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Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
Monday September 12, 2011

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

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

The Board to discuss AMR's proposed ambulance contract. Selectman Robie explained Rockingham Ambulance Service is no longer in business. AMR (American Medical Response) has agreed to pick up the contract. The terms are similar to the Rockingham Ambulance contract. Fire Fighter Bill Cormier and Fire Chief Young both recommend that the Board accept this as proposed. Selectman Robie motioned the Board accept the AMR contract as proposed. Seconded by Selectman Soares. Citizen Rudy Cartier asked if Selectman Robie could go over the details of the contract. He heard there were a number of different proposals submitted by AMR. He was wondering which one was being brought forth. He asked if there was a possibility of having an ambulance in Candia staffed with people. Selectman Robie thought if there was a place for them they would be interested in that. The contract fee is zero, which is the same as Rockingham. The literature is standard and the same as before, so he isn't going to read it page for page. Citizen Rudy Cartier said he just want to know what options were brought up, because there was an option to have an ambulance in Candia. It would be staffed by firefighters and EMS personnel. Selectman Robie thought that might have been a rumor. Citizen Rudy Cartier thought this is something the Board might want to look at, so the EMS personnel could get reimbursed. Selectman Robie replied if they want to rent a space for an ambulance they can. Citizen Rudy Cartier said could keep the ambulance the fire station. Selectman Robie replied they don't have the room at the fire station. Citizen Rudy Cartier noted that was true but you're supposed to be looking out for overall public safety. This is an important aspect of public safety. You shouldn't be keeping us at status quo just because it's easy. Selectman Soares asked if they would get charged if we had an ambulance in town. Selectman Robie explained there was a rumor that if there was a facility available AMR may be interested in putting an ambulance in the Town of Candia. It would be a private building. Citizen Rudy Cartier thought it would have to be staffed with on-call people. Selectman Robie replied he wasn't sure about that. Citizen Rudy Cartier replied the Board isn't doing a good job if they aren't looking at something like that. If you have an option to increase your public safety and services to the citizen's of Candia it would be the Board's responsibility to do that. He felt they were missing the boat. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Road Agent: Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. He mentioned there was grading done on Hook Road, Tower Hill Road, Flint Road, and Currier Road. He explained two of the roads were done because of the tropical storm and two he does before the budget runs out. They finished the Patten Hill Road project and they paved 6/10 of a mile. They went a little over the \$150,000 budget and took it out of asphalt maintenance. He knew he was going over by doing the 2/10 of a mile, but it got them beyond their worst drainage issue. The next section will have drainage issues as well. They had Tropical Storm Irene which was a bust. It didn't do much damage. There was quite a bit of trees down, but no water issues. Chief McGillen wanted to give accolades to Road Agent Lewis. The officers found stuff in the road, Road Agent Lewis and his crew were helping out. Road Agent Lewis said the officers helped him out too.

The Board to discuss possible hire of a part-time police officer. Chief McGillen introduced Mr. Alan Wilson to the Board. Mr. Wilson currently works part time for the Deerfield Police Department. He went to UNH and worked there for about 9 years. He has a degree and is working on his Bachelors degree at Granite State College. He is certified so they don't have to put him through the academy. The pay rate is \$15.75. The part time guys will give them a little more flexibility and give them some additional coverage. The department will have three part timers now. Selectman Soares motioned to approve the hiring of Alan Wilson as a part time officer at a rate of \$15.75. Seconded by Selectman Duarte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Fire: Selectman Robie read from the attached report. Citizen Rudy Cartier asked for a breakdown of the calls and what type they were. Selectman Robie thought the number of calls were down compared to what they used to be. Citizen Rudy Cartier pointed out the Fire Department report just had staff hours not the totals. He thought there was a page missing. He asked about the number of inspections that needed to be done. Selectman Robie replied that Fire Chief Young has been working on that. Citizen Rudy Cartier felt that medical calls were up. They need to start looking at the fact they are getting more EMS calls. Selectman Soares thanked Fire Chief Young for doing the safety training at the Recycling Center. Citizen Rudy Cartier thought this is the stuff that needs to get out more. He added the Fire Department isn't looked upon very favorably at all times, because they aren't getting the information out on what they are doing.

Building: Selectman Soares read from the attached report. The numbers are looking good considering the economy. Selectman Soares asked the Board about paying the mileage for the Building Inspector. Selectman Robie thought they had settled this. Selectman Soares said she received input from one of her departments and other employees. They didn't think it was fair and the comment made to her was the Building Inspector knew the drive when he took the job. There are employees that aren't happy about this and she wanted the Board to know. Selectman

Robie said when the Building Inspector took the job gas was \$2.70 a gallon and the price of gas has increased over the past year. He thought he could be compensated through time and maybe he could be paid travel time. If he was here working a 40 hour week it would justify the cost. If we lose him we'll have to replace him and that's going to be next to impossible. Selectman Soares wanted to bring to the Board the concerns that were raised to her. Selectmen's Assistant Eastman felt if you're going to do this for one you have to do it for all or anyone that travels over a certain distance. You have a police officer that travels from Meredith and gas was cheaper when he started to. Selectman Robie felt this was amongst the Board. Chairman Kelley asked what the Board decided to do last meeting. Selectman Soares said she would come up with a proposal and she would bring it to the Board. Citizen Rudy Cartier asked what the current agreement was. Chairman Kelley said he doesn't have one. Citizen Rudy Cartier asked what he was asking for. Chairman Kelley replied that he was looking for extra money for travel time. Citizen Rudy Cartier said to commute to his job. He doesn't know anyone who gets paid for commuting. This is something for the Board to consider. It's a great contract if you can get it, but fiscally it's not a good way to go. He agreed if you do it for one you will have to do it for everyone. Citizen Rudy Cartier asked about the address of the Nelson junk yard under the code violations. It would be good to know, because it is public information. He also pointed out that Jeb Brewer didn't have an address listed. He asked if the Cole Gravel operation was Candia Sand and Gravel. He thought it should be kept the same name all the way through so it's consistent. It would be a lot less confusion. Citizen Joanne Beckwith asked how far can someone go in inspecting someone's land. Selectman Soares said if someone comes in and complains about a piece of property, as long as they are willing to give their name Building Inspector Ciardi will take a look at it. He can't if it's not a justified claim. Selectman Soares gave an example if someone is storing garbage on their land and its encroaching on your property he will take a look at it. Selectman Soares noted that Building Inspector Ciardi has been working with Jeb and the legal ramifications that come with this is not within the Town's budget. She further noted that Jeb has been willing to work with the Town.

Solid Waste: Selectman Soares read from the attached report. She went through the numbers of the budget sheet and the amount of revenue generated from all of the recycling at the center is roughly \$29,377.16 for the year. There will be a good amount going back into the general fund. She asked if anyone has any comments or concerns good, bad, or indifferent about the recycling center she would like the feedback. She will relay the information back to the recycling center employees. Citizen Rudy Cartier commented the crew at the recycling center is invaluable and they have done a phenomenal job over the years. It is a great reflection on them. Even when they were down at New Boston Road they did a fantastic job and didn't need much supervision. He had some concerns there was a 30% increase in the municipal solid waste in July and 30% increase year to date. In addition there appears to be a 20% increase in C&D. He asked if there was a reason for this and was it going to continue. The building permits are down but we are getting more C&D. We're getting more municipal solid waste, but supposedly people aren't

spending money. Facility Operator Whitcher noted there has been a couple of pretty big house renovations going on. This could be why there was an increase in C&D. He couldn't give a good answer for the MSW flows for the month, because he wasn't there. It is relatively high this month. Generally speaking it's lower in the summer months because people are on vacation. He mentioned that Jeb has been in with a few loads of stuff in his initial clean out and they were pretty big loads. This may have affected it. One of the things that may help is having the year to date, because it varies from month to month. Selectman Duarte commented that he was at the brush pile and a citizen spoke very highly of the recycling center crew. Facility Operator Whitcher said he would pass that along to his employees. Citizen Rudy Cartier asked about the emergency generator at the school and was there an RFP sent out. Chairman Kelley replied there was an RFP sent out last winter. Citizen Rudy Cartier asked who developed the RFP. Selectman Robie explained the fire pump didn't get hooked up to the generator. There may have been some confusion on hooking it up now or later. We have a proposal from Gemini Electric to have the fire pump hooked up. Selectman Robie said maybe we didn't need to have it hooked, but we are going to have it hooked up. We'll use the money from the grant and any remaining funds that need to be paid we'll discuss between the Town and the School Board. We're not going to pass blame on this. Selectman Robie explained he looked at the blue prints and there is only one transfer switch. There should have been two switches on the blue print. Then when they went to hook up the generator they would have had two services. Citizen Rudy Cartier pointed out the problem that comes up now is there might have been a proposal that included those two transfer switches. It would have been a much higher contract. Selectman Robie replied that isn't the one we went with and we aren't going to point fingers. Citizen Rudy Cartier said he wasn't pointing fingers, but when you do something like this you need to get a person who knows what they are doing when they design this stuff. This is a huge hit for the Town; it's going to be \$11,000 to \$12,000 over the original grant. This is a perfect example of why you should have someone who knows what he is doing. You can't use the school if you don't have a fire pump, because you can't keep people in it. He questioned why they didn't put this out to bid. It's a \$46,000 project that you went out to a no bid contract on. We used to go out to bid on \$2,000 items for the fire department. This was bad financial planning.

Welfare: Selectman Soares read from the attached report.

Police: Chief McGillen read from the attached report. He thanked John Dylan who raised money for his Eagle Scout project. He donated a computer, software, and a printer to the police department. They use it to print child identification cards. If any residents want to make an appointment they can call the station and set something up. This was a positive project for John and the department. The owner of Pelmac Mike Pellerin offered some camera's to the police department. He would like to send a letter for the generous donation. The only problem he's seeing is the hard drive can't hold a lot of information. They used to have a month of recordings and now they're down to a week and a half. Chief McGillen mentioned the recent incident on

High Street. They are actively looking into leads. He explained a young female was supposedly stopped by an officer driving a cruiser. They have tons of information and a lot of people have been calling in with potential leads. She was stopped past the country store and a resident saw the car stopped corroborating her story that there was some activity. They're checking with local police agencies first. They don't know if it was random or a stalking incident. They've put it out to the press and the community and will hopefully get to the bottom of this. Selectman Robie asked when this happened and what color was the car. Chief McGillen replied the incident happened Friday night. The car was a dark colored sedan. It pulled up so close to the female's vehicle, she could only see the rear window. She thought there was a strobe light inside the car. There was nothing on the roof. Selectman Robie mentioned there has been a blue cruiser looking vehicle around Town. Chief McGillen said he knew of that car and he knows who it is. The individual had dark colored shirt on with a badge on it. He told the female to get out of her car several times and then reached in and grabbed the seatbelt. She asked why she was getting stopped and he said you should know. Chief McGillen said if anyone sees anything call the police department.

Chief McGillen to announce Trick or Treat hours. Chief McGillen announced the Treat or Treat hours would be on Monday, October 31st from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Parks and Rec: Selectman Snow read from the attached report. Selectman Snow said that Old Home Day went well. There were a lot of volunteers to get the park ready. He thanked Glenn and Pam Baker and Mark Siemonsma for the use of their equipment. The telephone poles in the park have been spiked down and he has talked to the Road Agent Lewis about plowing over them in the winter. Road Agent Lewis told him to make sure they are marked. The park was in remarkably great shape after Old Home day. He felt that part of the reason was that recycling center employee John Kebler was working at the park on Saturday. He mentioned Matt Hawes has started his Eagle Scout project in Moore Park. There are granite posts and framework for sign at the entrance of the park. There will be some words about Henry W. Moore, because Henry donated that property. There are some problems with the skate board park equipment and the vendors will be back to fix the problem. Selectman Snow said he is in the budget process and he is working to keep the budget the same as last year. He mentioned that the CYAA took over the ski program and it went great. He noted the equipment is getting old at the playground. Selectman Soares mentioned the bark mulch and other stuff he is spreading in the park is the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes, because the water collects there. Dragon Mosquito told them this last year. Selectman Snow questioned where the water was collecting. Selectman Soares replied around the Town Hall and in the park. Selectman Snow wasn't aware of any water collection. Selectman Soares explained if you fill it in your covering the water. The water is going to seep into the ground and find a way to collect there anyway.

Boy Scout Matt Hawes to request a letter from the Board for his Eagle Scout project.

Selectman Soares explained she wrote up something for Matt Hawes. The letter is requesting used curbing from the DOT. This would be for Matt's Eagle Scout project. The DOT will give the Town the curbing, but they need a letter from the Selectmen for the donation. Selectman Robie asked if they needed curbing at the park. Road Agent Lewis said it would protect the sign. Selectman Snow motioned to authorize Chairman Kelley to sign the letter to the DOT on behalf of the Eagle Scout project. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Heritage Commission to discuss future grant for the Old Smyth Library. Selectman Robie explained six months ago the Heritage Commission asked the Selectmen to provide funds for a 50% grant match. The RFP came back at \$7,200 they have a \$2,500 grant and now they have opportunity to apply for a \$3,600 grant. The Selectmen would have to come up with \$1,100. Heritage Commission Member Ron Thomas brought two copies of the proposed grant. Selectman Robie stated the Heritage Commission is asking the Board of Selectmen to fund \$1,100 not match the grant. Ron Thomas clarified this was a reduction from the \$2,500 the Board agreed to \$1,100. Selectman Robie replied they could match the funds if need be. Selectman Soares motioned that the Board approve \$1,100 to help out the Heritage Commission for the evaluation of the Old Smyth Library. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried. Citizen Rudy Cartier asked who is doing the evaluation study. Ron Thomas said Richard Monahan from Peterborough was the bidder selected. He has been approved by the National Trust. Selectman Soares motioned to have Chairman Kelley sign the new application. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried. Heritage Commission Chair Diane Philbrick would like the firm who will be doing the work be accepted by the Board, so he can be notified. Also send letters of rejections to the other two bidders. Selectman Robie noted this hinges on the grant we are applying for. He suggested speaking to the firms. Citizen Rudy Cartier asked if we don't get the grant how much money would we need. Selectman Robie said it would be \$7,200 and we have half the money committed now. Ron Thomas clarified its \$7,200 minus \$2,500. Citizen Rudy Cartier asked if the Board would consider paying \$4,700 if they didn't get the grant. Chairman Kelley replied we haven't crossed that bridge yet. HC Chair Diane Philbrick explained we have been working with the NH preservation alliance and have been very encouraged. We have been moving forward with this grant application with a good deal of confidence.

The Board to discuss recent correspondence regarding Candia Sand & Gravel. Stephen Dunbar of Quarry Operations was present. He mentioned that Jones and Beach sent a letter to the Board on August 25th in reference to a reclamation process. Chairman Kelley said there isn't much we can discuss on this tonight. As far as he is concerned this goes back to the original agreement. Selectman Snow clarified this goes back to the original court case. Mr. Dunbar asked which one there were three court cases. Selectman Snow replied it was his understanding that there was one judgment. There is a judgment by the court and certain conditions were set up in

that judgment. Mr. Dunbar replied that would be the most recent one and the one before that was a "maybe" from the same Judge. In 1992 there was another one, so there were three decisions by the same Judge. Selectman Snow noted he hasn't seen anything from 1992. Mr. Dunbar said the most recent one is right, but the conditions of the property have changed since then. They have addressed those issues to reclaim the property. Selectman Snow thought it appeared that Raymond Sand & Gravel wanted to take out the reclamation that was part of the court order. Selectman Robie said this is irrelevant to the case. They have discussed this with the Planning Board and thought they gave him pretty good direction. You came back with nothing; you're still using the same plan from 2004 by a deceased land engineer. Mr. Dunbar asked if he should change the plans. Selectman Robie replied you were told you could reclaim the land if you uphold the court order. This would require bringing in material to start reclaiming what has been destroyed. It would be a good attempt to show good faith to the Town. Chairman Kelley said we can't authorize you to do anything but follow the court order. Mr. Dunbar asked if he could have a copy of Atty. Mayer's correspondence. Chairman Kelley replied they he would have Atty. Mayer send a letter to him. Mr. Dunbar said he would appreciate that. Mr. Dunbar explained since those plans were drafted there are other things on the property that he would like to address. He would like to do this once and do it the right way. He went to the Building Inspector with a small plan so he could deny us and this was the next step. It's not according to the plan, but it's in reference to the plan that was submitted to the court. Mr. Dunbar further explained we broke this down into steps. He's doesn't want to start the process and be told he should had done something else. He would like an agreement amongst them, whether it is a gentlemen's agreement or something. Selectman Snow replied they can't do a gentlemen's agreement, because there are too many issues that need to be addressed. Selectman Duarte said we are going to do what our attorney directs us to do. Mr. Dunbar said he would like to work with 2 or 3 people to help oversee this with him. He would like it done right. Selectman Snow said he doesn't understand the structure here. What is your relationship with Kevin Cole and what basis do you have for bringing in the reclamation plan. He mentioned the \$10,000 fine and \$50,000 bond. These are issued that haven't been addressed and subjects for discussion. Mr. Dunbar thanked the Board for his time.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public minutes of 8/22/11 & 08/26/11 and the non public meeting minutes of 8/8/11 & 08/22/11. Selectman Soares motioned to approve and seal August 22nd, 2011 non public meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Soares motioned to approve the public meeting minutes of August 22nd, 2011 and August 26th, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of payroll manifest number 000642-04, checks to be dated 09/1/2011, with a total gross payroll amount of \$22,135.38. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All

were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of accounts payable manifest number 090111 checks to be dated 09/1/2011, with a total amount of \$10,714.69. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of payroll manifest number 000643-04, checks to be dated 09/8/2011, with a total gross payroll amount of \$15,791.48. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of accounts payable manifest number 090211 checks to be dated 09/8/2011, with a total amount of \$468,397.17. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of payroll manifest number 000644-01, checks to be dated 09/15/2011, with a total gross payroll amount of \$15,646.07. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of accounts payable manifest number 090311 checks to be dated 09/15/2011, with a total amount of \$14,387.98. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Selectman Soares mentioned that Household Hazardous Waste day will be Saturday September 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Selectman Robie mentioned Robie Kelley and Henderson's organized Old Home Day this year. They received the support of the Selectmen and they pulled it off. They did a good job and he appreciates the effort. He felt the thank you should come from the Board. Chairman Kelley mentioned that some of the old committee members did show up to the meetings to help out and give suggestions.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary