

Meeting of the Candia Municipal Budget Committee
Feb. 10, 2016
Town Offices, Candia, NH

Members present: Chair Allyn Chivers, Dana Buckley, Kevin Coughlin, Mark Laliberte, Paul Leblond, Robert Stout, Selectman's Rep. Carleton Robie

Members Absent: Matthew Broadhead; School Board Rep. Rebecca Cronk

Chairman Chivers opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approval of Jan. 13, 2015, Municipal Budget Committee minutes as corrected (1st – Laliberte, 2nd – Buckley). **Approved by the Municipal Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0**

Motion: Approval of Jan. 20, 2015, Municipal Budget Committee minutes (1st – Leblond, 2nd – Laliberte). **Approved by the Municipal Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0** (*Stout abstained*)

There was no motion to approve the Feb. 4 budget committee minutes, as there was no quorum present at the meeting.

Review of Town Reports

Leblond asked about the miscellaneous revenue line item of \$44,000. Robie believed he thought it was for the sale of surplus tax-deeded property. Buckley asked where revenue from the “sex-offender” revenue line item comes from. Robie said it a fee that sex offenders have to pay when they register with the police. Laliberte returned to Leblond's question and asked if the line items referred to solid waste revenue. Robie said he would look at it

Chivers asked about the mosquito control costs. Robie said the majority of the cost is for monitoring. The spraying is much cheaper. Leblond says CYAA sprays three times a year at a cost of about \$600. Coughlin asked what the next steps are with the old landfill. Robie said the expenses are done, other than the maintenance of mowing the grass above the cap.

Chivers discussed the encumbrances from 2015 to 2016. She asked Robie what happened to the rest of the surplus. Robie said the money not encumbered goes into the unreserved fund balance. Any money above the 11.5 percent amount for the fund balance goes toward the property tax rate. Coughlin asked what the school does. The school will do the same; unencumbered dollars goes into the unreserved fund balance.

Stout asked why schools don't have to have a line item to spend money. Robie said it is a different system than on the school side.

Review of School Reports

Chivers remarked about the 21 students going to Pinkerton and asked how many of them had a reason to attend versus how many attend with parents paying the tuition.

Chivers discussed the “Cadillac tax” being implemented in the next year and there is a question on who pays for the excess tax. There was then a general discussion regarding pending contract discussions between the school district and the teachers and hope that both the school and town can be below the “Cadillac tax” threshold. Robie asked if that was the rationale for a one-year contract. Chivers said that was her understanding.

Stout was frustrated that the school warrant articles were first seen by the budget committee at 7:00 p.m. of the meeting. Coughlin read the e-mail he received from teacher Judith Lindsey concerned about why he voted against the one-year contract; Buckley stated he got a similar one, but was OK with that. Buckley said he looked over the contract and after factoring in everything, it wasn't as expensive as he first thought.

Coughlin asked about the common core coordinator and where the money for that position was going. Chivers said this was a three-year position and it was going away after this year.

Robie asked how much money was being encumbered for heating oil for the school. Chivers will ask Cronk at the April meeting to go into how they got the estimated cost for the heating oil.

Coughlin asked about special education and the staggering costs involved (one-third of the overall tuition cost). Chivers said the district has had one student more than \$100,000; Chivers agreed it was a staggering cost.

New business

Chivers reminded the committee there was no meeting on Wednesday, March 9. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 13.

Motion: To adjourn (1st – Coughlin, 2nd – Buckley). **Approved by the Municipal Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0.**

Chairman Chivers adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.