

Meeting of the

Candia Municipal Budget Committee

October, 14, 2015

Members in Attendance: Chair Lynn Chivers, Robert Stout, Paul Leblond, Dana Buckley, Kevin Coughlin, Mark Laliberte and Selectmen's Rep. Carleton Robie.

Chairman Chivers opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Approval of Minutes- No changes or questions. Motion to accept minutes by Paul Leblond, second by Robert Stout. Motion approved 7-0.

Lynn raised question about School Committee procurement policy from previous meeting. Since school board was not represented the questions were tabled. Questions were regarding the Dept. of Ed report on 2016 enrollment that LaFlamme was to submit as well as a written procurement policy for the budget committee to review.

- Review of the Town Report-
 - o Expenses through 9/30/2015- Discussion of legal fees yet to be reconciled, FEMA payment and winter highway expenses. Generally agreed that we are on budget but upcoming winter expenses could impact bottom line.
- School Reports
 - Expenditure report- Early in year so on budget -no questions.
 - Proposed budget adjustments- Two small adjustment, no questions.
 - Projected Financial Position- Again, early in year, no questions.
 - Enrollment- High School- 184 students- Discussion of 23 students already going to Pinkerton. If vote approves move to Pinkerton, it will not occur until the 2018 school year. Moore School enrollment of 329 students. Dana Buckley raised issue of declining student population. Lynn shared data on similar schools in other NH towns. Many have fewer students, lower tax rates and higher test scores.
- Budget Meeting Calendar for 2015. Meetings 10/28, 11/11&12, 12/9&10, 12/16&17, 1/12&13 and 1/30.
- Informational Budget Mailing- Discussion was that we should not mail but post on web site. Coughlin proposed not to mail, second by Stout. Unanimous vote not to mail.
- Selectmen's Budget- Discussed previous year and then proposed Selectmen's budget submittal. Default budget will be roughly \$180k less than proposed budget per Donna's estimates. Revised to \$166k delta. Lynn discussed her review procedure. Looking for changes from year to year. Lynn to research if 10% rule applies to reductions as well as increases.
- Any other Issues-
 - o Vanessa Tancrede (Main Street) had questions about proposed school move to Pinkerton, as well as student population decline at Moore School.
 - o She provided a handout to the board related to the cost of tuition at Pinkerton Vs. Central High over last ten years.
 - o Kim Lackmann (Highland Street)- Reinforced Vanessa's concerns regarding high school choices. Mentioned Pinkerton ranked 27th in state Vs. Central at 42nd.
- Motion to adjourn at 7:55 by Carlton, second by Paul.