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Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
Monday June 25, 2012

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

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

Selectman Kelley to discuss gas purchasing for the Police and Fire Department.

Selectman Kelley said he spent a lot of hours with the owners to discuss gas prices. He talked with Chief McGillen. The owners of the Irving have agreed to sell us diesel fuel and gasoline for the same price as the state at \$3.31. Selectman Snow questioned if they are going back in time on that. Selectman Kelley said he didn't set any dates; he left that up to the owner's and the Police Chief to handle. Selectman Snow mentioned that he has looked at some of the bills coming in and thought there was a significant difference. Selectman Snow noted a long time ago they used to have a tank (near the school) and that is where they got the diesel for the Fire Department. We get diesel delivered to the Recycling Center and our Road Agent gets diesel delivered. He asked if it would be cheaper to have a depot at the Fire Department then they wouldn't have to go to any station. Chairman Duarte said he was pleased that we got the cost down. It was noted the tank was removed from the Fire Station. They never had one near the school. They used to have an above ground tank behind the Fire Station and for some reason they choose to take it out. Selectman Snow said there was one behind the school. Road Agent Lewis said that's for the fuel oil. Selectman Snow asked if they could get it less expensive without too much trouble by having their own tank. Road Agent Lewis replied probably not. He ends up sometimes paying more to have it delivered to his tank then at the station. It all depends on the timing of your delivery. Selectman Snow said his other concern is there is no generator at the Irving. Selectman Kelley said they just put in a generator. Road Agent Lewis noted if it ever was an issue they could always get fuel out of his tank – gasoline or diesel.

The Board to address possible refund of overpaid taxes. Chairman Duarte mentioned this case goes back to 1994 and it looks like we made the mistake. He felt everyone agreed that the right thing to do is credit this resident. If the Board is willing he would entertain a motion that we credit this resident's account in the amount of \$6,495.53. Selectman Kelley asked if the office has discussed a credit with the residents. Selectmen's Assistant Eastman replied they are willing to listen to whatever the Board came up with. *Selectman Kelley motioned credit this resident's account in the amount of \$6,495.53. Seconded by Selectman DePuy.* Selectman Snow clarified this was an assessing problem by the Town which caused these people to be over assessed and paying taxes on land they didn't own. They attempted to correct it and it finally got corrected and over time there was an overage in their taxes of \$6,495.53. We are going to credit them. Chairman Duarte called for a vote. *All were in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board will discuss the Fire Departments pay per call compensation plan.

Selectman Kelley said everyone should have read the letter from Atty. Mayer. He didn't find anything wrong with it. Selectman Kelley was going to speak with the Fire Chief about stating this a little earlier, so all of a sudden they aren't getting bombarded in the office. He will go to the fire departments next meeting. He felt if this all comes in December it's going to be a burden on the office. Selectman Snow also thought it was inconsistent with some statutes. Selectman Snow asked if this was going back to the beginning of the year. Selectman Kelley said it's starting January 1st until December 31st. It's for one year and that's what the people voted on. Selectman Snow asked from January 1st until the Town Meeting we had no approval to spend that. So they come in and the voters approve it at the March meeting which means the understanding was the \$40,000 was for a full year. He questioned if the voters understood that. Selectman Kelley replied yes he felt they did understand it. Citizen Judy Szot understood that it was starting as of July 1st and that it was only a half year. She thought that the warrant article was for a half year. She was thinking next year would be for \$80,000 not \$40,000. Chairman Duarte replied the warrant article specifically states \$40,000 this year and next year \$40,000 would be included in their operating budget. Selectman Snow said he would like to see them paid on a regular basis like everyone else. Selectman Kelley clarified they aren't going to because it's based on a point system per year. Everyone that goes out on a call and gets points and they accumulate until the end of the year. Chairman Duarte said we know how much money we have and they are imputing it in their software. They want to start the program before they don't want to come in December and find out it's screwed up or were doing it wrong. Selectman Kelley said he can bring in the Fire Chief and George May for any questions. Chairman Duarte thought it would be beneficial if Selectman Kelley broke the ground with the Fire Chief and once they have the program established the Fire Chief can come in and explain it. Selectman Kelley thought they could start it in October and that would give them three months to work out the kinks. Selectman Snow said we are 6 months into the year they should bring in the training and incident reports to see what they've done for the first six months. He would like to look at the numbers. It was a surprise to him that the Fire Department was going to come in at the end of the year and ask for \$40,000. Selectman Kelley said they are. Selectman Snow said it appears to be inconsistent with the way we pay other stipends that are paid on a quarterly basis. Selectman Kelley replied it isn't a stipend so wipe that out of your mind. Selectman Snow understood it was a call system which he is not in favor of. He noted whatever they are going to do he would like it clear in his mind. Chairman Duarte said he was bringing up a couple of good points, but Selectman Kelley has it under control. Chairman Duarte said it's going to be set up as a reimbursement. It's not a lot of money. Selectman DePuy noted the warrant article says they are talking about a calendar year.

The Board to discuss painting bids and schedule. Selectman Soares said the Board needs to decide who they are awarding the bid to. They also need to let her know how soon they would like to start. She will meet with all of the employees and set up a schedule. She was going to start with the meeting room, hallway, and booking room. Chairman Duarte mentioned that two of the bidders that could work on the weekends and he felt this would be a tremendous help. Selectman Soares said those two were Hammc

Painting and Felix Shepard. Selectman Soares noted Mr. Vincent is the only one who can't work weekends. Selectman Snow asked if we have any security concerns with them working on the weekends. Selectman Soares said she didn't have a security concern with either one, but she could be in the building when they're painting if need be. Selectman Kelley said Mr. Shepard has worked on this building and there is no security issue. Chairman Duarte noted there is quite a difference in price. He noted that all of these people are from town. Selectman Soares said she hasn't gotten any negative feedback on either one. Selectman Kelley felt they shouldn't have any security issues. Selectman Snow asked what the process for painting is. Are they going to be taking everything down, taping, and washing the walls? Selectman Soares said they are going to be taking everything down, filling the holes, they're taping around the wood like a professional painter would and then painting. Selectman Snow questioned if they wash the wall down first so the paint adheres better. Selectman Soares replied you don't wash the walls. Selectman Snow asked who was moving the furniture around. Selectman Soares said the guys who are painting and if it's necessary they can use Steve Ableson. Selectman DePuy noted that his father was a house painter and you don't wash the walls. Selectman Kelley told Selectman Snow to feel free to wash the walls. Selectman Snow didn't think it was a bad idea. He questioned if the stuff in the meeting room walls was coming down. Selectman Soares replied you don't leave stuff on walls when you paint. You fill in the holes and it's a fresh new wall. Selectman Kelley said the painters know what they are doing. Chairman Duarte thought that Hammc Painting had a great price. Selectman Kelley said he does a great job. Selectman Soares said he does a lot of work in the surrounding towns. You see his signs everywhere. Chairman Duarte asked how soon he can start. Selectman Soares replied within the week. Chairman Duarte said he would entertain a motion. *Selectman Kelley motioned to hire Hammc Painting to do the painting that's required for Town Hall. Seconded by Selectman Soares.* Selectman Snow asked if we have a schedule and should we talk to the people. Selectman Soares said she would talk to everyone a week ahead of time, but you can't set up times until you know that we are hiring somebody and when we're going to have them start. Selectman Snow asked if she talked to the people that are working in the office how this schedule fits in with them. Selectman Soares replied she did when she gave them the paint samples. Selectman Kelley said the only ones it will affect are the girls in the main office and they aren't here on the weekends. Selectman Snow said he has security concerns there is the Tax Collector and the Town Clerk both who have limited spaces and they will be concerned about security. Chairman Duarte called for a vote. *All were in favor. Motion carried.* Selectman Soares noted as soon as she has an exact starting time, she will let everyone know.

Selectman Snow to give update on the closure of the old recycling center. Selectman Snow explained they had the proposal meeting and there were five companies that have bid. The expectation is according to the schedule they will be coming back with any questions. They will come back with a price of what it is they are going to do. Selectman Soares asked for a copy of the list of all the potential bidders. Selectman Snow said she could have a copy, but it's a draft and he needed to update it. Selectman Kelley asked about the concrete. Chairman Duarte said they are going to bid on both – to bury it or remove it. Selectman Snow noted the contract has not been written yet.

Map rack for the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. Selectman Kelley said last week Selectman Snow said he was going to take it to the Conservation Commission to see what they thought about it. He heard rumors that Selectman Snow is going out and getting prices after he has spent time on this. He just listened to Selectman Snow say go to the department heads. He wished that Selectman Snow would listen to his own statement. He thought Selectman Snow should have come back and told him instead of having a resident getting prices. This didn't sit well with him and he wished Selectman Snow would stay out of his department. Selectman Snow explained the original request came from the Conservation Commission for a map rack and then it went to the Planning Board. The information Selectman Kelley got went back to the Conservation Commission. They had an individual who works for the State who was looking for surplus stuff. He on his own initiative went out and he found what appeared to be a lower price. He brought this information back to the girls in the office. He thought he got the price from Administrative Assistant Hansen. He thought if they could get something that is consistent with the needs of the Conservation Commission which appeared to be a lower price. He wasn't stepping on Selectman Kelley's toes or suggesting anything. He thought if they could get the mobile covered rack with the clamps at a lower price it would be a good thing. Selectman Kelley said they have a girl that works for the Planning Board and she has done a lot of the leg work on this. Selectman Kelley said everyone should stay out of everyone else's department. Selectman Snow noted this goes back to the communication problems that we've had for a long time. He didn't understand this was something that was thoroughly priced. Chairman Duarte said we are all a little guilty of this and if we can assist the department head then we should. He should have gone to the department head saying he wanted to help. This would have alleviated some of the clashes we have. He remembers when there were three Selectmen and everyone wanted to bail out of everything because there was too much to do. The fewer problems that a department has from the Select Board the better off they are. Selectman Kelley didn't want a town resident calling up companies saying he's with the Town of Candia looking for pricing. Selectman Soares asked CCC Chair Kruse if the Conservation Commission asked Selectman Snow to go out and get pricing. CCC Chair Kruse explained about two meetings ago a non-commission member, Mike Pouliot, came to a meeting and offered to look into surplus at the State. He came back this last meeting and told them what he found. Mr. Pouliot mentioned that Candia had an account with WB Mason and he received estimates from them. She wasn't sure if this is the information Selectman Snow had brought back. She noted former Planning Board Chair Mary Girard had asked the Conservation Commission for information about map racks. Chairman Duarte noted its upsetting when you have been working on something and then find out someone else has been working on it. It can be frustrating. Selectman Snow said this brings up the issue of communications and discussion. They should be discussing things at the table. This map rack isn't going to be bought by the Conservation Commission or the Planning Board. It will have to come out of the budget. Selectman Kelley noted both departments will be paying for it. Selectman Snow said this is going to be useful for the entire Town. Chairman Duarte noted when someone comes in with a suggestion he leaves in the sign folder for a couple of weeks. Administrative Assistant Hansen explained that she called WB Mason for a quote for a mobile rack.

They quoted her a price of \$597.00. She noted there is a company on line that sells the mobile map rack with the clamps and free shipping for \$396.00. Selectman Kelley asked if she could put that information in his box.

Chairman Duarte to discuss positive feedback from citizen. Chairman Duarte would like to defer this to the next meeting for departmental reports.

Trustees seminars. Selectman Snow said he has been going to the Trustee seminars that the Attorney General puts on. He gave the Board a PDF file that includes the statutes and information explaining the statutes.

Old Home Day update. Selectman Kelley explained they will have a spaghetti supper on Friday night and after that they will have an outdoor movie night at the ballpark. The movie will be free and it will be like a drive-in movie. The parade will be on Saturday. They are having a car show behind the Smyth Library. They are trying to get organizations to build floats to go along with the 50's theme. There is a flyer coming out this week. They are trying to collect enough money for the fireworks. He would like to see more money coming in. Mary Weber is overseeing the road race. She is motivated and an asset to the Old Home Day Committee. His son is on the Committee and did a great job last year. Selectman Kelley mentioned they have some senior citizens volunteering on the Committee. Selectman Kelley asked who owns the concession stand at the park. Selectman Snow replied there is no agreement with the CYAA and the Town as to the ownership of that building. Selectman Kelley said they wanted to use it on movie night. Selectman Snow noted there is no water over there. He told Selectman Kelley to put in an application for the use of the park. Selectman Kelley asked Selectman Snow to mow the park. Selectman Snow said the park will get mowed.

Trees around the gazebo. Selectman Snow said it was all taken care of. He talked with Bill Cooper today and asked about pricing and what needed to be taken down.

The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks. Chairman Duarte announced the grand total of payroll and accounts payable checks for June 21st and June 28th is \$180,425.81. Selectman Snow motioned to accept the total payroll and accounts payable checks in the amount of \$180,425.81 for June 21st and 28th. Seconded by Selectman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried.

House Bill. Chairman Duarte told the Board to take a look at House Bill 1223. It will be in the folder and it's in regards to the right to know law and it will become affective January 1, 2013. He mentioned that Candia has put in HB 1383 which was signed by the Governor last week. This bill took him a year and a half to get. Basically it's about in-state tuition for people that are here illegally. There is a difference of \$14,000 a year for a resident and someone who comes in from out of state. The only qualification is that you need to be in New Hampshire for 12 months. When he did research on it there were illegal aliens here for 12 months and they got the discount. This is \$14,000 that our taxpayers are subsidizing. He was surprised that the Governor signed the bill and it's a good thing for all of us. The voter ID bill that has been vetoed and Wednesday they are

going to try to over ride the veto with 2/3rd vote. It looks like a big job for them, but it's an important bill. There were a lot of educational bills like the \$2,500 credit for people that wanted to put their children in another school. The cost would be less if the child was in public school. He didn't know why the Governor vetoed this bill. There was an e-verify bill for all state workers and public contractors and employers to make sure they are legal citizens. This bill was killed. He told the audience to look at the general court website and review some of the bills. Hopefully they can keep some of these bills. There was another bill he started. A couple of years ago his granddaughter was struck by an SUV and killed. They took her body to Boston to test for drugs and alcohol and the driver never got tested. This really frustrated him. If you go on a scene and unless the officer has probable cause he won't test you. If there are 10 dead people and 1 alive, everyone that is dead gets tested for drugs and alcohol. The live person it depends. If the officer comes on the scene and there no probable cause they get off scot free. So now if you are driving on a New Hampshire highway or road you can expect to be tested. The fact you are driving the road allows them to test you for alcohol and drugs. This bill was signed by the Governor as well. There were two Democrats that sponsored his bill and they both lost a family member. If anyone has any questions they can call him tomorrow.

Facility Operator Chuck Whitcher asked if the Recycling Center could have Beautification of Candia information and he would hand it out down at the Recycling Center.

SNHPC request. Conservation Commission Chair Betsy Kruse said it was her understanding that SNHPC has requested to get on the agenda to discuss the scenic byways project that they are doing. She would like to advocate that they be placed on the agenda. They have a couple Conservation Commission members that have volunteered their time on this project. They aren't representing Candia because there is no official appointees to this group. At some point the Board of Selectmen are going to be asked to be included in this project. Chairman Duarte asked CCC Chair Kruse to send him a recap on this so he can review it.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 6/11/12. Selectman Kelley motioned to accept the Selectmen's public meeting minutes of June 11, 2012 as written. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Kelley motioned to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Seconded by Selectman DePuy. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary