

**Candia Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes of October 18
APPROVED**

Present: Carla Penfield Chair person; Jim Brennan, Selectman's Representative; Brenda Stevens, Judith Szot, Steve Higgins, Ann Tierno, Kristine Pouliot; Ed Caito, School Board Representative, absent; Kim Byrd, absent.

Also Present: Selectmen Kelly, Selectmen Giffen, Police Chief Mike and Fire Chief Rudy Cartier.

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

Building Inspector- Discussion with Building Inspector included discussion of permits upcoming, book expenditures, phones, and wages for admin assistant.

Committee Business:

There was discussion of health insurance figures where they are missing as well as the process of getting pricing.

Monday October 22nd, there will be new, updated spreadsheets that will include health insurance figures. On Monday there will be updated expenditure sheets.

Animal Control:

Chief of Police spoke to Animal Control. Discussion included gasoline costs and increases, kennel cost and kennel cost billing. (Kennel costs billing is annual), pager cost, shots and equipment,

Police Department:

Discussion revolved around the potential hiring of two additional officers and where the figures for this are. There was discussion around hours, duties, coverage, overtime, part timers and case load time, Deerfield fair, special details, Health and Safety line item, grant reimbursement possibilities on purchases, training and uniform costs, ammunition, Equipment maintenance for radios, breathalyzers, non office supplies, radar guns, tasers, cruisers and cruiser allocation/use, felony activities, offenses are up a couple of hundred, discussion of the relationship or ratio of officers to population (1.7 per thousand as a standard), computer expenses, etc. With an estimated 10% increase in health care, the increase is 9.2% in police budget. If property and liability is added back in, the increase is 11% over the default budget.

<Steve Higgins is excused from the meeting>

Heritage Commission:

Commission projects revolve around maps, town heritage projects. Discussion revolves around an e-mail supporting the budget request.

Fire Department:

The committee reviewed updated expenditure sheets. Discussion revolved around building maintenance, truck maintenance, fire ponds and dry hydrants, website, protective clothing, pooling of hazmat and staffing the team.

Forestry:

Money raising, and medical assessments and vaccinations were part of the discussion.

Cemetery:

Work and needs were discussed.

Budget Committee:

Some discussion occurred about the changes in budget.

Town Building:

Discussion revolved around the current status of the building (sill rot, ants and termite damage,) and quotes received. Conversation also involved current repairs and changes such as the tax collector move; phones, alarm needs, old library building breakdown of expenses,

Parks and Recreation:

Overall budget discussion occurred with Fred Kelly and Tom Giffen.

Budget Committee Business:

-Remember to pick up information on Monday

-On Monday, Selectmen were discussing warrant articles and we asked if they would have that done by the 22nd. On the 22nd, the committee will be looking forward to that information.

Discussion of a letter from Mr. Lazott. Selectman Brennan requests to be quoted "If there is a direct question to the Board of Selectmen from the Budget Committee it will be in the minutes"

Meetings are next Wednesday and next Thursday (10/24 and 10/25).

Motion to adjourn tendered by Brenda Stevens. Second by Ann Tierno. All in favor, Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

-Respectfully submitted

Kristina L. Ickes