

**Approved  
Candia Budget Committee Meeting Minutes  
Followed by Public Hearing  
May 5, 2010**

**Attendees:** Chairman Ann Tierno, Carla Penfield, Kim Byrd, Allyn Chivers, Todd Allen, Craig Sandler, Erin Asselin, Selectmen's Rep. Carleton Robie, School Rep. Melissa Madden.

**Absent:** None

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

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Review and discuss School Warrant Article (see attached).

Craig Sandler asked if the school enrollment was shrinking, why is it necessary to purchase this piece of land? School Board Rep. Melissa Madden responded with it was an opportunity, it is next to the school, we have no plans but it would not be available in the future and who knows who would purchase it if the school did not. Craig added that he thought it would be more advantageous for the town to purchase it. Budget Committee Member Todd Allen added that as a citizen he has no problem with the purchase. However, as a BC member his concern is how much the cost would be to maintain it. Melissa added said there is limited maintenance necessary and the building is in good shape and as far as the foundation, Road Agent Dennis Lewis said at the public meeting it would not be that costly to fill it in. BC Member Lyn Chivers asked what the tax assessed value on the property? Melissa said for the land only it was \$110,000.00. Dr. Littlefield added the assessed value ratio of 80.8% FMV was \$79,300.00 and the building was \$10,000.00. The total assessed value is \$89,300.00. The amount of land is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre. BC Member, Kim Byrd commented what we have is a non-conforming pre-existing lot. It could be used only for what its original use was which would be residential, not commercially. Melissa responded that it is a commercial zone and the house would have to be in the same location or they would have to go to the zoning board for an adjustment. BC Member, Carla Penfield commented that she thinks it is centrally located and feels the town or the school should buy the property whether or not the school should purchase it she is conflicted with that. The reason she is conflicted is that for the past 6 years there has been talk about additions, co-op school, growth and she feels it fortunate that we did not do any of those things due to the fact we could not see into the future and see the decline in the growth. Her concern is the school reviewing it as potential growth. Carla asked the question has the town considered purchasing the lot. Carleton said it has been discussed briefly and at this point, the Selectmen do not want to allocate the funds for the purchase. Melissa added that there are several other interested buyers. She also added

that the area that the teachers park in currently is the Town's property not the schools. Kim asked if the school purchased it would it be kept at a separate lot or merged with the existing lot. Melissa said there could be a boundary line adjustment done but there has not been discussion regarding that. Carla stated that an addition would concern her but if looked at only from a budget standpoint the school has the money; they have budgeted and have the available funds. Melissa said it just gives flexibility to move things around. Ann added that possibly in years to come, the school could be leveled and a new school is built and this piece of property would be necessary. A motion was made by Erin to recommend the purchase of the property. Carla seconded. Ann, Carla, Lyn, Todd, Craig, Erin and Melissa recommended the purchase. Carleton and Kim abstained.

10 minute recess taken at 7:20 pm.

### **Public Hearing**

**Chairman Tierno called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.**

There were no comments from the Public so Chairman Tierno closed the Public Hearing. There was a motion made by Erin Asselin to recommend the school warrant article as written. All nine were in favor.

**Motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm. All were in favor.**

**Recorded by Mary Phillips**