

**Approved
Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 13, 2006**

Attendance: Chairman Gary York, Selectman Clark Thyng, Selectman Fred Kelley and Secretary Dawn Chabot.

7:05 p.m. Chairman York opened the Public Meeting, apologized for the delay and immediately followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Selectman Thyng motioned to approve the Public and Non-Public Meeting Minutes of 2/27/06 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Kelley. Motion carried.

The Board will review the abatement application received on March 6, 2006 for property identified as Map 405, Lot 042.1, located on High Street: The Board reviewed the attached letter dated March 6, 2006 and abatement application received from Mary Rapaglia concerning property she owns identified as Map 405, Lot 042.1, located on High Street. It was noted that the abatement request was received on March 6, 2006 which was past the March 1, 2006 deadline. Chairman York stated in checking with Town Counsel he stated the Board has no authority to accept the abatement past March 1st per RSA 76:16 I. The Board reviewed input from Assessor Jameson noting there was a Town error going back to the revaluation in 2004. It was noted by Secretary Chabot in addition to the recent abatement concerns for that property, Mapper Dollard also made recent map changes to that lot reducing the acreage from 7.5 acres to 2.38 acres. Selectman Thyng thought the Board should consider the abatement because it was clearly a Town error. Chairman York pointed out there were other Town errors in the past that the Board corrected. After some discussion Selectman Thyng motioned to grant the abatement request for the property owned by Mary Rapaglia identified as Map 405, Lot 042.1, to correct the 2005 assessed value from \$45,700.00 to \$6,800.00. Seconded by Selectman Kelley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Departmental Reports

Highway: Road Agent Lewis reviewed the attached report. Chairman York asked Road Agent Lewis how the current budget was. Road Agent Lewis stated it was good due to a mild winter noting \$40,000.00 remained in the winter budget with the \$50,000.00 warrant article left untouched.

Police: Chief McGillen presented the attached report. Chief McGillen reported he was hoping that newly hired Officer Cashman would be accepted into the 14 week Police Academy scheduled to start on 04/10/06. Chief McGillen reported an upcoming United States District Court trial involving the DC Mobil robbery case in which several Officers and many Citizens will be a part of. Chief McGillen noted the department continues to be busy however noting motor vehicle violations were slightly down.

Solid Waste: Selectman Kelley informed that the Solid Waste Committee was currently working on an electronics recycling program. Selectman Kelley stated the Committee was waiting for the outcome of their proposals being present at Town Meeting on 3/18/06. Citizen Rick Lazott asked if there was something in the warrant separate from the bond article for the purchase of the land. Selectman Kelley stated yes there was a separate article. Chairman York noted he would strongly urge the Town to put money away for a future disposal plan because if the Town waits too long they will lose negotiating power with MSW haulers.

Building: Chairman York reviewed the attached report noting 65 inspections were conducted with the newly hired inspector who started on February 3, 2006. Selectman Thyng advised he saw Mr. Hallock in his new uniform shirt and thought he looked very sharp and professional.

Fire: Fire Chief Cartier reviewed the attached report. Fire Chief Cartier advised that the calls and training hours were way up compared to February of last year. Fire Chief Cartier stated the tanker body for the new tanker truck is expected in Maine this week. Fire Chief Cartier advised that Selectman Thyng was aware of a recent backing incident which caused damage to two Fire Engines. Fire Chief Cartier stated he was concerned that the Fire Department's budget was reduced on the Selectmen's Revisions. Chairman York stated there was mention of the accident at the last Safety Meeting but noted that Fire Department Safety Officer Denoncourt wasn't completely clear on all of the details. Fire Chief Cartier stated that the fire station is very hard to back into and that SOG's were not completely followed. Fire Chief Cartier said he has addressed the matter, made a few changes and repainted lines within the fire bays. Selectman Thyng stated he spoke to the individual who was driving and further stated he was satisfied with the way it was handled. Chairman York asked Fire Chief Cartier what he attributed to the increased calls. Fire Chief Cartier stated they have responded to more fire calls due to the fact that more solids are being burned as a result of increased oil costs.

Ambulance Contract signing: Secretary Chabot presented the attached Rockingham Ambulance Service Contract 1st Addendum (3-year). The Board reviewed the contract. Chairman York noted the price remained the same in the addendum contract. Selectman Thyng motioned to approve the Rockingham Ambulance contract as presented for the 3-year extension. Seconded by Selectman Kelley. All in favor. Motion carried. The Board members signed the contract.

Fire Chief Cartier noted he would be meeting with Building Inspector Hallock this week to discuss the continuance of cooperative inspections between the Building Department and Fire Department. Chairman York advised he recently obtained an excellent report from Building Inspector Hallock reference his intentions in regards to bring the Town's ISO rating down. Chairman York stated the Town was gaining more and more benefits from having a full-time inspector in place. Fire Chief Cartier also noted he would like to see the Town's ISO rating go down as well. Rick Lazott of Island Pond Road asked if lowering the Town's ISO rating could be accomplished by a part-time Building Inspector. Chairman York stated he did not think so because the insurance companies were looking at overall compliance on inspections and enforcing floodplain management issues. Chairman York stated it would be very difficult to provide proper training to a part-time inspector because there simply is not enough time. Rick Lazott advised he did not feel all of the inspections being conducted were necessary. Chairman

York stated those inspections are based upon the building codes voted in by the Town. Chairman York stated the Board was looking at the big picture. Rick Lazott did not feel that a lot of it was necessary. Chairman York mentioned in a case when a contractor doesn't know what he is doing on a simple window installation it could become disastrous for a homeowner that has no construction experience what so ever once the windows start sagging. Rick Lazott stated the Town should not have to be big brother to everyone. Chairman York stated the Board is suppose to look out for the good of the general public. Rick Lazott felt people should take responsibility for themselves and noted people probably shouldn't hire the low bidder. Chairman York stated shady contractors aren't always the low bidders. Chairman York stated you may not know sometimes and that is why if he needed advice on a criminal matter he would speak to the Police Chief, on fire codes he would speak to the Fire Chief, on driveway construction he would speak to the Road Agent and on building codes he would speak to the Building Inspector because he relies upon the professionals the Town has in place to protect the good of the general public.

The Board will formalize their recent approval of the raffle request made by The Henry Moore School PBIS Universal Team: The Board reviewed the attached request. Selectman Thyng motioned to approve the attached raffle request made by The Candia Moore School Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Seconded by Selectman Kelley. Motion carried.

The Board will discuss the possible donation to the Boy Scouts for the delivery of the Town Report: The Board was in favor of making the \$250.00 donation to the Boy Scouts for the delivery of the Town Report. It was noted that the donation funds would come from the contingency line which was zeroed out by the Budget Committee. Chairman York asked that the Board make a note to get the \$250.00 amount in next year's budget. The Board thought the \$250.00 distribution donation should become a line item below the Town Report printing line. Selectman Kelley motioned to make a \$250.00 donation to the Candia Troop 120 Boy Scouts for the delivery of the Town Report. Seconded by Selectman Thyng. All in favor. Motion carried. Secretary Chabot asked what line Assistant Emerson should remove the funds from for the donation. The Board was unsure. Selectman Thyng stated they would give her direction after Town Meeting.

The Board will discuss recently obtained quote from Devine Systems for E-mail Security and Anti-Spam Service: Chairman York noted he recently obtained the attached quote from Devine Systems for an annual security e-mail security and anti-spam service due to a few recent workstations being inundated with gross e-mails. The Board crossed out one email account on the quote leaving 17 accounts instead of 18. Chairman York noted the quote was \$839.00 to protect 18 email addresses. Chairman York stated it was an unbudgeted item. Chairman York stated the emails were as gross as they get. Selectman Thyng asked Chairman York a few questions on the cost breakdown. Selectman Thyng stated he was not intelligent enough about that type of thing but felt very good about the service that Devine had provided the Town with in the past. Chairman York stated there were some billing issues in the past with Devine and after holding a meeting the costs were negotiated down. Selectman Thyng noted the Town provides sexual harassment training to its employees and wondered if the Town would be in a situation if it did not remove the disgusting emails. Secretary Chabot noted one of the recipients was concerned about someone seeing the emails when he was standing near the screen. Selectman

Thyng motioned to enter into a contract with Devine Systems for \$809.00 and to empower Chairman York to sign the presented contract. Seconded by Selectman Thyng. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board will discuss election coverage for 3/14/06 elections and Town Meeting Preparation: The Board discussed their election coverage for the 3/14/06 elections.

The Board will review the Budget Committee Supplemental Schedule: The Board discussed the attached Budget Committee Supplemental Schedule. Selectman Thyng stated the sheet was discussed at the last budget committee meeting. Selectman Thyng stated there would be a need to have someone keeping a running total and suggested that Assistant Emerson sit by Town Clerk Dupere and also sit by the Chairman. Selectman Thyng stated no one at DRA agrees on how you get the number in relation to the 10% rule. It was noted that the supplemental schedule was completed by Budget Committee Chair Fortin with the assistance of Don Borrer from DRA. Budget Committee member Bill Kelley provided his thoughts on the matter. Selectman Thyng stated BC Chair Fortin has been living at the State House. Budget Committee member Bill Kelley agreed and noted that Chair Fortin did an excellent job on the committee as Chairman.

The Board will consider approving Welfare Department General Assistance Guidelines: Selectman Thyng noted that the approval of the welfare guidelines was strictly a housekeeping formality. Selectman Thyng stated he and Director Hall worked to create the guidelines 3-years ago when a need was recognized. Selectman Thyng motioned to accept the Town of Candia Welfare Guidelines, 2/1/06 version. Seconded by Selectman Kelley. Motion carried.

Selectman Thyng to discuss Primex's suggestion regarding the Reservation of Rights agreement: It was previously noted that Selectman Thyng had contacted Primex and was satisfied with the answer.

Any New Business

Old Smyth Library Discussion: Chairman York advised he recently noticed a problem with one of the chimneys deteriorating at the old library building. Chairman York informed he was concerned with the historic restoration of the building. Chairman York stated the individual who did the masonry at the Fitts Museum did an outstanding job. Road Agent Lewis stated that was Kenny Smart and he believed that he was now retired. Chairman York asked if Road Agent Lewis had a number for Mr. Smart noting perhaps he would consider the project or at least have a recommendation. Rick Lazott stated there were other masons out there that can do the same type of work. Chairman York suggested getting the Historical Society involved.

Exit 3: Chairman York reported that the tree thinning project was most likely complete as of today's date. Chairman York asked Road Agent Lewis if he received a call to pick up tires found on the town-owned property. Road Agent Lewis advised he had not. Chairman York asked if he could help remove the tires that were found. Road Agent Lewis advised he could. Road Agent Lewis noted an increase in tire dumping. Rick Lazott commented that dumping is a common problem when Town's start charging for things. Rick Lazott asked how much revenue would come in from the logging project to the Town. Chairman York estimated between

\$10,000 to \$12,000. Chairman York stated Forester Moreno was excellent in getting State's approval for the crossing of the trail for the logging project. Chairman York asked if any of the Board members had contacts with the State DOT. Selectman Kelley advised he did. Chairman York advised he was looking to have the State agree to the thinning of the land from the ramp to the fence. Selectman Kelley advised he would talk to the local DOT Manager tomorrow. Rick Lazott asked where the revenue from the logging project would go. Chairman York advised into the general fund. Chairman York noted that Rita Hobbs had granted the Town permission to use their property as a landing for the logging project which was extremely helpful to the Town.

The Board will discuss the positive evaluation completed on Assistant Carolyn Emerson: Chairman York stated Carolyn Emerson was beginning her 15th year of employment for the Town and that he had the pleasure of hiring her when he was on a prior Board. Chairman York stated he could not say enough good about the work she accomplishes for the Town and also noted the amount of knowledge she obtains. Selectman Thyng agreed on her outstanding caliber. Chairman York stated in working in line with the Budget Committee's 5% recommendations, he was recommending a 4% increase which would reflect a 97-cent hourly increase. Chairman York motioned to provide Assistant Emerson with a 4% increase, in the amount of 97-cents per hour, effective on March 23, 2006. Seconded by Selectman Kelley. All in favor. Motion carried. Rick Lazott commented that he thought Assistant Emerson's duties should be related more to the Town and perhaps her title should reflect Administrative Assistant because he thought a lot of people in Town did not understand her job and were getting it confused with a Secretary position. Selectman Thyng agreed that her title did not match what she does commenting she was more like a Town Manager. Rick Lazott agreed. Tom Giffen of Jane Drive commented if the Town were a Bank she'd be the Vice President.

Chairman York's Thank You: Chairman York noted it was his last Selectmen's Meeting and he advised he wanted to thank everyone because he appreciated the offer to serve the Town of Candia. Chairman York stated he hoped everyone would support Selectman Thyng, Selectman Kelley and the new Selectmen. Chairman York urged everyone to support Selectman Thyng because he would likely become Chairman as the senior Selectman. Chairman York stated him and Selectman Thyng had not always seen eye to eye but had managed to come together from different directions for the good of the Town.

Announce next meeting date: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

8:22 p.m. Selectman Thyng motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Kelley. Motion carried.