

# Town of Candia Municipal Budget Committee Public Hearing on School Budget Approved Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** December 12, 2019  
**Location:** Town Office Building  
**Attendees:** Lynn Chivers  
Sue Young  
Todd Keating  
Dick Snow  
Jodi Hedstrom  
Susan Gill  
Stephanie Helmig  
Kaycee Vitale  
**Absent:** Katrina Niles  
Bob Stout

Chairman Chivers opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

## Public Hearing on School Budget

- Chairman Chivers opened to public comment.
  - Jodi Hedstrom addressed the School Board stating that there was a large increase in the town budget and many warrant articles proposed. She was worried that when the voters looked at the School Budget being such a large number that it would automatically be voted down and the school board would be left with the default budget. The rationale, is if it is cut now and close to the default there was a better chance of passing.
    - Chairman Chivers said there was about 1 million dollars in proposed warrant articles
  - Matthew Woodrow asked on the town side were the warrant articles for paving ect?
    - Chairman Chivers answered that yes, it was \$200,000 Currier Road and \$150,000 Healey Road.
    - Selectman Young said that we still have not included CYAA and any petitioned warrant articles.
  - Matthew Woodrow asked if it was the consent of the board that if we kept the School Board number close it is likely to pass?
    - Chairman Chivers answered said there were several issues that we discussed. That was one issue. The other thing that was looked at was the historical surplus and this is less than the historical surplus.
    - Stephanie Helmig said that we cut a lot as well.
      - Chairman Chivers said that I thought you were taking that out of a fund?
        - Stephanie Helmig replied that we have approximately 2.75 million dollars in HVAC work and deferred maintenance. What is usually in the budget is stuff that is not on the electrical and mechanical side. This budget has nothing in for normal building improvements.
          - Matthew Woodrow said we will have to alternatively fund those projects.
      - Matthew Woodrow said historically we have given back between \$200,000-\$300,000 every year.
  - Matthew Woodrow asked what were some of the other reasons for the \$133,000 cut.



- Chairman Chivers asked how much per teacher?
  - Marge Pollack said that she would have all of the information for the 1/21 meeting.
- Dick Snow moves to recommend Article 02
- Stephanie Helmig Seconds the motion
- 5 in favor (Todd Keating, Jodi Hedstrom, Susan Gill, Dick Snow, Stephanie Helmig)
- 2 opposed (Chairman Chivers, Selectman Young)
- Budget Committee to recommend by a vote of 5-2

Jodi Hedstrom makes a motion to continue meeting until January 21<sup>st</sup>

Selectman Young Seconds

All in favor

Meeting to Continue; 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kaycee Vitale, Administrative Assistant