

DELIBERATIVE SESSION OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Town of Candia, New Hampshire
January 31, 2015

Moderator Clark Thyng invited those who wished, to participate in the invocation by Reverend Barbara Sanders, the Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Candia. The assembly was asked to stand and welcome the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Candia as they presented the colors. The Salute to the Flag was led by Selectman Carleton Robie.

Moderator H. Clark Thyng declared the Annual Meeting in session at 9:04AM.The officials seated on the stage were introduced, beginning with Town Clerk, Chris Dupere, Donna Hetzel, Deputy Town Clerk, Carleton Robie, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Boyd Chivers, Selectman, Dave DePuy, Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Richard Snow, Selectman, Andria Hansen, Selectmen's Assistant, Donna Becker, Payroll and Accounting Clerk, and Bart Mayer, Town Counsel. Other Town Officials who were present in the audience were also introduced. The Moderator wished to thank Moore School principal Robert St. Cyr, assistant principal Michelle Lavallee, and Linda Byrne and the Moore School staff for setting up for this morning's meeting.. The following non registered voters will be recognized to speak, since there was no objection from the meeting: Chief of Police Mike McGillen, Town Counsel Bart Mayer, and accompanying Attorney Mayer was Mike Courtney. Moderator Pro Tem is Tom Giffen and assistant Moderator is Don Helmig.

Moderator Thyng reviewed some basic rules of the meeting including no smoking or drinking on school property, procedure in case of a fire, and conduct of the meeting. It is a public meeting, therefore, anyone may attend but only registered voters will be allowed to speak. The Moderator also reminded those assembled to give their name and address when they speak. Questions need to be addressed to the Moderator, though they may specify an individual to give a reply. Moderator Thyng continued giving a brief explanation of the rules of the meeting requesting that everyone be treated with respect.

The Moderator stated there were 13 month calendars for sale with all the proceeds going to the Deborah Bell Levesque Scholarship Fund to send a student to the Barry Conservation Camp this summer.

ARTICLE 2.

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 **\$2,501,676.00**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$2,424,310.00**, 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 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

A motion was made by Carleton Robie to switch the positions of Article 22 with Warrant 25, so if Article 22 fails, Article 25 would pass. seconded by Selectman DePuy. The Moderator explained that there may be a situation where the 10% rule comes into effect, and if it comes close to that time, the rule will be explained since this is a part of SB2. There was no objection from the floor. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 25 will become article 22 and Article 22 will become Article 25.**

The Moderator then re-read Article 2: 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 **\$2,501,676.00**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$2,424,310.00**, 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 RSA40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0).

A motion to amend Article 2 was made by Selectman. Robie, seconded by Selectman DePuy. Mr. Robie moved to change the amount of the budget to **\$2,421,676.00**, reducing the original budget by \$80,000.00. Mr. Robie explained the original budget would exceed the 10% rule. The Board is asking to move the budget downward, to go forward with the purchase of the Fitts property, which will now be Article #25. If the Selectmen's budget is not reduced, the 10% rule would be exceeded. The intent of the Selectmen is to bring the articles forward to be voted on by the people. Mr. Robie explained reducing the budget is a risk but they are looking towards the future of the community. To clarify the 10% rule for those assembled, Moderator Thyng explained we have a dollar amount that has been approved by the Budget Committee, you cannot exceed 10% of the dollar amount for the remainder of the warrant for articles that have to do with money. The 10% rule is calculated on the total amount that needs to be appropriated. If an article goes over the rule, it cannot go to the voters. Rather than have Article 25 die because of the 10% rule, the operating budget was lowered.

Matt Broadhead, Chairman of the Budget Committee, spoke in support of the amended budget stating the voters would be able to cast their vote in March on all the articles. Boyd Chivers explained the entire Board of Selectmen did not support the motion to reduce the budget that had been approved by the Budget Committee. It was considered a viable operating budget. Mr. Chivers explained the amount for the 23 Main Street property is not transparent, he does not support it. What is at stake is the transparency of the budget process. He urges the support of the body for the budget that was originally proposed. Polly Rounds asked why we are buying this property as a Town when the Town already owns the old Smyth Library, which is vacant? Mr. Robie explained the piece of property is a key piece for the future; however they do not have any intended purpose for the property at this time. Rick Mitchell asked what the market value of the property is. How is it justified to pay more than 170% more than the assessed value of \$204,000.00 for the property? Mr. DePuy explained the property is a key piece of property, centrally located. We are in effect creating a Town Center. Many people are looking towards the future of the Town and the Selectmen feel this is a critical piece of property for the Town. Mr. Robie stated this property is in the center of our community, in a strategic location abutting Moore Park and Holbrook Cemetery. Mr. Mitchell asked what the cost would be of maintaining the building. Mr. Robie stated the Selectmen have not considered the cost of maintaining the building. Selectman DePuy explained they want to put this proposal to the Town, so the voters may decide. Mr. Mitchell explained that he feels Article 25 is a pig in a poke. Mr. Lazott asked what the tax impact will be if everything passes? What is the zoning on the property and was told the zoning is for mixed use, residential and commercial. We don't have a scenic center of the Town. How much will it cost us to have this property? Mr. Robie explained it would be about 58 cents per thousand valuation. Mrs. Penfield stated they are moving this so the community can vote. This is a mixed use zone so anyone could do anything they wanted to do with it. If we buy the property, we would have control over what happens to it,

and we could hold it for the future. Our Master Plan has the center of our community starting at the Four Corners heading up High Street and past the Congregational Church. If we don't buy this, we are gambling about what the center of the community will look like. Fifty years from now, the people who live in this community will be very glad that folks in this town, this year, decided to buy it.

Mr. Snow stated he supports the article because they have had a lot of discussions as a Board regarding the purchase of this property. Two or three months ago, the Board started looking at the property. He feels the amount being asked for is a reasonable number for the six acre property. The property could be used as a safety center at some point in time, the salt shed could be moved, the Town Office could be moved there. The Master Plan needs to be updated; we need to bring business to the Town. The 10% rule is what we are talking about today. The voters need to vote on this. It's a good thing for the future. Mr. Snow supports this warrant article. Matt Broadhead explained the reduction brings it within \$3,000.00 of the default budget. Dean Young explained that as a native of Candia, he loves this Town. The proposed property is: location, location, location! That property should be owned by the Town of Candia. This property is for the future, for our children and grandchildren. If we lose this property, we will never get it back. We need to put this on the ballot so it can be voted on by the people. Lynn Chivers stated the Budget Committee spent many hours on the budget, and wished to know which lines the eighty thousand dollars are being taken out of. Mr. Robie explained there are no specific lines. The budget remaining at the end of the year is turned back to the Town. Mrs. Penfield explained the default budget is just the last years' budget. Mrs. Philbrick is in favor of the purchase of this piece of property. She hopes that we, as a community, see the future potential in this property. Mrs. Wilderman asked where the \$80,000.00 would be taken from. Mr. Robie explained they should not have to take any from any department. Selectman DePuy explained the budget is set to provide for any reasonable contingencies that may occur. Sharon Dewitt asked if we have to insure the property and what about heating the house, and what about maintenance? The funeral parlor is also for sale, has that property been looked at? Selectman Robie explained it would be minimal impact because the Town has a blanket insurance policy. The funeral home should remain under private ownership. It would be very limited as to what could be done on the funeral home property as it is such a small lot. There were no further comments on the amended Article 2, to reduce the operating budget to **\$2,421,676.00**. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 2 was amended.** Vote to place Article 2 on the ballot as amended was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 2 will be placed on the ballot as amended.**

Selectman Robie moved to reconsider Article 2 if Article 25 fails. This was seconded by Selectman DePuy. There were no questions or comments. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The motion carries.

Ed Fowler moved to consider articles 3 through 13 as a block. The motion was seconded by Betsy Kruse. There was no objection from the assembly.

ARTICLE 3.

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 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 1)

ARTICLE 4.

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 4 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 1)

ARTICLE 5.

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

ARTICLE 6.

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

ARTICLE 7.

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 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 1)

ARTICLE 8.

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 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 1)

ARTICLE 9.

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 **Child and Family Services**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 1)

ARTICLE 10.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred and Twenty Six Dollars (**\$926**) 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 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 1)

ARTICLE 11.

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 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 1)

ARTICLE 12.

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

ARTICLE 13.

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 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2) Motion to accept the articles as read by the moderator was made by Selectman DePuy, seconded by Selectman Snow. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Articles 3 through 13 will be placed on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 14.

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

Motion was made by Selectman. DePuy, seconded by Selectman Snow, There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 14 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 15.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars **(\$5,000)** for the first phase of updating the **Candia Master Plan** per RSA 674:3. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 1) Motion was made by Selectman Snow, seconded by Selectman Robie. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 15 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 16.

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. (By request of the Trustees of the Fitts Museum) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) Motion was made by Mr. Snow, seconded by Mr. Chivers to accept the article as read. Mr. Snow stated that he felt the Trustees are doing a marvelous job. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 16 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars **(\$150,000.00)** for the **first phase of Chester Turnpike reconstruction**, starting at the Hooksett town line and working southerly towards Tower Hill Road. (Submitted by the Road Agent) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) Motion was made by Selectman Snow, seconded by Selectman Chivers. Road Agent Lewis explained it is one of the roughest road in Town. It will probably take four years to rebuild this road. It's a good investment. Mr. Lazott spoke in favor of this article. He did ask what the approximate increase in the tax rate? There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 17 will be moved to the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars **(\$75,000.00)** for excess **winter road maintenance**, these funds will not be used unless the operating budget winter road maintenance funds are exhausted. This will be a 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 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) The motion was made by Mr. Snow, seconded by

Mr. DePuy. There was no discussion. It was voted by a show of ballots to place **Article 18 on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 19.

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 EEE and West Nile Virus. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 2 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-3-1) The motion was made by Selectman Snow, seconded by Selectman DePuy. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 19 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 20.

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 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) The motion was made by Selectman Chivers, and seconded by Selectman Snow. Chief Young explained this would be a way to save money and to lessen the tax impact for major purchases. The Department just purchased a new rescue vehicle this year and is purchasing new air packs. The next purchase will be in five years as the department will need a new pumper. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 20 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 21.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Five dollars **(\$123,695)** 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) Moved by Mr. Snow, seconded by Mr. Robie. Mr. Hall spoke to the article explaining this is a \$20,000.00 reduction from last year. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 21 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 22.

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 4 to 0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 9 to 0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Selectman. DePuy, seconded by Selectman Snow. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 22 will be placed on ballot as read**

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the management and responsibility for the following town-owned properties to the Candia Conservation Commission, to be held forever in trust for the benefit and enjoyment for the citizens:

1. High Street (Map 404, Lot 118) 10.30 acres off Donovan Road.

2. High Street (Map 405, Lot 042-2) 5.10 acres off Donovan Road.
3. High Street (Map 411, Lot 038) 35 acres off Donovan Road.

Further, to designate these properties, in accordance with RSA 31:110 as a part of the Candia Town Forest System. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1) Motion was made by Mr. Snow, seconded by Mr. DePuy. **Mr. Snow then wished to amend the article as follows:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to temporarily transfer the responsibility for management of the following properties to the Conservation Commission, subject to being recalled by the Board of Selectmen:

1. High Street (Map 404, Lot 118) 10.30 acres off Donovan Road
2. High Street (Map 405, Lot 042-2) 5.10 acres off Donovan Road
3. High Street (map 411, Lot 038) 35 Acres off Donovan Road

The amendment was seconded by Mr. Robie. Selectman Snow explained these were tax deeded properties and to prevent possible liability to the Town, Town Counsel suggested the wording of the article be as it is in the amendment. Betsy Kruse asked if the properties can be used for forestry management. Attorney Mayer replied yes they can. There was no further discussion. Vote on the amendment was taken by a show of ballots. The article is amended. Vote was then taken on the amended Article 23, by a show of ballots. **Article 23 will be placed on the ballot as amended.**

ARTICLE 24.

To see if the Town will vote to **rescind the Playground Maintenance trust fund** established at the 1999 Town meeting pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, with any outstanding sums in the Fund to be transferred to the General Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0) The motion was made by Selectman Snow, seconded by Selectman DePuy. Mr. Snow explained this is now under the operating budget for Moore Park and no longer needs to be in a Trust Fund. There is presently a zero balance in the fund. Mr. Hall explained this was a bookkeeping necessity. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 24 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 25.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$359,000.00** for the purpose of **purchasing the property of Lorna Fitts**, described in deed recorded in Rockingham County Registry of Deeds at Book 5211 Page 1143, and identified in the Town of Candia tax records as Map 409 Lot 091, using \$130,000 from the December 31st 2014 undesignated fund balance, and \$229,000 raised in taxes. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 2) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Selectman Robie, seconded by Selectman Snow. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 25 will be moved to the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 26.

To see if the Town will vote to establish, for the purposes of reducing cost and/or increasing revenues, a **recycling/energy committee**, consisting of five (5) residents appointed by the Selectmen, initially for three (3) year staggered-terms. Subsequent vacancies shall be appointed by the Selectmen upon the recommendation of the committee. Submitted by petition. The motion was made by Mr. Snow, seconded by Mr. DePuy. Al Couch was recognized to speak to the article. He served on the Solid Waste Committee for several years. The committee did not cost the Town anything, but it saved the Town a lot of money by seeking

ways to cut energy costs and improve efficiency. The new committee would create new ideas, create an energy committee, consider a solar center at the old recycling center, at no cost to the Town. There was no additional discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 26 will be moved to the ballot as read.**

The Moderator entertained a motion to dissolve the meeting. The motion was made by Al Hall, seconded by Matt Broadhead. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved at 11:08AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Dupere, Town Clerk