

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 2011**

The year 2011 has gone and we'll start on a new year. In 2011, the Board of Selectmen cut the tax rate by .53 cents per thousand due to the combination of hard work and careful expenditures by the Selectmen and all the departments and the school giving back approximately \$512,000 of their surplus funds at the end of their fiscal year. Even with cutting the tax rate, the Selectmen were still able to give all the employees a year-end bonus. Thank you to the town and school for all their efforts.

We have a new Building Inspector. David Murray is a Candia resident and has done a great job in jumping into his new position. David is also the Health Officer. Feel free to stop by his office to ask any building questions, or just to say hello.

The employee of the year for 2011 is Sharon Robichaud. She does all the administrative work for the Planning Board, ZBA, Fire Department, and the Building Department. Sharon balances all those responsibilities with a constant friendly and helpful attitude. Candia is lucky to have her.

The Fire Department has added some new members and continues to do a great job under the Chief's direction and control.

The Heritage Committee has been working hard to gather information and develop a plan to return the Old Smyth Library to a usable condition and preserve this historic treasure.

The Police Department has been busy this year dealing with an increase in robberies in town. Please see their department report for information on their efforts.

The new Irving Station opened for business this year. They very generously allow the Fire Department to put on a car show on Thursday nights which serves as a fundraiser for the Fire Association. It has proven to be popular and well attended.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Kelley, Chairman