

**Approved**  
**Candia Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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

**Absent:** Stephen Higgins (Resigned)

Chairman Penfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Applicants:**

- Chairman Penfield explained to the applicants that the position would be only for the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Chairman Penfield read the letters of the applicants. The 2 applicants are Richard Snow and Don Hyers.
- Applicants addressed the Board as to why they would like to fill the position.
- Chairman Penfield explains the responsibilities of the position. When we meet and what the agenda usually consists of.
- Budget Committee votes a secret ballot on the position to be filled.
- The vote is 5 to 3 in favor of Don Hyers.
- Chairman Penfield references the book of the RSA's that pertain to the Budget Committee. The book states that the BC will probably never have a good relationship with the Selectmen or the School Board because the goals are so different. The Selectmen's job is to ask for and try to get what they need to make the community run well. This is the obligation of the School Board as well. It is the BC's obligation then to look at the community and figure out if the community can afford all of these things. The Budget Committee's job is to represent the taxpayer.
- Discussion on the Deliberative Session on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am.
- Be sure to read up and understand the 10% rule.

- Most controversial will be Fire, Police, and Highway Dept and in relation to school would be the teacher retiring, the Psychologist, and field trips.
- Kristine Pouliot expressed her opinion that she is not in agreement with the Budget Committee's decision, although, she is very respectful of the opinions of everyone on the committee.
- Chairman Penfield explained the Medicare and Medicaid money that is reimbursed for our Special Ed Student(s) and our catastrophic aid. The money comes in a year later and shows as revenue in the town report. There is not a designated percentage of what we will recover. It gets put into the general fund, which will offset taxes.
- Discussion related to the Town Reports format.
- Review, correct, and accept December 1<sup>st</sup>, meeting minutes.
- Review, correct, and accept December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes.
- Review, correct, and accept December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.
- Review, correct, and accept December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.
- Review, correct, and accept January 5<sup>th</sup>, meeting minutes.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm. All were in favor.

Recorded by Mary Phillips