

Meeting of the
Candia Budget Committee
December 18, 2014
Town Hall, Candia, NH
Minutes of the SB2 Public Session

Present: Chairman Matthew Broadhead, Vice-Chairman Allyn Chivers, Rebecca Cronk, Mark Laliberte, Andrea Peach, Kevin Coughlin, Paul LeBlond, Selectman's Rep. Carleton Robie School Board Rep. Kim Royer

Also Present: Selectman Dick Snow, SAU 15 Business Administrator Karen Lessard

Call to Order

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

New Business

Public Input on Proposed 2015 School Budget

Chairman Broadhead opened the meeting for discussion from the public.

Selectman Dick Snow expressed an interest in what impact the anticipated budget would have on the tax rate and would like to know the anticipated revenue is for the school. Chairman Broadhead asked for clarification on the revenue date sought. Selectman Snow requested the estimated revenue and state education grant data. Chairman Broadhead deferred to School Board Rep. Royer, who deferred to SAU 15 Business Administrator Karen Lessard. Karen Lessard indicated that the requested information has not yet been compiled at this time. Selectman Snow questioned if the Budget Committee would be reviewing the information at the January public meeting. Chairman Broadhead indicated that the information does not impact the appropriations that are being discussed. Selectman Snow provided a copy of the definitions of municipal budget law, Section 32:2 with paragraph three "statement of recommended appropriations and anticipated revenues" highlighted. Selectman Snow further stated that he felt the committee is responsible for reviewing both the revenue and expenses to present to the town. Chairman Broadhead indicated that the budget committee task is to review and recommend the appropriations on the expense side of the budget. Selectman Snow continued to stress that his interpretation of the law was that the budget committee was to present both expenses and revenue to the public in order to make informed decisions. Karen Lessard indicated that the revenue information is available at the time of the deliberative session as the SAU is still awaiting information from the State. Superintendent Littlefield stated that the deliberative session is intended to be a meeting of the voters and the material requested will be available at that time. Chairman Broadhead references RSA 32:5 that indicates that the Budget Committee is to review the appropriations to be included in the budget and Vice Chairman Chivers referenced RSA 32:1 that indicates the role of the budget committee is to act as an appropriations committee and make recommendations for the governing body. Selectman Snow went on to state that he doesn't believe that the Budget Committee is doing their job according to the statutes.

Chairman Broadhead made a motion to recess the public hearing to a supplemental public hearing to be held on January 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Second by Vice Chair Chivers. All in favor, motion carried.

Finalize Recommendations on School Budget

Chairman Broadhead reviewed the Ten Percent Rule, stating that the budget recommendation to the Deliberative session as recommended by the Budget Committee, can not be altered any higher than 10% of the recommended budget including all warrant article amounts. The budget can be reduced by any percentage.

Motion by Vice Chairman Chivers to recommend the school budget of \$7,695,151.23. Second by Andrea Peach. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

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

Motion: To adjourn. Motion by Selectman Robie. Second by Rebecca Cronk. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Recorded by Rebecca Cronk