school vacations) – offering sliding scale/needs-based discounts and scholarships to eligible families.

Did you know... Town funded libraries, non-profits and ambulance services report, collectively, engaging 2,372 volunteers to assist in the fulfillment of their respective missions.



Always Home
(Formerly Mystic Area Shelter & Hospitality - MASH)

FY19-20 Request: \$5,000
(0% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation: \$5,000

Total Budget: \$410,872

FY17-18 Residents Served: 46

Facility Usage Hours: N/A

Paid Staff: 5 (3 FT; 2 PT)

Volunteers: 65

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Providing critical case management services and short-term financial assistance required to successfully divert homeless and at-risk Stonington families from homelessness or time spent in an emergency shelter.



WARM Center
(Formerly Westerly Area Rest Meals)

FY19-20 Request: \$6,000
(0% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation: \$6,000

Total Budget: \$1,089,032

FY17-18 Residents Served: 428

Facility Usage Hours: N/A

Paid Staff: 14 (12 FT; 2 PT)

Volunteers: 200

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Emergency shelter providing a safe, temporary space for homeless residents to receive supportive services and rebuild independence. Attire for Hire – work appropriate clothing for those seeking employment. Anita's Kitchen – the only soup kitchen between RI border and New London, CT, serving 2 meals/day-7 days/week. Community Critical Needs – emergency financial assistance/case management, partnering with Human Services and other local non-profits.



PACE RI – Adult Day Center of Westerly

FY19-20 Request: \$10,000
(25% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation: \$8,000

Total Budget: \$24,817,670

FY17-18 Residents Served: 9

Facility Usage Hours: 4,520

Paid Staff: 13 (11 FT; 2 PT)

Volunteers: 12

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Comprehensive adult day services, dementia care and medication management provided by licensed healthcare professionals.



Community Vocational Services
(Olean Center)

FY19-20 Request: \$4,000
(0% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation: \$4,000

Total Budget: \$1,505,453

FY17-18 Residents Served: 3

Facility Usage Hours: N/A

Paid Staff: 30 (22 FT; 8 PT)

Volunteers: 0

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Providing residents with developmental disabilities with: Supported Employment; Day Program Services; Residential Homes and Individual Day Supports.

Did you know... 22 agencies participated in Stonington's First Annual Spring Fest (May 2018), a free event coordinated to connect first responders, non-profits and other service providers with the community.

FY19-20 Budget Presentation



TVCCA
(Thames Valley Council for
Community Action)

FY19-20 Request: \$8,000
(700% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation:	\$1,000	Total Budget:	\$27,452,000
FY17-18 Residents Served:	3 (families)	Facility Usage Hours:	N/A
Paid Staff:	338 (237 FT; 101 PT)	Volunteers:	0

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Meals on Wheels served 9,400 meals (\$8.18/unit) in town last year. Many times, the seniors cannot afford the full requested donation amount-\$3/meal; TVCCA is only reimbursed \$4.76/meal leaving the program approx 33% short of meeting its costs. TVCCA provides many other critical social services for the Town, including: energy assistance, WIC, Section 8 and case management.



**Stonington
Prevention Council**

FY19-20 Request: \$1,000
(0% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation:	\$1,000	Total Budget:	\$4,652
FY17-18 Residents Served:	N/A	Borrowed Items:	N/A
Paid Staff:	N/A	Facility Usage Hours:	N/A
		Volunteers:	15

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Funding will support information dissemination to increase community knowledge and focus on risks, accessibility and policies to establish a safer community.



**New London
Homeless Hospitality
Center**

FY19-20 Request: \$2,500
(25% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation:	\$2,000	Total Budget:	\$1,884,000
FY17-18 Residents Served:	15*	Facility Usage Hours:	N/A
Paid Staff:	40 (21FT; 19PT)	Volunteers:	100+

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Providing short term emergency shelter, as well as individualized case management, to homeless residents serving as a bridge to permanent housing. *740 served-estimated that 2% of these individuals were from Stonington.



**Safe
Futures**

FY19-20 Request: \$2,000
(0% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation:	\$2,000	Total Budget:	\$2,057,340
FY17-18 Residents Served:	193	Facility Usage Hours:	24
Paid Staff:	38 (21 FT; 17 PT)	Volunteers:	320

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: 24-hour hotlines - domestic violence, sexual assault; Lethality Assessment Program w/Stonington PD; Walk-in counseling; legal advocacy and emergency shelter/transitional housing.



**Denison
Pequotsepos Nature
Center**

FY19-20 Request: \$5,000
(67% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation:	\$3,000	Total Budget:	\$1,256,950
FY17-18 Residents Served:	75	Facility Usage Hours:	24
Paid Staff:	30 (8 FT; 22 PT)	Volunteers:	350

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: FY17-18 funding utilized for an afterschool nature program. FY18-19/19-20 allocation(s) will fund wildlife rescue and rehabilitation (food/shelter; vet services; staff time, training and transport).



Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce

FY19-20 Request: **\$2,000**
(0% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation: \$2,000
FY17-18 Residents Served: N/A
Paid Staff: 3 (1 FT; 2 PT)

Total Budget: \$600,000
Facility Usage Hours: N/A
Volunteers: 60

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Promoting activities to improve the quality of life for Stonington residents. Requested funding will be used to offset the cost of popular annual community events, such as: VirtuArt Show; Riverglow; Easter Egg Hunt and Santa's Arrival.



Mystic Flag Committee

FY19-20 Request: **\$1,000**
(new request)

FY18-19 Allocation: N/A
FY17-18 Residents Served: N/A
Paid Staff: N/A

Total Budget: \$0
Facility Usage Hours: N/A
Volunteers: N/A

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Maintain the Mystic Liberty Pole, as well as assist the Boy Scouts with distribution of over 110 American flags across town on all major patriotic holidays.



Stonington Cemetery Association

FY19-20 Request: **\$10,000**
(new request)

FY18-19 Allocation: N/A
FY17-18 Residents Served: N/A
Paid Staff: 4 (Contractors)

Total Budget: \$83,000
Facility Usage Hours: N/A
Volunteers: 17

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: The Association seeks to maintain and preserve a historic landscape for public use and enjoyment and to operate as a non-profit, non-sectarian cemetery (one of only two in Town). \$35,000 is spent annually on grounds care; requested funds will go towards this expense.



Sexual Assault Crisis Center

FY19-20 Request: **\$500**
(new request)

FY18-19 Allocation: N/A
FY17-18 Residents Served: N/A
Paid Staff: N/A

Total Budget: N/A
Facility Usage Hours: N/A
Volunteers: N/A

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: The Sexual Assault Crisis Center is a private, non-profit agency offering free and confidential, comprehensive services to victims of sexual assault and abuse. SACCEC is a member of the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence, the statewide coalition of sexual assault crisis agencies.

Ambulance & Fire Services



STONINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS, INC.

Stonington Volunteer
Ambulance Corps., Inc.

FY19-20 Request: **\$38,500**
(3% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation: \$37,500

Total Budget: \$275,500

FY17-18 Stonington Calls: 555 (96% of total)

Paid Staff: 2 (0 FT; 2 PT)

Volunteers: 26

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Founded in 1923, SAC is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to provide emergency ambulance service within SAC's primary service area, provide mutual aid service to area organizations as needed and provide health information through various classes and programs.



Mystic River
Ambulance Association

FY19-20 Request: **\$50,000**
(33% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation: \$37,500

Total Budget: \$946,175

FY17-18 Stonington Calls: 1,067 (43% of total)

Paid Staff: 9 (3 FT; 6 PT)

Volunteers: 35

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Mystic River Ambulance Association's mission is to provide prompt and professional quality care to Town residents and visitors who activate 911 for a medical request.



Westerly Ambulance
Corps., Inc.

FY19-20 Request: **\$70,000**
(87% increase)

FY18-19 Allocation: \$37,500

Total Budget: \$2,508,690

FY17-18 Stonington Calls: 1,022 (14% of total)

Paid Staff: 48 (18 FT; 30 PT)

Volunteers: 15

Program/Service/Resource Highlights: Since 1917, WAC is committed to provide quality emergency medical and dispatch services through our compassionate, caring volunteers and employees to our community and surrounding areas. Our service-oriented professionals strive for excellence through training and education. Providing public education, special event coverage and giving assistance to other emergency services when called upon.

OLD MYSTIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPOSED USES, BASED ON PUBLIC INPUT FROM OPEN HOUSE ON 10/5/19

Residential Use	Senior Housing/ Over 55 Housing	Senior Center/ Adult Day Care	Open Space	Small Business Incubator	Health Care Facility or Assisted Living	Public Meeting/ Polling Space
G. Sylvestre D. Woycik W. Woycik D. Fiore (Remove bldg to create residential subdivision)	G. Sylvestre (affordable, including handicapped; building, or portion of, to be for ancillary purposes) D. Woycik W. Woycik R. Medbery D. Fiore D. Downie	D. Woycik W. Woycik M. Beaudoin (Nice mixed use is for adult day care w/ pre-K or child day care w/ space available for shared programs) Anonymous	D. Downie	M. Beaudoin	M. Beaudoin	T. Norris (Citizen Action Groups would access bldg via keypad control; space could be used for community meetings or Clubs etc.) Anonymous