

Approved
Candia Budget Committee Minutes
October 30th, 2008

Attendees: Chairman Carla Penfield, Ann Tierno, Kristine Pouliot, Allyn Chivers, Kim Byrd, School Rep Karen Smith, and Selectmen's Rep Tom Giffen.

Absent: Judith Szot and Steve Higgins.

Town Budget

- Town Hall meeting room will not be available for November 6th meeting. The meeting will be held at the town library.
- Road Agent, Dennis Lewis attended and informed the BC that he would be willing to reduce his budget by \$69,000.00 by adjusting the asphalt line to \$2,972.00. The BC made a decision not to go line-by-line on the Highway Departments budget. However, they did ask Dennis if there were any 2 lines that could be reduced if necessary and his response was safety improvements and shoulder work could be reduced if necessary. They feel that the budget that Dennis submits is as accurate as possible.
- Workmen's Comp rates are unavailable at this time.
- Health Insurance Rates for town employees are unavailable at this time.
- The remaining time of the meeting the Budget Committee continued to review each department's budget and make suggested changes to keep the 2009 budget as low as possible without unreasonable adjustments.

Miscellaneous

- In response to the question regarding compensation for election workers is "all election workers are paid minimum wage at the polls.
- A motion was made to include this line in the minutes for 10/23. Motion 2nd. All in favor.

- Tom Giffen informed the BC that Beth in financial advised him that 5 months of cell phone charges were inadvertently posted to the telephone line.
- The Conservation Commission secretarial wages were under-funded last year according to Mr. Giffen, and lines were adjusted to accommodate that position.
- There was discussion regarding the water supply issue and the ponds in town and dry hydrants. Fire Chief mentioned in a prior meeting that most of the dry hydrants are not in working condition.
- There was lengthy discussion relating to the condition of the Fire Department building and the requested budget for the building maintenance line item.
- There was discussion related to warrant articles vs. budgeted line items.

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm. All in favor