

**Candia Budget Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes of January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**Approved**

**Present:** Carla Penfield Chair person; Brenda Stevens, Kim Byrd, Jim Brennan, Selectman's representative, Kristine Pouliot, Ann Tierno, Judy Szot;

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**Meeting called to order 7:04 PM**  
**Pubic Hearing**

Introductory comments were made by Carla Penfield to outline the budgeting process and considerations involved. A philosophical discussion followed regarding how department heads can plan. The discussion then turned to the budget of roughly 13% as a figure that will not necessarily reflect as an increase in the tax bills. The discussion highlighted offsets or the impact on revenues the economic environment might have. One aspect introduced was that an additional million dollars in warrant articles have been introduced over the operating budget.

Discussion was introduced by the Town Clerk regarding specific expenses related to the upcoming 5 elections. This further highlighted process details. The budget committee proposed a figure, a bottom line to the voter. Once the voter votes, the money then goes into a "drawer" that the Selectmen have, and that they disperse. The funds do not have be dispersed as allocated. The process and some details of the last several months of budgeting work are shared. In the end, the committee selected to reduce the budget across the board and as a result, the Budget Committee recommended 95% of the budget requested.

There is discussion about the finite nature of budgeting. The town budget is illustrated as not being bottomless and infinite. There was discussion about the timeliness of expenditure reports in response to questions by Ingrid Byrd. Larry Twitchell introduced an exchange about process and purpose in municipal budgeting. . Mr. Twitchell comments are unsupportive of the committee or process. Mr. Cartier indicated he is not supporting the default budget. Mrs. Byrd indicated support for the process. .

The committee chair adjourned the hearing at this point. .

**Minutes**

Changes will be made to minutes of meeting November 28<sup>th</sup> –

Ann noted as in attendance

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Heading adding "2007".

Town Budget Review 3<sup>rd</sup> line – public hearing – spelling

Discussion is introduced by Ed. Accept is changed to "recommend".

Judy Szot motioned to accept with the changes.

Second by Kim Byrd. All voted in favor.

Motion carries.

The chairperson reviewed the process at this point. The committee is prohibited from making any changes unless recommended at this hearing.

Judy Szot moved to recommend the budget as presented as \$2,261, 255.00 for 2008.  
Kim Byrd seconded.

By vote of hands, 5 voted in favor. 2 opposed. Motion carries.

Warrant article reviews. Each is voted upon.

- i. skip
- ii. skip
- iii. yes
- iv. yes
- v. yes
- vi. yes
- vii. yes
- viii. yes
- ix. yes
- x. yes
- xi. yes
- xii. yes
- xiii. yes
- xiv. 2, 262,255.00
- xv. yes
- xvi. yes
- xvii. yes
- xviii. yes
- xix. 3 yes, 1 no, 3 abstain.
- xx. 4 yes, 2 opposed
- xxi. yes
- xxii. yes
- xxiii. 5 yes
- xxiv. yes

Corrections were noted to the minutes to reflect that article 25 as a discussion and article 24 as yes.

Judy Szot made a motion to accept additional corrections to November 28<sup>th</sup> minutes.  
Second by Brenda Stevens.

All voted in favor.

- xxv. 4 yes. Some discussion ensues. Brings the budget to 3,112 801.00
- xxvi. Some discussion follows. Chief Cartier is consulted. Deferral is OK – but it sets precedence. Questions are asked about the warrant articles that are not recommended by the Selectmen. 3 yeses. 4 no
- xxvii. 1 yes, 5 no
- xxviii. 2 yes, 4 no

- xxix. 1 yes, 5 no
  - xxx. No Financials
  - xxxi. No Financials
  - xxxii. Previously not recommended. No
  - xxxiii. No Financials
  - xxxiv. No Financials
  - xxxv. No Financials
  - xxxvi. No Financials
  - xxxvii. Some discussion on CYAA Warrant article – operating costs.
- Jim has some explanatory information to share. Some discussion ensues. The relationship between the CYAA and schools, the amount of moneys being requested compared to other social service requests. 2 yes, 5 no



The committee chair reviews the process:

- Review with Carolyn to prepared the MS 7
- Committee should expect to hear within a day or two for signatures
- Feb/Mar will be regular meetings back on regular meeting schedule.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the months.
- March meeting is the day after the town election.
- Christine, the Town Clerk notes that Jan 23rd is the filing date.

(Kristine Pouliot leaves at 8:09. PM)

New Business

The was discussion raised by Brenda Stevens to Jim Brennan of how the rooms and meals tax is generated. A philosophical discussion ensued based on questions posed by Rudy Cartier about the volatility of the budgets on an annual basis if the fund balance is used as an offset. Further discussion ensues on past calculations done for tax rate increases based on a question posed by Ingrid Byrd. Ann motioned to adjourn and is seconded by Brenda Stevens. Motion was suspended for discussion of a last minute warrant article anticipated form the school. The motion is unsuspended. All vote in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

~Respectfully committed.  
 Kristina Ickes