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Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
Monday June 13, 2011

Attendance: Chairman Fred Kelley, Vice-Chair Carleton Robie, Selectman Joe Duarte, Selectman Amanda Soares, Selectman Richard Snow, and Selectmen's Assistant Cheryl Eastman.

7:00 p.m. Chairman Kelley called the Public Meeting to order and immediately followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Departmental Reports: Highway, Police, Fire, Building, Solid Waste & any other depts.

Highway: Road Agent Lewis explained there was paving done on Old Candia Road and a short section of the Chester Turnpike (heading towards the Auburn line). He did grading on Tower Hill Road and Currier Road. There was culvert cleaning done on Stump Street and New Boston Road and he did tree removal on Crowley Road. Selectman Soares asked when you turn off of Healy onto North the trees are in the way and it's a little hard to see. Road Agent Lewis said he would take care of it this week. He has six intersections every year that he does. Chairman Kelley asked when Old Deerfield Road is scheduled to be paved. Road Agent Lewis replied not for a while. He explained we're behind and we haven't paved for three years. It will probably be a couple of more years.

Police: Chief McGillen noted there has been a couple of burglaries and an attempted burglary. There has been some vandalism. Juvenile issues seem to be on the rise and they are taking away one of the laws that helps us with the truancy. This means if they have unruly juveniles they won't be able to take them to court unless they commit a delinquent act and the law is going away this month. They had three sex offenders come in and register. Selectman Soares asked if they were new ones. Chief McGillen replied they had one new one this month. He mentioned that he has a candidate for the full-time position that he would like to bring up to the Board at the next meeting. They also have a couple of part-time guys they are still working on and wasn't sure he'll be ready for the next meeting. Selectman Duarte mentioned he was at the Epping Wal-Mart and a Manager complimented him on Candia's Police Department. Chief McGillen mentioned there was an untimely death last month and one of the Volunteer Firefighters helped them out before the family members arrived. It was Doreen Schibbelhute and she did an outstanding job and helped out Sgt. Gallagher at the scene. Selectman Duarte felt they should send a letter out to Ms. Schibbelhute.

The Board will consider authorizing Chief McGillen to execute documents on behalf of the Town in regards to the State of New Hampshire Fish and Game OHRV Grant. Chief McGillen explained the grant is for 30 hours. He's hoping to get a couple patrols out there.

Selectman Snow asked if this required a public hearing. Chief McGillen replied he just needs something in the minutes saying he is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Executive Council. This is a standard thing and it isn't anything new. Selectman Soares motioned to authorize Chief McGillen to execute documents on behalf of the Town in regards to the State of New Hampshire Fish and Game OHRV Grant. Seconded by Selectman Duarte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Fire: Selectman Robie read from the attached reports.

Building: Selectman Soares read from the attached report. She mentioned that she has been going through with cases that go to the ZBA with Building Inspector Ciardi regarding signs. They are looking to revamp the ordinance for the size of the signs, because it's kind of out of date. They are also going through all of the businesses in town that have had signs approved that never got a permit per the requirements of the zoning. They have gone through and grandfathered those so that they are legal. Selectman Snow asked if Building Inspector Ciardi was looking for a concurrence of the Board on the sign issue. Selectman Soares explained this is something they are starting in the preliminary stage. They are trying to go through the process, because business maybe coming into town and everyone wants to advertise. We are trying to get a good handle on everything so it is done in the correct way and they don't have to worry about any backlash. Selectman Snow asked if the ones that are recent concerns won't be addressed for awhile. Selectman Soares replied probably not immediately, but Building Inspector Ciardi is taking care of it. They are looking to revamp the sign regulations to make it a little more feasible than 40 square feet, because that just doesn't cut it anymore. Selectman Snow asked if this was for temporary signs as well. Selectman Soares clarified these are for regular full-time signs. Selectman Snow asked if she would forward Building Inspector Ciardi's memo to the Planning Board. Selectman Soares told him that Planning Board Chair Girard has a copy of the letter so she has been made aware. There was further discussion about temporary and permanent signs.

Solid Waste: Selectman Soares read from the attached report. Selectman Soares told the Recycling Center to keep up the good work. Facility Operator Whitcher explained the billing from Waste Management has been crazy and he wasn't comfortable giving a report for May that was incomplete. He wanted the Board to understand this because that Waste Management bill plays a big part in this. This is why he is a month behind. Selectman Soares replied this is understandable, because Waste Management is always behind with their billing.

Parks & Rec: Selectman Snow noted the park is being used on a regular basis. The school expects to use the park into next week. They haven't needed to cut the grass. He is going to let the back of the park grow and maybe cut it around the 4th of July. He needs to take down the fence before he does his. He mentioned there is two new pieces of concrete at the skateboard park. He noted Eagle Scout Matt Hawes is working on the sign for Moore Park. There will a

spaghetti supper to raise money for the sign at the Masonic Hall on June 25th. Selectman Snow explained the people who installed the equipment in the skateboard park are from Joplin Missouri. They left the morning the tornado hit. It took them all of last week to install the equipment and they did a fantastic job. He has rebar and will be fastening the telephone poles permanently in place. There will not be a summer rec program this summer, but he would like to do some a la carte things at the park. He might want to sign a \$1.00 contract with the provider and do it on a cost basis. He doesn't seem to get any feedback about the summer rec program.

The Board to make a decision on the Auburn tax bill issue. Chairman Kelley noted his personal feeling is to just pay the \$360.00 bill and get it off our back. Chairman Kelley motioned to pay the \$360.00 Auburn property tax bill. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board to discuss future involvement with Upper Lamprey Neighbors Group (Thibeault Sand & Gravel). Chairman Kelley felt they should leave this alone. This is Raymond's issue and we should move on. Selectman Snow explained that Atty. Serge is asking the Board to suggest that he take an action. He didn't feel it was prudent management to spend money now to ask him to do anything. He felt they should just sit on it and if something comes up then we can spend the money. Selectman Robie thought they addressed this issue in February 2010 after we spent \$3,800 on this case. Selectman Robie read from Atty. Serge's letter which is asking if he should file a motion to withdraw. Selectman Snow felt they shouldn't withdraw because it will cost the Town money to file the motion. Selectman Robie agreed with Selectman Snow and there will be a cost involved to withdraw the motion. They should just leave it alone. It was the consensus of the Board to leave the status as is and not withdraw the motion.

The Board to discuss selling the old forestry truck and the Building Inspector's vehicle. Chairman Kelley said Fire Chief Young asked what they are going to do with the old forestry truck. It has over 200,000 miles and its diesel. Chairman Kelley asked the Board what they wanted to do with the truck. They could put it out to bid or they could private sell it. Chairman Kelley also noted that the Building Inspector doesn't want to continue using the town vehicle, he would rather use his own truck and the town could reimburse him for mileage. Chairman Kelley mentioned that it took a lot for them to get the Building Inspector a car a few years back. The car needs a little work and he thought he knew what was wrong with it. He would like to try and fix the car and have the Building Inspector continue to drive it. Selectman Robie thought they should send the forestry truck over to Fred's and have him sell it for the best offer. He felt they should keep the Building Inspector's car and get it serviced. Chairman Kelley said he could bring the forestry truck up to the Auto Auction and see what they can get for it. Selectman Snow wanted to know what the cost would be if we reimburse the Building Inspector. He asked what the town is paying for mileage. Selectman Robie stated if we get the car running correctly then he can use it. Citizen Rick Lazott mentioned if the town lets him use his personal vehicle then

they are accepting the liability to repair it should anything happen. It's a lot easier to maintain the town vehicle. Selectman Snow didn't think the town would be liable if the town is reimbursing him for mileage. He would keep the car for some period of time just in case there is another use for it. Chairman Kelley said he would find out how much the forestry truck is worth and he'll run it through the auction.

The Board to meet with the Solid Waste Committee. SWC Chair Al Couch, SWC Member Roger Stenbak, Volunteer Cinny Griswold, and Facility Operator Whitcher were present. SWC Chair Couch read a statement that reflects the view of the Solid Waste Committee "Since 1986 the Candia SWC has been active in developing practices on how the town handles Solid Waste. These efforts have meant constant changes over the past 25 years. Most important to residents is these efforts have saved the town a substantial amount of money. The Committee mission statement is to identify and implement the most cost effective solution through Candia's current and future solid waste needs. We hold ourselves responsible to the community to provide a planned approach that addresses the physical needs of the town. In recent years the accomplishments of the SWC has been major with the construction of the new recycling center and bidding for the SWC hauling for the first time ever. The Board needs to understand that because these big tasks are done it does not mean there is nothing left to do. The Committee has continued to be productive for 25 years and there will always be more to be done. Lately the SWC seems to have been singled out by the Board. We have been told that we caused a lot of chaos, but we have never been given any specific information as to what chaos we caused. We have been told that we can't call agencies to gather information. We have been told that we are not to be involved in the closure plan. We have been told we can't have volunteers staining the swap shop without signing waivers and we have been told we can't hold public meetings with other groups in town and we have been told we are not trusted. Even after several requests for specifics the Board has not had the courtesy to reply to our questions regarding these and other issues. The committee also feels the Board is not given due consideration to our opinions and our suggestions. Some members of the Board and one of these circumstances stated they are not going to be told what to do. I feel that those who think this way have entirely the wrong idea of what the responsibilities are. The Committee doesn't use any town money and in fact the Committee and members of the Committee have donated quite a bit of their own money to make things happen – a substantial amount of money. One of our most important tasks of the Committee is to gather information and to present new ideas. These are things this Board does not currently want. By not having a Committee you are not going to save any money and you lose the opportunity to gather information and new ideas. I don't believe that any other Committees experience this lack of respect and held to such restrictions, so as you can imagine the current SWC are frustrated and discouraged. In conclusion we feel under different circumstances a SWC could and should continue to serve the town." SWC Chair Couch welcomed questions from the Board. Selectman Duarte stated the Committee doesn't cost the town any money and they assist in a lot of projects. He agreed they've had disagreements and

that may have been the start of this. It doesn't take away from what they have done in the past and what they've been doing. These disagreements get out of control and we need to look at what they are accomplishing. We have some talented people that have come to the assistance of the town i.e. the new transfer station. He finds the SWC valuable to the community. SWC Chair Couch thanked Selectman Duarte for his view and he pointed out that it's okay to disagree but it's how you handle it that's important. We shouldn't all agree. Selectman Soares said the SWC as a group started doing things in a manner that she as a Committee member didn't always agree with. They were mad at the way decisions were made and this was before she was on the Select Board. There were decisions made involving the swap shop and new facility and the attitudes of defiance went back and forth. It got to a point where she didn't recognize certain people's behavior in meetings. She wasn't happy with the direction that some things went in. You presented things to the Board and then things were added to the swap shop that weren't necessarily brought to the Board. She would abstain in meetings and was told they didn't care. This kind of attitude is not productive and to blatantly sit and say you don't care in a meeting. You have to care whether you like it or not you have to do what's best for the town. You can't make decision based on reactions to things you don't like. There are things she didn't like but her reactions weren't based on her anger towards the situation. She has always tried to remain unbiased and think of the whole aspect of things. She felt they got a little too angry at situations and it affected their judgment. She thought this is what caused problems for the SWC with the Board and had they not taken some of those avenues it would have been in your best interest. SWC Chair Couch replied that he couldn't think of a circumstance until recently when he got very angry at a meeting. One of the circumstances was that there was an idea to move part of the old swap shop to the new site and he did what he was supposed to do and consulted with the Committee. They have a member who is very familiar with metal buildings. He thought they shouldn't move the old swap shop to the new recycling center and he gave a list of reasons why this wasn't practical to do. There was no anger involved and SWC Chair Couch suggested they start getting bids for a new building. All he wanted to do is take the \$15,000 that was voted in at town meeting and get the building built. In regards to adding on to the building they had a budget and there was a lot of detail work i.e. site work, the foundation, and windows. He thought they were talking about the skylights being an add-on. This was an excellent suggestion by Roger the skylights replace two windows and Roger got them at cost. They were cheaper than adding two additional windows on. They wanted a building that wasn't going to look like a cave. Roger's suggestion was perfect. It was less than the cost to do windows and it left wall space to put shelves up. The two windows they did order with the building make it look friendly and they face the site. He thought everything we did in the swap shop made sense and was the right decision. He reiterated he doesn't remember getting angry about any decision and he just wanted to get the building built. Selectman Soares stated you didn't run any of the changes by the Board. She understood you're getting the building up to running standards, but to make a change that impacted money you're spending that the people of the town voted on. The Board oversees this money. SWC Chair Couch replied the reason for this was because they had

\$15,000 and if they didn't use it the money would go away. It didn't make any difference the town agreed to spend \$15,000 on this building. He reiterated there were hundreds of details and he would have had to come back to the Board multiple times. They had to get it done and it would have doubled the time. He felt they had very capable members to get this done and the Board would be okay in trusting us using that knowledge. It would be a waste of time to go back with every detail change. Roger Stenbak noted this was never discussed as an issue at any SWC meeting and Selectman Soares was there. She was always supportive of every decision that was made and it was unfair of her to critique the Committee on a small item of \$100. He felt the greater consideration is that the recycling center came in \$600,000 over budget. This Board has no respect for the fact that the Committee pulled together and brought the swap shop in on budget. He believes the Board should offer the Committee a great deal of thanks. He felt a letter of commendation should go to Al Couch, Cinny Griswold, Paul McHugh, Chuck Whitcher, and members of the Committee that brought that building in \$600,000 down and you don't miss a dime. He felt the Board owed a little respect to the Committee not critiquing on a couple of skylights for a couple of hundred dollars, but rather looking at the picture that really ought to be painted in this town. A lot of work went into this and a lot of work behind the scenes. He felt the town had a pretty good facility. He felt being critiqued on small items was unreasonable. There has been little communications from the Board and a lot of obstructionism from them about talking to the state. He stated Selectman Soares is the biggest obstructionist and told them she didn't trust them. He felt the Board should write a letter to the Committee strongly supporting their activities. They should do everything they can to help the Committee do better in recycling and making this place to work. He felt this was owed to the Committee by the Board and further discussion was pointless. Selectman Soares replied the recycling center is running just fine with the staff they have. Citizen Rick Lazott felt that former Selectmen Jim Brennan and Tom Giffen would take offense because they put a lot of effort into getting the new facility built. He also felt the Committee has over stepped their bounds thinking they're more than advisory status. He noted that Selectman Soares was in charge of closing that facility, as far as he is concerned members of the SWC had no business going to Concord and inquiring about the closure. She was elected to and appointed to do the closure they should let her do her job. Selectman Duarte thought that members of the SWC have been working on the closure for a long time before we came close to moving forward with this. He asked Facility Operator Whitcher if he thought the SWC was an asset to the town. Facility Operator Whitcher replied they were absolutely an asset and he bounces ideas off the members all of the time mostly SWC Chair Couch. There are many things behind the scenes that Al takes care of whether its Household Hazardous Waste Day, doing research, or helping setting things up i.e. signs. It seems to be a cooperative feeling up until recently. He has never once been told not to call them even if it's something trivial. They helped find a new hauler which took a year to get done and we saved \$22,000 in the first year. There is a definite benefit to what the Committee does. Chairman Kelley noted he was on the Committee for years and he found the piece of land for the new facility. He noted that he backed out when they got involved with the engineering of the new

facility and they did a good job. He would like to see the old swap shop moved and he didn't agree with SWC Member Roger Stenbak. He felt that building could be taken down and reassembled someplace else. He stated they assigned Selectman Soares to do the closure of the old facility and she has been doing a good job. If the SWC has things they would like to do they need to let the Board know. SWC Chair Couch replied that he would like to have gathered more information on the closure. The waste hauling contract is coming up and he felt that having a Committee to talk gave them the idea they better do something good for us. We know the rates and competition out there and we are able to play that really well. They would like to work on a Solid Waste brochure and the website needs work. He would like to work with Paul McHugh on the printing for Household Hazardous Waste day. He mentioned that recycling changes all of the time and requires gathering information. There needs to be site improvements done and they would like to apply for available grants. They would like to help out with the annual report. They would like to help out with sticker checks and maybe set up a table at the site. This will help Facility Operator Witcher and his staff so they don't have to approach the residents. Selectman Soares replied that is their jobs. SWC Chair Couch said it would take the heat off of them and it would be a volunteer thing. Chairman Kelley asked if there were any more questions. Selectman Snow commented that the more volunteers you have the better off the town is. Facility Operator Witcher stated that sometimes things get emotional and people forget we're all on the same team. The SWC goal is the same as the Selectmen's goal for the recycling center. They want to keep the overhead as low as we can and we want to keep the recycling high both the revenue and the amounts. We want people to have a pleasant experience down there and the SWC helps out with that. Selectman Soares explained if they want to stay on the SWC they need to submit a letter of interest. They need to be submitted every year. Cinny Griswold stated she just wants to remain a volunteer.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 5/23/11. Selectman Soares motioned to approved the meeting minutes of May 23, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Kelley mentioned the Garden Club would like water hooked up outside. He talked to the Building Inspector and they have a faucet in the front of the building and in the back. Selectman Snow said it was his understanding they wanted to hook up a hose, but they want to install an automated watering system. He suggested putting another sillcock in the front. When he talked with Judy Siemonsma she explained they would run a plastic pipe underground. He noted these are volunteers and it's not easy to drag the hoses around. He felt they should give the Garden Club the opportunity to explain this to the Board. There would be no cost to the town they would buy the equipment and install it. Chairman Kelley didn't want them digging up the sidewalks. Selectman Snow said they would run it though the granite slabs. Citizen Rick Lazott thought their requests have gotten more demanding. Selectman Soares asked who would be paying the electricity for this. Selectman Snow replied it would be the same if they left the water

on. Road Agent Lewis thought there should be a back flow preventer on the building if they put in an automated water system. Selectman Snow felt the Board owes the Garden Club the opportunity to come to the Board and explain this. He requested this be on the agenda for the next meeting. Chairman Kelley agreed to this request. Selectman Robie felt they should bring in plan.

The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of payroll manifest number 000629-03, checks to be dated 06/02/2011, with a total gross payroll amount of \$21,256.77. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of accounts payable manifest number 050111 checks to be dated 06/02/2011, with a total amount of \$111,708.82. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of payroll manifest number 000630-02, checks to be dated 06/02/2011, with a total gross payroll amount of \$14,776.40. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of accounts payable manifest number 060211 checks to be dated 06/09/2011, with a total amount of \$523,124.32. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of payroll manifest number 000631-02, checks to be dated 06/16/2011, with a total gross payroll amount of \$14,775.85. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of accounts payable manifest number 060311 checks to be dated 06/16/2011, with a total amount of \$15,466.79. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Kelley motioned to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Duarte. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary