

Regular Meeting of the
Candia Budget Committee
January 16, 2014
Town Hall, Candia NH
Approved Minutes of the Public Session

Present: Chairman Matthew Broadhead, Secretary Paul Leblond, Carla Penfield, Todd Allen, Christine Watson, Judith Szot, Selectman's Rep. Carleton Robie, School Board Rep. Emily Roster

Excused: Vice-Chair Allyn Chivers

Also Present: Assistant School Superintendent Marge Polak, Road Agent Dennis Lewis, Police Chief Michael McGillen, Sharon Robichaud.

Call to Order

Chairman Broadhead called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Business

Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of December 18, 2013 and December 19, 2013 Public Hearings as written. Motion by T. Allen, second by C. Watson. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

Supplemental Public Hearing on 2014-2015 School Budget and 2014 Warrant Articles

Chairman Broadhead said they have already had an extensive meeting on the actual operating budget. The Budget Committee had voted to approve the budget as recommended by the School Board. Right now the focus is the warrant articles that were approved earlier in January by the School Board.

Warrant articles 2,3, and 4 are the only ones under consideration by the Budget Committee. Article 2 is for proposed increases that, if approved, will be included costs in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Candia School Board and the Candia Educational Support Professionals for the next 3 years. Article 3 is the operating budget already discussed and Article 4 is to see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum up to thirty thousand (\$30,000) to be added to the Special Education Trust Fund.

Chairman Broadhead asked if there was any public input on these three articles and then asked if there was any input from the committee.

J. Szot asked what the balance was in the trust and E. Roster said \$113,510.25 which is before a transfer. E. Roster said they are trying to get closer to \$200,000 which is the approximate amount needed for one new student. She said they have not added money to the trust for several years.

Chairman Broadhead asked when the trust was at \$200,000 and what makes this the magic number. E. Roster said because of the cost per student is that high and they use this trust as a catastrophic safety net and it has happened in other years. J. Szot asked about state reimbursement. It was discussed that upfront costs are close to \$225,000 with approximately \$90-100,000 not reimbursable and the remainder reimbursable up to 70% from the State which takes a year to see. It was discussed the money reimbursed does not go back into the trust fund, it goes into the general fund as revenue and shows up as revenue to the town and can be used to reduce the tax rate if that is what the BOS choose. E. Roster said they are asking this year for \$30,000 which would come out of the surplus and said this is not new money funded from the surplus of the June 30, 2014 end of year budget. E. Roster confirmed that they only draw from this fund only if there is a short fall from the special education fund in the regular budget. J. Szot said she remembers a significant projected surplus of \$400,000 dollars in the budget in May last year and most of the money was taken out for repairs and other items and what she is saying is if they get a student they can draw off that surplus the school has every year and feels there is money in the budget if they do need it for a new student. E. Roster said that is why they are asking to take \$30,000 of the surplus and put it in this trust to safeguard it in case they need it.

Motion: To close the public session on the school budget and warrant articles. Motion made by T. Allen and second by J. Szot. All in favor, motion carried 8-0.

Chairman Broadhead said they will move to regular session and at 7:30 pm have a public hearing on the town budget and warrant articles and continued he would like to make final recommendations on the school operating budget and the school warrant articles.

School Board Operating Budget and Warrant Articles

Warrant Article 2

Shall the District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Candia School Board and the Candia Educational Support Professionals, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2014 – 2015	\$29,294
2015 – 2016	\$29,294
2016 – 2017	\$ 7,032

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-nine thousand, two hundred ninety-four dollars (\$29,294) for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? (Recommended by the School Board)

Warrant Article 3

Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein, totaling seven million, nine hundred ninety-two thousand, twenty dollars (\$7,992,020). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be seven million, nine hundred seventy-five thousand, five hundred ninety-two dollars (\$7,975,592) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Candia School District, or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (This article does not include appropriations in any other warrant articles) (Recommended by the School Board)

Chairman Broadhead added it has been rounded up by .13 cents.

Chairman Broadhead said for the record they are voting on Warrant Articles 2 & 3.

Motion: To recommend Article 2 and Article 3; both recommended by the School Board. Motion made by T. Allen, second by P. Leblond for discussion. Chairman Broadhead said hearing no discussion asked for a vote. All were in favor, motion carried 8-0.

Warrant Article 4

Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate a sum up to thirty thousand (\$30,000) to be added to the Special Education Trust Fund established in March 2003 and to authorize use/transfer in that amount from the June 30, 2014 fund balance (surplus)? (Recommended by the School Board)

Motion: To recommend Article 4. Motion made by T. Allen, second by C. Watson for discussion.

J. Szot said she has reservations on this article and feels there is a significant amount of surplus money in the budget they can draw from without having to put it in a trust and she said historically there has been a significant amount of surplus money over the past 6 years. She said \$113,000 already in the trust plus the surplus they can draw on and therefore cannot approve this warrant article. C. Penfield said she agrees with J. Szot. She said they are holding a lot of the tax payer's money and C. Robie said just the reserve balance as the other money is in trust and earning interest and have built up their own equity. J. Szot said it is like the Fire Departments trust fund for fire apparatus, it's a lot of money. C. Robie said and when they need the equipment they will not have to ask the taxpayers for \$400,000 all at once for fire truck, they will use the trust. J. Szot said there is a significant amount of money in trust funds. C. Robie said they are asking for \$30,000 from unexpended funds from their operating budget as an encumbrance. C. Penfield reiterated that the funds are not needed. Seventy thousand dollars can be found in the budget.

Chairman Broadhead stated that it is always a risk, not knowing if a student will or will not move in. E. Roster added that the school, unlike the town, does not have the luxury of being able to pull money from other areas and reminded the Budget Committee that the requested funds are from surplus and is not new money. For further clarification C. Watson asked if the funds could be used for anything other than what it is being requested for. E. Roster stated that it was for Special Education only.

Chairman Broadhead asked again why the amount had to be designated at \$200,000. E. Roster stated that the number was recommended by Superintendent Littlefield and it was a number that could be realized should a student need the services.

J. Szot reviewed amounts from the school budget that were expected to go unspent that amounted to over \$190,000 in addition to the \$113,000 already in the trust that could be used if a new student were to need it.

Motion: To end debate. Motion made by T. Allen, second by J. Szot. All in favor, motion carries 8-0.

Motion: To recommend Article 4 as previously stated. With a show of hands, 5 voting in favor, 3 voting against, motion carried.

Supplemental Public Hearing on Town Budget and Warrant Articles

Chairman Broadhead called to order at 7:30pm the Supplemental Public Hearing on Town Budget and Warrant Articles and stated the Budget Committee has already made their recommendations relative to the town operating budget although the public hearing can address both the operating budget and warrant articles.

Chairman Broadhead asked if there was any public input on the Town of Candia Operating Budget or warrant articles.

Chief McGillen said warrant article #7, Child Advocacy Center, is used quite often, unfortunately, for issues in town regarding child abuse. The children have to be interviewed by this group. Chief McGillen said he would like to see these funds become part of the budget at some point as they have to use them. J. Szot, noting it is a flat amount and not a per client fee, asked if we would be in danger of being billed per client if the funds were in the operating budget. Chief McGillen said not that he was aware of. T. Allen said it would make sense to put it in the budget and asked where they would go to if this center did not exist. Chief McGillen said DCYF possibly and said they are mandated by the county to go to the Child Advocacy Center and is their only option.

Chief McGillen said he wanted to talk about the operating budget. He said he mentioned at the BOS meeting that around Christmas time the Rockingham County Attorney's office notified the police department the cost for prosecution was going up but did not give them an exact number

and could possibly be \$15,000 up from \$13,000. He said he received a contract dated January 6th indicating an increase from \$13,000 to \$18,888. Their current contract expires 3/31/2014. Chief McGillen made an inquiry relative to sharing costs with other towns that share the same prosecutors but did not have an answer yet regarding what other towns are doing. He also spoke to private attorneys and received one quote of \$22,500 per town and is still waiting for another quote. Chief McGillen said he told the BOS he would keep them updated. Chairman Broadhead asked if they would know by the Deliberative Session on February 1, 2014 and Chief McGillen believed he would.

C. Robie said the contract term runs March to March and the budgeted amount right now is \$13,000 and he said they recommended to leave it like that until next January which would still be a quarter into the year. If there is an increase, they could figure it out in 2015 and he said he can't speak for the whole Board but sees no reason to change the budget at this point but the deliberative session would be the time to amend the budget.

It was confirmed there were letters from all the agencies on the warrant articles explaining what they do for the Town of Candia. J. Szot asked if the BOS read the letters and did they have any comments. C. Robie said they looked them over and were brought to the meeting last Monday night and the sheet they have showed how the BOS voted. Chairman Broadhead said they are 4-1 votes and wondered if it was a principal stance by the person who voted against each one or if that person had a concern with each of the articles.

Chairman Broadhead asked if there was any other input on the operating budget or warrant articles. Hearing none, Chairman Broadhead asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion: To close the public hearing. Motion made by T. Allen, second by E. Roster. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Broadhead said now they will go back to regular session and talk about the town operating budget first.

Town Operating Budget

Chairman Broadhead reviewed the changes to the town operating budget that were already done by the Budget Committee at a previous meeting and provided a bottom line of \$2,377,975 for the record. E. Roster asked what the default budget amount was and was told that the amount had not been asked for and therefore was not provided.

ARTICLE 2.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an **operating budget**, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,377,975.00. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$_____, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Candia or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.*

Motion: To recommend the operating budget. Motion made by T. Allen, second by C. Watson. All in favor, motion carried.

Town Warrant Articles

ARTICLE 3.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$6,807) in support of the Rockingham County Community Action. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)

E. Roster asked what services are provided to the town by Rockingham County Community Action. Chairman Broadhead summarized the services, including crises services and heating/fuel assistance. T. Allen asked if these funds were not provided, would the town have to assume the financial responsibility of assisting those in need. C. Robie stated that the direct assistance line would have to be increased considerably.

Motion: To recommend Article 3. Motion made by C. Penfield, seconded by T. Allen. All in favor, motion carried.

ARTICLE 4.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) in continuation of its support of the Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester and Southern New Hampshire. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)

T. Allen asked if the Visiting Nurse Association was not funded, would there be an impact on the town budget. C. Robie stated that he believed it would. E. Roster questioned whether it was the town's responsibility to provide nursing care. C. Penfield believed it is at the discretion of the Select Board. C. Robie stated that without funding from the town, the county may provide services but it could ultimately impact the tax rate.

Motion: To recommend Article 4. Motion made by C. Penfield, second by J. Szot. With a show of hands, 7 voting in favor, 1 voting against, motion carried.

ARTICLE 5.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$3,250) in continuation of its support of the American Red Cross. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)

C. Penfield asked if this was funding in case of an emergency, such as a flood. C. Robie stated that the funding was for the purpose of providing emergency services for members of the community who may have had a fire or other type of disaster. It helps pay for temporary housing, clothing, etc. until they can get back on their feet. Chairman Broadhead stated (from information provided by the Red Cross) that they assisted with two home fires, assisting six residents, medical career training, health and safety classes for six residents, and one blood drive.

E. Roster asked if funding was not provided would the result be that the Red Cross would not assist our residents if needed. This should be considered a donation. We are not pre-paying for services.

Motion: To recommend Article 5. Motion made by J. Szot, second by C. Penfield. With a show of hands, 6 voting in favor, 2 voting against, motion carried.

ARTICLE 6.

*To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four Dollars (\$1,854) in continuation of its support of the **Lamprey Health Care**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)*

Chairman Broadhead reviewed information provided for 2012 highlighting that 184 Candia residents made 681 visits to Lamprey Health Care that year. C. Robie stated that the 2013 data may not be available yet. T. Allen reminded the committee that this same article was not recommended by the Budget Committee last year and had only passed by a margin of 90 votes by the residents. Further discussion followed.

Motion: To end debate. Motion made by C. Watson, second by J. Szot. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion: To recommend Article 6. Motion made by J. Szot, second by C. Penfield. With a show of hands, 6 voting in favor, 2 voting against, motion carried.

ARTICLE 7.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) in continuation of its support of the **Child Advocacy Center**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)*

Motion: To recommend Article 7. Motion made by C. Penfield, second by J. Szot. All in favor, motion carried.

****Christine Watson left the meeting at approximately 8:00 pm and is not included in any votes from this point forward**.**

ARTICLE 8.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) in continuation of its support of **Big Brother/Big Sister**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)*

E. Roster asked if there were and children in town who utilize this service. T. Allen stated that it does not have any budgetary impact and is not an essential service and will be voting to not recommend and reminded the committee that it was not recommended last year and the residents voted to fund it.

Motion: To **not** recommend Article 8. Motion made by C. Penfield, second by J. Szot. With a show of hands, 6 voting in favor, 1 voting against, motion carried.

ARTICLE 9.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) in continuation of its support of the **Child and Family Services**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)*

Chairman Broadhead shared information provided by the organization from the time frame of July 2012 to June 2013. There were 12 individuals, 568 hours of service provided valued at over \$12,000 which includes family counseling, home care, parenting plus, runaway, homeless and youth services. C. Penfield asked if the services would still be provided without the funding. T. Allen stated that it was recommended by the committee last year and the residents voted in favor of it.

Motion: To recommend Article 9. Motion made by E. Roster, second by J. Szot. On a voice vote, 6 voting in favor, 1 voting against, motion carried.

ARTICLE 10.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred and Two Dollars (\$702) in continuation of its support of the **Rockingham County Nutrition and Meals on Wheels Program**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)*

Motion: To recommend Article 10. Motion made by C. Penfield, second by J. Szot. With a show of hands, 6 voting in favor, 1 voting against, motion carried.

ARTICLE 11.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700) in continuation of its support of the **Aids Response Seacoast**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)*

Chairman Broadhead shared information provided by the organization, stating the information relative to this organization and the services provided to Candia are purposely vague to protect the privacy of those served.

Motion: To **not** recommend Article 11. Motion made by C. Penfield, second by J. Szot. With a show of hands, 4 voting in favor, 3 voting against, motion carried.

ARTICLE 12.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$500) in continuation of its support of the **CASA**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)*

Chairman Broadhead stated that CASA is a great service and would vote to recommend. J. Szot asked if information was given relative to how many Candia resident were provided the service. The information provided was not specific to Candia.

Motion: To recommend Article 12. Motion made by E. Roster, second by M. Broadhead. On a voice vote, 6 voting in favor, 1 voting against, motion carried.

ARTICLE 13.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$225) in continuation of its support of the **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)*

C. Penfield asked what services the organization provided. T. Allen stated he believed that they provide transportation for shopping and various ventures. Chairman Broadhead clarified that the program provides assistance for retired and senior citizens to be placed as volunteers at various places.

Motion: To **not** recommend Article 13. Motion made by C. Penfield, second by T. Allen. With a show of hands, 5 voting in favor, 2 voting against, motion carried.

ARTICLE 14.

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to resurface Lane Rd., Green Rd. and portions of Depot Rd. Included in this project will be the replacement of the two four-foot round culverts at Ward Brook with a box culvert and address all other drainage problems that exist on Depot Road. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Submitted by the Road Agent) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)

T. Allen stated that he was in favor of repairing the roads but believes it should be in the budget and not a warrant article. For that reason he will be voting to not recommend the warrant article. J. Szot spoke in favor of T. Allen's comment. Chairman Broadhead stated he believed it should be a warrant article due to the amount and that it is project specific. C. Penfield spoke in favor of Chairman Broadhead's comment. Chairman Broadhead also stated that he believed this warrant article should be moved up to number three on the ballot given the importance and the number of articles to be voted on and the belief that the voters stop reading after the first few. E. Roster, J. Szot, and P. Leblond spoke in favor of rearranging the warrant articles to prioritize the town services first with the "donation" type articles coming after. E. Roster also spoke in favor of T. Allen's comment to place the funds in the budget rather than a warrant article.

Motion: To recommend Article 14. Motion made by C. Penfield, second by M. Broadhead. On a voice vote, 6 voting in favor, 1 voting against, motion carried.

ARTICLE 15.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for excess **winter road maintenance**, these funds will not be used unless the operating winter maintenance funds are exhausted. This will be a non-transferable appropriation. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)*

Motion: To recommend Article 15. Motion made by C. Penfield, second by J. Szot. All in favor, motion carried.

ARTICLE 16.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the existing **Revaluation Capital Reserve** fund for the Future Revaluation of the municipality. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)*

J. Szot stated that these funds should be in the budget and not a warrant article. T. Allen stated that these funds were only necessary every five years and do not need to be in the operating budget. E. Roster asked if there was money sitting in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund that had gone unspent. C. Robie stated there was approximately \$2,000 - \$3,000 that will be used to pay the 2014 bill.

Motion: To recommend Article 16. Motion made by T. Allen, second by C. Penfield. All in favor, motion carried.

ARTICLE 17.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be deposited in the **Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund**, established under RSA 35:1 at the March 1991 Town Meeting, for the future purchase of the fire apparatus and equipment with the Selectmen appointed as agents. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)*

T. Allen asked what the plan was for these funds. C. Robie was not certain but believed the funds were for a new rescue vehicle. C. Penfield asked how much money was currently in this reserve fund. C. Robie believed it was approximately \$240,000. C. Penfield stated she was not going to vote in favor of recommending the warrant article since there was not enough information provided and there wasn't anyone from the Fire Department present to explain. J. Szot stated that perhaps more information could be provided at the deliberative session that may change how the committee decides to vote to recommend or not. More discussion followed with T. Allen giving a summary of what occurred last year with the same warrant article.

Motion: To recommend Article 17. Motion made by T. Allen, second by M. Broadhead. With a show of hands, 4 voting in favor, 2 voting against, motion carried. M. Broadhead abstaining.

ARTICLE 18.

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$133,880) for the operating expenses of the **Smyth Public Library**. Funds are to be expended under the direction of the Smyth Public Library Association. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)*

C. Robie stated that a budget for the library had been submitted earlier in the week. Chairman Broadhead stated the Budget Committee had not received a copy. T. Allen stated the warrant article was \$5,900 more than last year. J. Szot informed the committee that she was told by the librarian that there was an increase in insurance rates. C. Penfield stated she believed that a representative from the library should be present to speak on the warrant article and provide information to the committee. A public notice is posted giving the dates of the public hearings a special notification should not be asked for. T. Allen and Chairman Broadhead agreed that the services the library provides are very distinct to the operation of the library and the funds requested.

Motion: To recommend Article 18. Motion made by T. Allen, second by J. Szot. All in favor, motion carried.

ARTICLE 19.

*to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand, Six hundred and Fifty dollars (\$4,650.00) for the first phase of updating the **Candia Master Plan** per RSA 674:3. (Submitted by the Planning Board) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)*

J. Szot stated that there are very specific requirements regarding a master plan that could affect imposing impact fees. C. Penfield reiterated her previous statement that a representative should be present to speak about the warrant article and answer questions. T. Allen spoke of the RSA stating whether it was a question of “must do” versus “should do”; further adding that it was not recommended by the committee or voted in favor of by the citizens last year.

Motion: To **not** recommend Article 19. Motion made by C. Penfield, second by J. Szot. All in favor, motion carried.

ARTICLE 20.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the operation and maintenance of the Fitts Museum. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Fitts Museum. (Submitted by the Trustees of the Fitts Museum) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (by the Budget Committee by a vote of)

Motion: To recommend Article 20. Motion made by C. Robie, second by C. Penfield. All in favor, motion carried.

ARTICLE 21.

To see if the Town will vote to reinstate, in accordance with RSA 298:6, III, a five-member Board of Cemetery Trustees. If this article passes, a new board of cemetery trustees will be elected at the town meeting next following this vote. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 2)

Vote not required by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 22.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a five-member Board of Trustees for the Old Smyth Memorial Building. The Board of Selectmen will appoint the members for their first terms. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)

Vote not required by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 23.

To see if the Town will vote to revoke the DARE car trust fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)

Vote not required by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 24.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500.00 to the Candia Youth Athletic Association for the specific expenses of providing youth recreation programs to the children of Candia. Said expenses to be expended under the direction of the Candia Youth Athletic Association Board of Directors in accordance with the approved budgets. Submitted by petition.

C. Penfield spoke against the article stating there was not enough information provided and the residents who wish to participate in the youth recreation programs should pay for it, not everyone in town. The school is given funds for youth sports that could be taken advantage of. E. Roster stated that funding was provided for the library, also a type of recreation, which not everyone uses but everyone pays for. E. Roster also stated she believed that more residents took advantage of the CYAA than the library. J. Szot

stated she did not feel the town should provide funding for a private organization; it should be paid for by those that use it. P. Leblond stated that the programs provided are Candia based programs with revenue generated from visitors that off-set the operating expenses. Without the revenue that is generated, the CYAA would be asking the town for a lot more money. The funds requested are for uniforms, referees, trophy's and various related expenses that are for the benefit of Candia youth only. Additional discussion followed.

Motion: To recommend Article 24. Motion made by E. Roster, second by T. Allen. With a show of hands, 3 voting in favor, 3 voting against, motion **fails**. P. Leblond abstaining. **Therefore, the Budget Committee takes no position on Article 24.**

ARTICLE 25.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$37,000) for the implementation of a mosquito control program designed to reduce the risk of exposure to mosquito-borne diseases such as EEE and West Nile Virus. Submitted by petition.

A brief discussion was had regarding the lack of information and the question of necessity.

Motion: To **not** recommend Article 25. Motion made by C. Penfield, second by J. Szot. All in favor, motion carried. T. Allen abstaining.

Adjourn

Lacking further business, Chairman Broadhead entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: To adjourn. Motion by T. Allen, second by J. Szot. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully recorded & submitted,
Sharon Robichaud
Building/ Land Use
Fire Department

Marlene Montminy
Recording Secretary
Budget Committee