

Meeting of the Candia Municipal Budget Committee
Approved ~~Unapproved~~ Minutes
December 13th 2017

Town Office Building

Members Present:

Budget Committee Chair. Allyn Chivers, Selectman's Rep. Susan Young, Paul Leblond, Jodi Hedstrom, Bob Stout, Todd Keating, and Katrina Niles, Susan Gill.

Chairman Chivers opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Chivers; gave an overview as to what will be cover in the meeting and if anyone had any questions about the budget.

Selectman Chair Carlton Robbie; gave a brief overview of expenditures that are in the budget for 2018. Some of the expected cost are the asphalt maintenance, the recycling center needs a new loader, insurance increase of 21,000.00, a new roof on the town hall, it's a 30 year roof, it's been 29 years, new roof will be 17,500.00. He thanked the Budget Committee for all their efforts.

Chairman Chivers; closed the meeting to the public but did ask if anyone felt a strong need to speak to let her know and she will let the public speak.

Chairman Chivers; insurance is fixed at the 112,071.00 can't change that. Of that Chairman Chivers would like to take 15,963.00 out of the budget for insurance, this portion is the portion that the employees pay, Donna Becker usually keeps that money in the budget should anything change half way through the year.

Susan Gill; asked if there were any time that the town could become liable for that portion.

Selectman Young; explained that if the money is not needed that the money would go right back in the budget. Under her watch it will always go right back to the tax payers.

Bob Stout; explained he would be more inclined to leave it there.

Chairman Chivers; Planning Board has 10,000 in there for the master plan. She had a draft proposal for the Candia Village District and it looks nothing like what was expressed at the envisioning meetings? Half acre lots, 50 feet of frontage, 4 dwellings per acre. Doesn't sound like these people heard what the people wanted. Small scale agricultural is prohibited in this area. She was not comfortable with giving them another 10,000.00 and would like to take it out.

Susan Gill; requested a copy.

Selectman Chair Robbie; explained we budgeted 10,000 to continue planning and they're going to spend 6,000, if it doesn't get spent it will go back. The Planning Board accepted the proposed draft. They got 12,500 worth of planning for 2,500 dollars due to grants. He explained that the planning board does know that it's too large of an area and believes that they did lose the concept that they were going for but will continue their efforts into obtaining what the town wants. There's a lot of work that has to go into that draft before it goes to the town for a vote.

Selectman Young; explained that planning money is not just for that, that planning money is also going to be used for planning the sidewalks to the CYA, so were not paying for kids to be bused over. She suggested that people go to the planning board and zoning board meetings so they are able to make their thoughts known. We still need money to plan.

Discussion ensued, play audio version for details.

Chairman Chivers; any another questions before we vote on budget.

Selectman Young; made a motion to recommend the budget for 2,727,486.00.

Paul Leblond seconded.

All in favor.

Warrant Articles

3-14 Charity Articles.

Selectman Young; makes a motion to accept.

Jody Hedstrom; Seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Article 15

Smyth Memorial Fund

Paul Leblond; asked what the long term plan for the building.

Jody Hedstrom; I heard they want to repair the stairs next and asked if the steps being built would work with the long term plan in mind?

Selectman Young; explained this is the Capital Reserve Fund. Selectman Young explained that this is for a big expense like a slate roof or for major repair that needs to be done.

Jody Hedstrom; feels it's very deceitful to the town because it was voted down by the town at one time.

Selectman Young; stated that it was voted down when it was for repairing the entire building at one time as opposed to repairing different aspects of building each year and is always approved by the town.

Discussion ensued, play audio for details.

Vote to not recommend this article as written.

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This wording can be changed at the deliberative session.

Carlton Robbie; the building belongs to the town; it's not up to the trustees to figure out what the town wants to do with the building. He explained that before the town can even decide on what they want to use the building for it has to be maintained and repaired. This building is on the historical register.

Russell Dann; explained he did not support the Article and voted against it. The trustees have done an incredible job fixing the building and keeping it up. He also explained that the building had water before. He said he wants the building used; he would like it to be used by next year. People should come to the Select Board if they want to use it.

Selectman Young; explained that the water came from the church. The library doesn't have a well. Explained we cannot make the church let us connect to the library.

Article 16

Vote to Recommend

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Article 17

Capital Reserve Fund;

Vote to recommend

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Article 18

Fitz Museum

Vote to Recommend

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Article 19

Road Maintenance

Vote to Recommend

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Article 20

Reconstruction of Adams Road.

Vote to Recommend

8-0

Article 21

Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund

Vote to Recommend

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Article 22

Fire Station Infrastructure and Ground Reserve Fund

Vote to Recommend

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Article 23

Smyth Public Operating Budget

Vote to Recommend

Chairman Chivers Abstained.

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Article 24

Mosquito Control Program

Vote to Recommend

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Article 25

Keno

Not money related.

Article 26

CYAA

Vote to Recommend

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To hear all discussion, please play audio version.

Jody Hedstrom; motion to continue and resume January 10th at 7:00PM.

Paul Leblond; seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:07PM