

## **Approved Candia Budget Committee Meeting Minutes December 10, 2008**

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

**Absent:** Judith Szot and Steve Higgins (Resigned).

### **Town Budget**

- #15 Warrant Article was for the Fitts Museum request for \$4,000.00. Previously the board requested an explanation of what the \$4,000.00 was for because they did not receive any explanation from the Museum. Kristine Pouliot contacted Pat at the Museum and she explained the money was for regular upkeep. There were no projects scheduled.
- The BC approved the \$4,000.00 for the Fitts Museum. However, requested a breakdown of expenses from them.
- Discussion on whether the Budget Committee or the town fills out the MS7 and MS27 forms. These are required forms following the Deliberative Session.
- It was confirmed that the BC is required to appoint someone to replace Steve Higgins position. The BC will post the vacancy.
- Tom will request from Beth the Finance Director to provide, if possible, the most current expenditures by January 5, 2009, prior to the Public Hearing.
- Regarding the School Budget: The column that shows the 08-09 School Budget with a bottom line of \$7,435,000.00 which includes the Warrant Articles in the amount of \$162,500.00. The Board will subtract the warrant articles amounts so those at the Public Hearing will know what the 08-09 operating budget was, what the recommended budget from the School Board was and what the recommended budget from the Budget Committee was.
- Karen Smith informed the Committee that she spoke with Special Ed Director, Becky Forrestall regarding the student that will require some

Special Ed needs. There has been no definite placement at this time. However the anticipated tuition will be between \$50,000.00 to \$70,000.00 dollars with an additional amount for transportation. There is hope by January 8<sup>th</sup> there will be definitive numbers. Karen will follow up.

- Discussion regarding the total number of student enrollment at this time. Grade 1 thru 8 is 389. Kindergarten is 47 (1/2 day). High School is 202. This calculates \$11,500.00 per student.
- Hard copies of the Budgets and the Warrant Articles will be placed in all BC Members folders as soon as available.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm. All were in favor.

Recorded by Mary Phillips