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**Approved Minutes of the
Candia Municipal Budget Committee
February 3, 2024
Moore School Cafeteria, Candia, NH**

Members Present: Chair Lynn Chivers, Susan Young, Susan Gill, Brenda Coughlin, Josh Reap, Bill Saffie, Stephanie Helmig and Bob Stout

Member Absent: Katrina Niles

Chair Chivers called the meeting to order at 8:54 AM.

Susan Gill moved to suspend the meeting until the deliberative session was completed. Sue Young seconded. All voted in favor.

Following the deliberative session, we reconvened our meeting to vote on the warrant articles that were changed. Article 2 was amended to change the amount we planned to raise and appropriate for the new Police Department from \$2,998,000 to \$2,998,100. Stephanie moved to recommend article 2. Susan Gill seconded the motion. There was some discussion about new information we received at the meeting. It was estimated that the bond would be for 15 years and the interest rate would be 3.25%. These were estimates and not guaranteed until the bond is finally negotiated this summer. Some members still felt all alternative expansions of the current town offices were not thoroughly explored. There were also some questions as to whether the final cost of the new building would exceed the appropriated amount. The vote to recommend went as follows:

Sue Young	yes
Bill Saffie	no
Josh Reap	no
Susan Gill	yes
Bob Stout	yes
Stephanie Helmig	yes
Brenda Coughlin	no
Lynn Chivers	no

Since the vote was a tie, the motion fails and the warrant will read that the Budget Committee did not recommend the article by a vote of 4-4.

Susan Gill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Josh Reap seconded it. All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Chivers.