

**Candia Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2007
APPROVED**

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

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Review of Minutes from October 10

There was discussion about the minutes and a review. Steve Higgins made a motion to approve, Ed Caito seconded the motion. All in favor except Ann who arrived later, Kim who was not present for that meeting; Kristine who arrived later and Judy who arrived later.

Committee Business

Calendar changes include no final budgets for 10/31/07.

November 6 insurance rates will be in and Budget Committee should have them by 11/20.

Warrant articles are expected 11/27 and school budget Discussion is slated for November 28. On December 17, everything should be completed.

Wage increases

A discussion occurred about acceptable levels of overall wage increases.

Ed Caito made a motion that the Budget Committee direct the selectmen to a budget of 2,271,233.00 and return such a budget to the Budget Committee no later than 11/20. This figure is derived from a 3% increase, the 2007 approved budget numbers an allowance for the bond interest and the allocation for the transfer station.

The motion is seconded by Ann T.

Discussion then ensued about the motion.

Two vote in favor of the motion. The motion failed.

Discussion then turned to process questions.

Kim Byrd tendered a motion to propose a 2.5% increase. Carla Penfield seconded this motion. Additional discussion occurred. Three members vote in favor of the motion. The motion fails.

Ed Caito then made a motion for the Selectmen to present a budget with a 3% increase and to present it to the Budget Committee no later than 11/14. Ann Tierno seconded the motion. All vote in favor. The motion carries.

Stipends:

A discussion then occurred around stipends and questions were raised about stipends. There was debate about planned versus unplanned stipends, paying volunteers and other aspects around stipends rather than wages and employees versus volunteers.

Next Meeting:

There was discussion about the next scheduled meeting (For 10/24).

Ann Tierno made a motion to cancel the meeting. Steve Higgins seconded this motion. All in favor. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be November 14.

Ann Tierno then made a motion to adjourn seconded by Kristine Pouliot. All in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

-Respectfully submitted

Kristina L. Ickes