

Meeting of the Candia Municipal Budget Committee
Approved Minutes
January 11, 2017

Town Office Building

Members Present:

Budget Committee Chair Allyn Chivers, Selectman's Rep. Susan Young, School Board Rep. Rebecca Cronk, Paul LeBlond, Jodi Hedstrom, Bob Stout, Susan Gill Kevin Coughlin, Dana Buckley.

Chairman Chivers opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Chivers this is the continuation of the town and school budget. After we look over the warrant articles if we want to we can make changes to the Budget.

Approval of minutes

December 7, 2016, joint meeting with school board and SAU.

No Changes.

Approved Rebecca Cronk

Seconded Bob Stout

December 14, 2016 Meeting/Town Budget.

Changes requested and made.

Add dollar signs.

Change spelling Suzanne to Susan.

Change spelling Jody to Jodi.

Pg. 4-5, add; Becky Cronk statements in regards to the Smith Public Memorial Building. Becky questioned the heating fuel costs and stated that she sees that the trustee's reasons for requesting the funds seem to be for repairing the inside of the building and not the exterior which she felt was the priority at this point. She understands the piece-by-piece concept, but felt that she would be more comfortable with them using the money to repair the windows so the building doesn't sustain more damage. The building was one of her favorite places to spend her day when she was a kid and doesn't want to see the building die a slow death.

Pg. 8. Jodi Hedstrom's comment with regards to healthcare, zero's needed to be added to the numbers.

Approved Paul Leblond

Seconded Dana Buckley

December 15, 2016

Changes requested and made.

Change Suzanne to Susan.

Add dollar signs.

Change Mr. Dewitt to Chris Dewitt.

Beck Cronk, Boyd Chivers should be changed to Select Chair Boyd Chivers.

Page 5, Change Pinkerton to Central.

First page, Dana Buckley, would like to see a 4% reduction on the premiums that the town is paying for healthcare.

Becky Cronk, pg. 3, under Becky Cronk, replace "you" with Dana Buckley.

Becky Cronk, pg. 4, Jan is with one "n".

Becky Cronk, under the second Nicole Leflamme statement, replace with influx of houses.

Becky Cronk, we are up 3.8% or \$300,000.00 but we can tell you where every cent goes.

Becky Cronk, pg. 6 under Selectman Young, un bold salaries.

Becky Cronk, pg. 6 change Boyd Chivers to Select Chair Boyd Chivers.

Is there a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections?

Dana Buckley moves to accept the minutes with the corrections.

Selectman Young seconds.

Bob Stout asked if Chairman Chivers was going to go back and modify the minutes with the changes and if we should be accepting the minutes before they are modified? Selectman Young agrees and rescinds her seconding of the motion.

Chairman Chivers said she would make the changes and bring them back to the board.

Chairman Chivers asked Dana Buckley if he would like to withdraw his motion?

Dana Buckley withdrew his motion.

Unapproved

Chairman Chivers, now were going to look at the town warrant articles.

As for public comment, if you have something to say I will entertain public comment but ask that people don't repeat themselves because we want to get out of here before midnight. Chairman Chivers asked if they would like each article read out loud?

Dana Buckley asked if they should ask the public what they would like?

2017 Warrant Articles

Are you in favor of Article 2 as follows:

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 **\$2,521,358** Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$2,478,904**, 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. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

Chairman Chivers, does anyone want to make a motion?

Selectman Young made the motion.

Dana Buckley seconded.

All in favor

9-0

Are you in favor of Article 3 as follows:

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

Are you in favor of Article 4 as follows:

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

Are you in favor of Article 5 as follows:

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

Are you in favor of Article 6 as follows:

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

Are you in favor of Article 7 as follows:

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

Are you in favor of Article 8 as follows:

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

Are you in favor of Article 9 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (**\$1,000**) in support of the **Home Health and Hospice Care**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

Are you in favor of Article 10 as follows:

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 **Rockingham County Nutrition and Meals on Wheels Program**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

Are you in favor of Article 11 as follows:

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

Are you in favor of Article 12 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (**\$500**) in continuation of its support of the **CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

Are you in favor of Article 13 as follows:

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

*Chairman Chivers asked if anyone would like to make a motion regarding Articles 3-13?
Paul Leblond asked if we knew if any of them changed significantly or are they all the same?*

Selectman Laliberte said, he believed that the only one that changed Home Health Hospice Care, and that it was approximately \$25.00, all the rest stayed the same. From last year only one changed every single one stayed the same.

Jodi Hedstrom made a motion to approve Articles 3-13.

Becky Cronk seconded it.

Approved 7-2

Sue Young, Jodi Hedstrom, Bob Stout, Chairman Chivers, Susan Gill

Becky Cronk

Opposed Kevin Coughlin and Dana Buckley

Selectman Young said she believed there is a new right to know law, where as you have to show who voted for every vote. That you have to put down who voted for and who voted

against, I believe that starts as of January 1st. You have to put down who voted for everything. Paul LeBlond said, is that going to be on the warrant article? Sue said no it's a state law.

Are you in favor of Article 14 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) in support of the **Southeast Watershed Alliance**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

Chairman Chivers, Sue do you want to tell us what this is. Sue said that it's a new one that we had gotten in, I haven't gotten a lot of detail on it. Paul Leblond asked if that was what it was last year? Sue, No this one is a new one.

Chairman Chivers, do you know anything about what they do. Sue, I don't, I just read the letter, let Mark answer. Selectman Mark Laliberte, also on the conservation commission, which is where this originated. Dick Snow came back in August to ask about the two organizations that did some work that represented the region and felt that it would be some good resources that if we could provide them with a little bit that that would help them with there resources. This was one of them, The Watershed Alliance and the other one was the Lamprey River one, they said they did not need funding. So that was originally on the ballet and that was stricken. This is one where Chairman Selectman Chivers reached out to the chairman of this group and said yes that money would be appreciated. Originally Mr. Snow asked for the money in the budget as part of the commission line, the selectman on the September 17th meeting, said that, we won't do that, we don't know enough about it, but if you want you can ask the conservation commission request it put on the warrant. That's what they did, the board of selectman put it on in December and the board of selectman voted on it 5-0 on Monday recommending it. The thinking is that if it gets voted it might be something that the conservation commission and the selectman can look at going forward. Its sort of an arrangement between the conservation commission to see if its something they felt was important. My understanding is that Mr. Snow will probably put something in the Boy Scout packet, describing the importance. Chairman Chivers asked, what they did. Selectman Young said that it still didn't answer the question. Selectman Laliberte explained that he was giving a history of it. That's what all he knew, that he knew it wasn't a good answer.

Chairman Chivers asked if anyone would like to make a motion?

Jodi Hedstrom made a motion to approve.

Selectman Young seconded

Chairman Chivers said she was reluctant to give money to something she doesn't even know what they do, that they didn't even bother to give any information. Becky Cronk said that Sue mentioned that she had a letter, so something was provided at some point. Selectman Young said there was a request letter to the conservation commission, and I know the other one we were asked to do, the Lamprey River committee asked that we please don't support it, so that \$100.00 is out. Sue said again, I'm not on the conservation commission, it was asked that we put it in. I support conservation but if they can't explain

what it's used for it might be something we vote against. Susan Gill said the web site says that it encompasses the 42 NH towns and the coastal water shed.

Chairman Chivers all in favor to giving the \$200.00.

Selectman Young said that she would be voting in favor as the Board of Selectman voted for it.

Vote 7-2

Approved by

*Jodi Hedstrom
Selectman Young*

Opposed

*Susan Gill
Bob Stout
Dana Buckley*

*Kevin Coughlin
Becky Cronk,
Paul Leblond
Chairman Chivers*

Are you in favor of Article 16 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** to conduct an **engineering study** of potential traffic circulation and roadway alignment improvements on NH Route 43 and NH Route 27 within the "Four Corners" area as detailed in the Town of Candia Transportation Plan. The products of the engineering study would include conceptual designs for the improvements, determination of the cost for the improvements, and identification of potential right-of-way impacts for the improvements. The study will support a request by the Town for inclusion of the project in the State of NH Transportation Improvement Program, which would be needed to secure federal and state funding for the project. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

Chairman Chivers, would anyone like to make a motion?

Bob Stout made a motion to approve.

Chairman Chivers asked if there was a second?

Paul Leblond said he seconds it.

Chairman Chivers asked for discussion?

Chairman Chivers, we don't have a master plan yet, this is part of the transportation portion of the master plan, so I don't think its appropriate at this point of the process to allocate money for a plan that has not been approved by the planning board, they haven't approved the transportation portion and this is for the engineering study to implement that transportation portion and I feel that this this putting the cart before the horse. Paul Leblond, can the planning board still approve this though without the master plan in place or are you saying that they have to have the master plan in place? Chairman Chivers said, well this is part of the master plan, the transportation is a component of the master plan, we haven't even seen the master plan, and so it seems inappropriate to fund a component of the master plan that hasn't even been approved yet. Paul Leblond said, I see your point, we've had this discussion to where the master plan is going to happen so, if we put this off and the master plan gets approved in April or May, now we have to wait till next March to put this in place. I understand it's putting the cart before the horse but you may have the cart and no horse till March. Chairman Chivers said, I don't think we should hurry up and do this because the state has this 10 year plan, so if we do this and come up with something that we like, the traffic circle over there, then the state puts it on their 10 year

plan which they may or may not ever do, so if it takes another year to get it on the states 10 year plan and we don't have a traffic circle or whatever it ends up being, I don't see that as a problem. Becky Cronk but its potentially another year, another year that we wait for the funding, when they get to actually being able to do that, it may not be until October, then you have to wait for the study to come back, so you might be talking another 2 years or more down the road. Chairman Chivers once we get on the 10-year plan it could be never or anytime within the 10 years. Becky Cronk, thing is if you push this article off this year, then you have to wait till next March to potentially get it on the ballet, then if it doesn't pass that March then you have to potentially wait another, like with the master plan like we've pushed that master plan out but if we push this project or this \$15,000.00 out even one year you may not get the results for another year after that. So you may not get results for another year after that, so your not getting on the states plan for another 2 maybe 3 years depending on how it works out. I see your point that we don't have a master plan in hand but I also see and heard that master plan is imminent and you know, March, April so we could be losing that time frame where we could still be progressing. Kevin Coughlin asked, who owns the \$15,000.00 and who is responsible for disbursal and what are the parameters? That's not stated anywhere in there correct? Jodi Hedstrom asked, the disbursal would only be for the engineering study correct? Chairman Chivers asked, would the planning board or the board of selectman control it? Selectman Young said, I believe that the intent was to have the planning board control it, we had a big discussion on this. I definitely agree with Lynn as far as whether its needed and again I'm a little bit frustrated about not seeing a master plan. As it was explained to us at the Selectman's meeting Monday night, we did change the wording on a couple things; I'm assuming you guys have it. Selectman Young read the article. It's our understanding that it is not going to be in the planning boards budget parse, so I guess it would still fall under the Selectman, as far as spending it. I believe it's for their use for the engineering study for the four corners. That was my understanding. I was not in favor of it, after Scott got on the phone and explained again, I said ok but only if we reword it this way I don't mind sending it to the voters, I just don't want them to think I support the concept, but that's what we decided to do and voted 5-0. I think at the deliberative session they'll have some explaining to do and hopefully it will be tape recorded and on the web so that people that aren't able to attend, can understand what they're voting for in March.

Selectman Mark Laliberte, my understanding is that the planning board will be giving a presentation and will have displays on the various designs and an explanation at the deliberative session to discuss this in more detail on the back ground of the master plan, the transportation subcommittee, where they got to this point, why they're requesting the money and the process of moving forward and getting onto the states 10 year plan.

Chairman Chivers said, and of course we can change our votes after the deliberative session if you feel that you made the wrong vote, we can change our vote. Then the official ballet will have our revised vote. Selectman Laliberte, the argument that the planning board and the subcommittee was making was that your right, the master plan is imminent and in fact when this process was happening it was the expectation that the master plan would be revealed by the end of the year, its going to take a little longer but it is immanent and then all of the work that they've done, the major component of the transportation section of the master plan will be addressing the roads, route 27 and 43 and addressing the traffic flow over there. That's why they put in this article at the request of that

committee and the planning board. They wanted to move forward with this. The plan isn't ready but it will be ready. The expectation was once the plan was ready this is out there. So if the plan comes out in February or March do you wait another year before moving forward with one of the chapters in here or when you go to the deliberative session will you have that information available for the voters to vote on.

My understanding from Selectman Scott Komisarek said that they would be doing an education plan on all of this including drawings and the light. Through that conversation through working over the article a bit the board voted 5-0. This is something the master plan subcommittee and planning board wanted moving forward and after the language was changed we moved forward with it. Selectman Young said, but in the effort to be transparent the chair of the board of selectman, who is on the transportation committee, was apposed to it originally before we started discussing it. Selectman Laliberte, like I said, in the end the vote was 5-0, it was my understanding that everyone felt comfortable with the changes in the language. Selectman Young, give it to the taxpayers.

Kevin Coughlin, my question is still, who owns the money, is it the Selectman, and is it the planning board and who has authorization to dispense it? Selectman Young, I would say it's the planning board. Chairman Chivers, the planning board will probably do the arrangements to arrange the engineering studies. Paul Leblond, its my understanding the planning board owns it. Kevin Coughlin, and they have authorization to spend money? Chairman Chivers said, oh yeah; remember we gave them the \$10,000.00. Kevin Coughlin, for the master plan. Dennis Lewis, I'll do a quick summary. I was on the transportation committee. There are three maybe four concepts to alleviate the issues over here at the intersection by CYA and where the other intersection where 27 meets down here. Our Plan, was that the master plan would be done before the end of the year, we would present this as a chapter of the master plan, it would be on this years warrant for \$15,000.00 to do the engineering. The \$15,000.00 would be the only cost, we believe to the town for the project. The project could cost anywhere from \$4-6 million dollars to do any one of those plans so we would get the towns people to decide which plan fit and then hire an engineer, engineer it, get it on the 10 year plan and where ever we fall in the next 10 years something may happen. So that was our intent however the master plan is a little delayed getting out here so yes we do have a transportation chapter ahead of a master plan and here we discuss what do we do with it now. We felt getting it out there would be a plus and we'd even get the feed back from the tax payers if they even want to do anything over there or leave it as is or spend \$15,000.00 to do some improvements. The planning board would be the ones to except the chapter of the master plan, the transportation chapter, they would be the ones to hold hearings to find out what the best plan over there, but I believe the selectman would be the final authorization on spending that. Kevin Coughlin, as the road agent you might have some inside scoop on what this might look like for \$4 or \$5 million dollars. I was unaware there was an issue. I thought that you went to a stop sign and if no one was coming, you went. Dennis Lewis, we have the plans, they are in the chapter. There is a flyer that Scott Komisarek is going to put out that should show one or more, should show all three of the concepts. One is a roundabout down below the four corners, the other two the DOT have already had out from our traffic safety audit, changing to a "T" intersections. So it won't have the angle and you would have to come to a complete stop and alleviate a lot of the problems. The there's a bypass plan that would bring all the traffic past the CYAA cut through to a roundabout and then cut behind the

fire station and then come back to 43. So there's some different concepts. Dana Buckley said, you had said \$5-6 million that's what I heard? So would that be, cause we might possibly eligible for the study, that might be requested to get state or federal funding right? So when you say \$5 or \$6 million I'm assuming that's before that's the total cost of the project before we get any funding from the state. Dennis Lewis, that's the states portion of it, that's what I believe. I was under the impression that the \$15,000.00 would be our cost. Because they are all state roads, they are not town roads, so the state is ultimately responsible for them.

Chairman Chivers asked if there was any more discussion?

All in favor of Article 16?

2-7

Opposed

Kevin Coughlin

Lynn Chivers

Approved by

Selectman Young, Dana Buckley, Susan Gill

Jodi Hedstrom, Becky Cronk, Paul Leblond, Bob Stout

Are you in favor of Article 19 as follows:

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. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

Chairman Chivers do I have a motion?

Kevin Coughlin motions to accept.

Jodi Hedstrom seconded.

Chairman Chivers, any discussion?

Approved 9-0

Are you in favor of Article 20 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (**\$3,500**) to be placed in the existing **Smyth Memorial Building Fund**. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

Chairman Chivers do I have a motion?

Jodi Hedstrom made the motion.

Selectman Young seconds it.

Chairman Chivers I just want to point one thing out, if you'll notice in your packet below the budget is the encumbrances from 2016 so at the end of the year the town encumbers money and one of the encumbrances is \$3,420.00 for the Smith Building. So we reduced the budget and the amount got encumbered and now we're adding another \$3,500.00

dollars. I just wanted to point that out, that they encumbered \$3,420.00 to restore windows. Paul Leblond, the money is being used to build up to put a septic and a well in, that's what it's going to be used for. Some discussion ensued.

Chairman Chivers all in favor of article 20?

Susan Gill, I'm actually going to back this up because I'd like to see the building get used, and I appreciate that its going to need a well and a septic, even though there's no plan.

Vote 7-2

Opposed

Becky Cronk, Kevin Coughlin, Bob Stout
Jodi Hedstrom, Dana Buckley, Lynn Chivers

Approved by

Susan Gill
Selectman Young

Are you in favor of Article 21 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (**\$2,500**) to be placed in the existing **Town Office Building Maintenance Fund**. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

Chairman Chivers is there a motion?

Becky Cronk made a motion.

Selectman Young Seconded.

Chairman Chivers, any discussion? Susan Gill, asked how is this different than what's in the budget? Jodi Hedstrom said, emergencies right? Chairman Chivers answered, tree falls on the roof. Chairman Chivers, any more discussion?

All in favor.

9-0

Are you in favor of Article 22 as follows:

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

Chairman Chivers would you like to make a motion?

Paul Leblond made the motion.

Dana Buckley seconded.

All in favor

9-0

Are you in favor of Article 23 as follows:

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. (Requested by the Trustees of the Fitts Museum) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

Chairman Chivers is there a motion?
Becky Cronk made the motion.
Jodi Hedstrom seconded.
Chairman Chivers asked for discussion.
All in favor
9-0

Are you in favor of Article 24 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$100,000**) for excess **winter road maintenance**, these funds will not be used unless the operating winter maintenance funds are exhausted. This will be 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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

Chairman Chivers do I have a motion?
Bob Stout made the motion.
Selectman Young seconded.
Chairman Chivers asked for discussion.
All in favor
9-0

Are you in favor of Article 25 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (**\$150,000**) for the final phase of Chester Turnpike. 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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

Chairman Chivers do I have a motion?
Selectman Young made a motion.
Bob Stout seconded.
All in favor
9-0

Are you in favor of Article 26 as follows:

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

Chairman Chivers is there a motion?
Paul Leblond made the motion.

Bob Stout seconded it.

Kevin Coughlin, How much is in that capital reserve fund, do we know? Chief Young, I don't know. Kevin Coughlin, this is geared towards a new truck for in the future right? Chief Young, said yeah, our engine 1 will be 25 years old here in a couple years, maybe three more years and that will be a \$500,000.00 truck. Chairman Chivers any other discussion.

All if favor

9-0

Are you in favor of Article 27 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Fire Station Infrastructure and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of providing for major capital investments in the fire station building infrastructure and grounds to keep the building and property sound, functional and safe well into the future. Further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (**\$50,000**) to be deposited in said fund with the Selectmen appointed as agents. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

Chairman Chivers, is there a motion?

Becky Cronk made a motion.

Jodi Hedstrom seconded.

Chief Young, we need to add onto that building, hopefully not sooner than later.

In a nutshell, AMR might be going away from Manchester, (AMR is the ambulance service in Manchester that we contract services from) if they do AMR will not service us anymore, there just in a good spot to service out here. We're going to be between a rock and a hard place because there's nobody around us that could pick us up. We're working on a bunch of stuff, John Seidner my EMS coordinator who works at the Elliot; he's got a lot of connection and is working on stuff. We might have to put an ambulance in our Fire Station, which is a huge undertaking on our part, but we don't have any place to put it so, this is something to get started, we're going to have to add onto the station. Manchester just signed an extension with AMR for a year, it runs out June of 2018. They signed a one-year contract, which is unusual since they usually sign a three-year contract. So something's going on, I've heard from some pretty reliable sources that Manchester wants to take over the ambulance services and if they do then AMR will go away. That's something we have to look at. The staffing is a nightmare that we're looking at right now. Raymond Ambulance is taxed beyond its ability, Hooksett is out of the question, Derry services Auburn, and they're far away. We're in a tough spot. So that's what that's all about, it's for us to get started. The reason it says grounds is in case we need to drill a well for staffing. This is a huge step for everybody and me.

Want to start saving and get ready. Kevin Coughlin, so we would have an ambulance service that Candia owns? Chief Young, we would staff it. The way Raymond Ambulance does it now; they staff their ambulance during the week during the day. At night and on weekends they have people sign up to be on call. It would probably be something similar for us. If you don't know it, with AMR, the taxpayers have been banking some money for

quite a few years because AMR doesn't charge us to come to Candia. The town of Auburn pays the town of Derry, I believe, pays \$65,000.00 to \$70,000.00 a year just to have their ambulance come into their town. The reason is, Candia people pay. Manchester's 911 services, they don't make any money, because no one pays. Hopefully if we have an ambulance of our own the same thing would happen and we would be able to defray some of the cost of the ambulance, I'm not going to say it would cover it but it would help. Then you get into billing; it's a huge, huge endeavor. Paul Leblond, would our ambulance service other towns if we needed it? Chief Young, we talked about that, that it might be able to but our main focus is Candia but if worked out. This isn't going to happen overnight. One of the problems with Raymond Ambulance is they can't provide a Medic every time they come and should a patient in Candia need medic level care and our medic provides that care and Raymond comes to us at the basic level our medic has to go with them, I don't want our medic to leave town, I want him to stay here in town. Our contract with AMR is that we have a medic every time they come.

Chairman Chivers any more discussion?

All in favor

9-0

Are you in favor of Article 28 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety One Dollars (**\$127,891**) for the operating expenses of the **Smyth Public Library**. Funds are to be expended under the direction of the Smyth Public Library Association. (Submitted by the Smyth Public Library Trustees) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

Chairman Chivers do we have a motion?

Becky Cronk made a motion.

Kevin Coughlin seconded.

All in favor

9-0

Are you in favor of Article 29 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and 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 Zika, EEE and West Nile Virus. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5 to 4)

Chairman Chivers do we have a motion.

Susan Gill made a motion.

Jodi Hedstrom seconded it.

Chairman Chivers, any discussion.

Dana Buckley, I think last year we had a couple questions, does it work, I had asked at the deliberative session if there were studies that actually prove that it works and they said they don't know. I'm assuming that that hasn't changed. Is there anyone here that can

answer that, I don't want to vote for something just because it makes us feel good? Kevin Coughlin, last year most of the money was spent on testing. Testing was on a sample basis, they spray on a sample basis. Chairman Chivers, I think if they don't find anything they don't spray at all. Dana Buckley, whether or not they find something and spray there's no proof that it worked, where's the proof that it worked. Kevin Coughlin, and by definition they're spraying a small subset of the wetlands that would pull mosquitos. Dana Buckley, there was also some concerns about what the chemicals are doing, leaching into the ground water, they were going on property that they weren't supposed to because they filled out forms and I guess ignored those.

Selectman Young, I guess I supported it because if its good for our children then its good for the rest of the community. I understand what your saying, its spotty, I wish Dave were here its one of the few meetings he's ever missed. We did have triple E a while back We had a couple cases of several things. I think compared to other communities that don't use this process, and I'm not going to state that as a fact because I'm not sure. I think by doing this we've avoided problems, so that's why I supported it. I understand there are questions about chemicals, but I don't think they unnecessarily spray it's only a precaution. Susan Gill, to clarify this is both for monitoring and spraying? Selectman Young, yes.

Chairman Chivers, anymore discussion.

Vote 4-5

Opposed

Bob Stout

Kevin Coughlin

Dana Buckley

Chairman Chivers

In favor

Selectman Young

Becky Cronk

Susan Gill

Paul Leblond

Jodi Hedstrom

Are you in favor of Article 30 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the purpose of review and update of the current **All Hazard Plan** as required by FEMA. These funds are expected to be reimbursed through federal grant funding. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

Chairman Chivers, is there a motion?

Selectman Young made the motion.

Becky Cronk seconded.

All in favor.

9-0

- (1) Shall the Candia School District vote to approve the costs items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Candia School Board and the Candia Education Association, which calls for the following

increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2017-2018	\$ 51,596
2018-2019	\$ 65,842
2019-2020	\$ 66,167

and further to raise and appropriate \$51,596 for the 2017 – 2018 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)

Chairman Chivers asked for a motion.

Becky Cronk made the motion.

Jodi Hedstrom seconded.

Chairman Chivers, at the last meeting we were talking about the decrease in health cost, you gave us the amounts for the teachers contract it was \$28,813.00 less and for the SESPAs it \$3,978.00, so is that per year or for the life of the contract? Becky Cronk said, I believe it was per year, for the first year. We had to do our budget based on what we're currently paying; the next years will reflect these numbers.

Selectman Young, so the reimbursement is on page 13 of the teachers' contract, that's the old one. Their new reimbursement is, still not sure where does the health insurance A, B where does that belong in the new contract? Where's article 5? Becky Cronk, you have to look at the original book. Selectman Young, and I do, I have it here. Becky Cronk, and you would look at Article 5 and reference it. What your looking at is the changes to what we have. So your only seeing the sections that had modifications, to see what the original sections were you'd have to reference back to the original.

Selectman Young, last year we did a one-year raise, correct? They got one again last year? Becky Cronk, last year they got 2% raise flat with nothing else. Selectman Young, but that was a one-year contract so they had gotten a raise prior to that. Selectman Young, here I have health insurance, option plans with the cost sharing provisions are set forth in appendix C of this agreement. So and again this is right off your web, if you go here to appendix C, where's section C of the new contract? Because it says here they're being reimbursed. Option 1, a single is reimbursed 86%, the town pays, with two people we pay \$78.00, and for a family \$78.00. If they pick Option 2, we have single at 91% the town is paying and 86% for two-person family and for a family plan 86%. Becky Cronk, going forward they only have one insurance plan, there is not options, there's one plan. Then you have your single, two person and family.

Selectman Young, where's the single, two person and family? I don't see it written here. Becky Cronk, I believe it was discussed on #7.

Selectman Young, ok now we're reimbursing them 100% for single, two-person family is 95% and the family is 92%. Becky Cronk, that changes, that's the first year.

Selectman Young, if this is going to be presented to the town, I would think it would be important, I guess we'll have to attach it or have somebody else write it up.

Because I thought they were getting a sizable raise to make them whole, that's all I heard about at the school board meetings. Jodi Hedstrom, can I interject? I went on line to the NH Teachers because Dana said we contribute more in health care than most towns, so I wanted to go back. Our teachers on average are paid \$4,000.00 less than the surrounding towns. Starting salaries for what they're at, like for a masters level 15 to a masters level 15, we are on average, \$4-\$6,000.00 less from Deerfield, Epping, Freemont. You can go on the NH DOT site, so if we pay a little bit more in health care, our salaries, do you know what I mean, our salaries are less than.

Dana Buckley, you had asked me if I compared it but it wasn't in the contract, the salaries, Sue had asked for it and it wasn't provided. Selectman Young, it was determined that it wasn't necessary. Jodi Hedstrom, I just wanted to tell you that our health care seems to be a great contribution but our salaries, when you look at it cost more, because I wanted to look at that. It was significantly less in other surrounding towns for the equal education for what their starting salaries are.

If we pay \$4,000.00 more for insurance than its equal to what the salary is somewhere else, do you see where I'm looking at. Selectman Young, I see the point your trying to make but I'm not sure I agree with it, but that's ok I don't have to. So don't worry, don't do the math. If we're going to start out paying 100% that's all I wanted to know, if its 95% and 92% for a family and it goes down significantly with the town contributes that's ok, if it doesn't that's ok too. It is what it is.

Chairman Chivers, do you have the new contracts? Selectman Young, what you had to do to get the new contract is the SAU told us to print off the current contract and we had to add this in. Chairman Chivers the new contract shows single person 17-18 the town pays 100% 18-19 97.5% 19-20 95% two person 95%, 92.5%, 91% family 92%, 91%, 90%. Sue Young asked how much of a salary increase was included in the new schedule. Becky Cronk stated the contract included a 2% increase. Any step increases that the teachers are due are included in the operating budget.

Chairman Chivers asked for a vote:

Opposed

Sue Young

Favor

Bob Stout, Kevin Coughlin, Dana Buckley, Paul LeBlond
Lynn Chivers, Susan Gill, Jodi Hedstrom, Becky Cronk

- (2) Shall the Candia School 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>
2017-2018	\$ 16,575
2018-2019	\$ 17,209

and further to raise and appropriate \$ 16,575 for the 2017-2018 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)

Chairman Chivers This represents a 1.7% cost of living increase. Is there a motion for this article?

Jodi Hedstrom makes the motion

Sue Young seconded

The vote is 9-0 all in favor of this article.

- (4) Shall the Candia School District 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 \$8,522,673? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$8,431,103, 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. (Recommended by the School Board)

Chairman Chivers asked for a motion.

Dana Buckley, I think Bob made a good point when he pointed out that they over budgeted for the last two years that we have data, by 7.8% each year. He had suggested a 2% reduction, which would be \$178,453.46. He didn't make a motion then, so I would like to make a motion to reduce the budget by 2%.

Jodi Hedstrom, can I just say something, this I think is really sneaky, we sat here and went line by line by line and you suggested only one cut of \$20,000 and now its 8:30 at night. Dana, how is this sneaky, Bob had suggested this. Jodi Hedstrom, we all made a motion to approve the school budget that was given to us. Dana, and I didn't vote for it. Jodi, and that's fine but now your going to cut 2%, your not giving any ideas to where the moneys coming from. Dana Buckley, there's a law suit in Brentwood that was settled last year, we do not have to go line by line, there is no obligation for this budget committee to go line by line. There's no RSA, the courts had found that. Jodi, so where would like, if you saw excess, where do you want to cut. Dana, I gave one example, its ultimately the schools job, they have the ability and can move money around, they've been over budgeting for last two years, that's what I'm basing this on. Becky Cronk, just to throw out at that, you guys want to pull this, we over budget by 8%. The town over budgeted for 2016 was over by 7.42% or \$188,500.00 for the year, are we supposed to go back and cut the town's budget by 2%? Dana, this is a lot more money. Becky, I understand

that its a lot more money but we always give money back to the town or not utilizing it up to the exact penny, but what your trying to do right now will result in the school going to every last penny rather than not utilizing all of the funds every year. You want to point fingers at the school because the school is so much larger and we have a 7-8% overture, but the town does a 7-8% overture and that's acceptable because it's not that large of a budget.

Chairman Chivers, I have a new number if you want to make a motion. The number would be \$8,039,009.80.

Selectman Young seconded it.

Bob Stout, for the sake of discussion we had that conversation that night before we get all huffy about it being underhanded because I don't the votes are there to support it tonight. I think in hindsight at the last meeting, I should have made a motion, that motion might have failed then you could have reintroduced it. So maybe that's where the break down is. At the end of the day Jodi, I don't think anyone's going to change his or her vote from the other night.

Becky Cronk, Kevin to answer your question, when you asked about all of that coming back. In some instances we do, like the town, encumber funds for projects that we maybe pushed off or that we have pending but we tend to send back the majority of the money, that something we decide at our main meeting with leadership with our team and we decide what projects do we want to keep and do this year and have our contracts on hand for this year but we tend to send the majority back. In addition to the money coming back for this year we will also have from the capital cost from litigation.

Kerry James, one of the things I would like everybody to consider is I think the school board and the SAU, both of those organizations take the time to go line by line, I think its important they understand where the money is going. I do think the school board has been very responsible about returning the money when they have money when they have extra left over. So I think, I know I would like to encourage everyone to vote with the original amount that was budgeted.

Chairman Chivers vote on motion.

Vote 3-6

Opposed

*Selectman Young
Dana Buckley
Bob Stout*

For

*Kevin Coughlin Jodi Hedstrom
Paul Leblond Becky Cronk
Chairman Chivers Susan Gill*

Chairman Chivers motion to accept the budget as is?

Jodi Hedstrom made motion to accept the budget as is.

Becky Cronk seconded

Vote 3-6

Opposed

*Selectman Young
Dana Buckley
Bob Stout*

For

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Paul Leblond Becky Cronk
Chairman Chivers Susan Gill*

Chairman Chivers, I'd like to remind everyone that filing for offices are January 25th – February 3rd.

Paul Leblond, voting location has been changed to the CYAA building.

Chairman Chivers, any other business? Ok our next meeting, the town deliberative session. What we do, we have a meeting at 8:50, call it to order then we suspend it. After the deliberative session, if the town changes anything and we think it's excessive, we can change our votes at the end of the deliberative session. If nothing changes we just adjourn and go home.

We also have to have a quorum and that's February 4th.

Kevin Coughlin moves to adjourn.

Dana Buckley seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Doreen Schibbelhute
Administrative Assistant