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Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
Monday July 23, 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.

The Board to discuss increase in short-term disability increase rates. Chairman Duarte explained that Selectmen's Assistant Eastman has been researching short term disability rates. Selectmen's Assistant Eastman explained the company we currently get short term disability with is The Standard and starting January 1st the rates are going to increase by 100%. If we switch to the company Unum they can guarantee the same rates that we are getting now with the same exact coverage. They can switch prior to January to start saving earlier, if this is what the Board would like to do. Selectman Soares asked what the current rate is. Selectmen's Assistant Eastman replied we pay approximately \$400 per month and there will be a 100 % increase starting January 1st. *Selectman Snow motioned to change our carrier for short term disability from The Standard to Unum. Seconded by Selectman Kelley.* Selectman Snow asked if we get a rebate from The Standard for this year or have we already paid it. Selectmen's Assistant Eastman replied that we pay per month, so there will be nothing to be rebate. Selectman Snow asked what the effective date would be. Selectmen's Assistant Eastman replied that she was shooting for the 1st of August. Selectman DePuy asked if it would be the same coverage. Selectmen's Assistant Eastman replied that it would be the same exact coverage. Chairman Duarte called for a vote. *All were in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board to address possible refund of overpaid taxes. The Taylors were not present. Chairman Duarte explained that they already voted on this once and he felt the Board's decision was accurate. He didn't plan on re-voting. Selectman Kelley and Selectman Soares both noted they were not changing their vote. It was the consensus of the Board that the vote stays.

Chief McGillen to present a favorable review of Officer Jake Deignan and recommend a possible step 1 matrix increase of .50¢. Chairman Duarte said based on Officer Jake Deignan's favorable review he is eligible for a .50¢ matrix increase. Selectman Kelley motioned to accept Chief McGillen's recommendation for an increase of .50¢ per hour (Matrix Step 1) for Officer Deignan based on a favorable review. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

David Preece of the Southern NH Planning Commission to discuss proposed Upper Lamprey Scenic Byway. David Preece of Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission was present. He handed out some information to the Board. He explained he was there to present the status update for the Upper Lamprey Scenic Byway. They

have been working with a couple of Candia citizen's for the last five months. They were trying to determine if a scenic byway was feasible and where the scenic byway should be. He has been working with the communities of Raymond, Deerfield and Northwood as well. They have a pretty good idea of where a scenic route should be. It would emphasize the town's cultural, historic, and scenic resources. He mentioned the economic benefits that this would bestow on the community. He explained designating a scenic byway alerts people outside of the state in Maine and Mass who are visiting the state that there is something to see in Candia. It brings people off the freeway to go into your communities and shop at your local business's, eat at your restaurants, and enjoy what you have to offer in Candia. They've seen this happen in other scenic byways in the the state and the reception they have received so far has been very positive. They are making progress and they will be back in about a month or two asking for a letter of support from the Board to take to the state. This scenic byway is a state program and there are no regulations that are attached. It's just a designation on a section of road within your community. Hopefully if we work hard enough to market Candia you'll be having visitors and tourist come and enjoy your community. Chairman Duarte said he knows most of the scenic byways i.e. the White Mountains, the Kangamangus Highway. He thought this didn't match up to that. Mr. Preece replied take a look at the map and see where the resources are going through. It's close to Bear Brook Park which is one of the big resources in your community. It goes through several of the towns' and center's where there are a lot of cultural and historical landmarks. In addition, what the byways up in the north have is the citizen's willing to work on this and make it happen. He mentioned the General John Starks scenic byway is the first scenic highway that SNHPC established, since then they have had many events and people are starting to go there. If you go through Goffstown, Weare, or New Boston you will see the cultural, historic, beautiful vistas, and natural resources that those communities have to offer. It's beginning to pay off in a very slow way, but things are happening there. It takes the citizens and the local businesses for this to happen. Chairman Duarte asked if they had a contact person if they have any questions. Mr. Preece replied you can always contact me and he would be glad to answer any questions they had. There are local participants who have been working with them as well. Selectman Snow asked if they tie events that take place in the community to outside things. They have Liquid Planet, the vineyard, the the zoo, and the inn. Do these things get tied into this? Mr. Preece replied of course they they do and once visitors and tourist are in your communities it's a great way to get people to use those facilities. The idea is to get people off of the freeway. They are usually heading up north or the seashore and we want people to get off of the freeway and see what a great place Candia, Deerfield, Raymond, and Northwood are. You have something that people want and that is the New England way of life. They are clamoring clamoring for that down the eastern coast, so there is money to be made here. Citizen Brian Miller asked if the scenic byways were some of the state's most recognized roads how would the advertising for the byways benefit the town. Mr. Preece replied we can market the town through brochures and the website. Citizen Brian Miller noted so the people who are avid motorcyclist would be looking for a scenic byway because it's scenic. Mr. Preece said these byways are an asset and there are some great resources here. Citizen Brian Miller asked if there was a website. Mr. Preece noted there is the state, the regional one, and the individual ones that would promote events within the

communities. Citizen Ed Fowler mentioned that Chairman Duarte brought up the comparison between this and the Kangamangus. It was his understanding the Kangamangus is in a different category. Mr. Preece added it's also federal. Citizen Ed Fowler explained if you look at the state maps they often have things dotted along the scenic byways. He asked if this was adopted would subsequent maps portray the scenic byways on the maps, so they people getting the maps could identify them. Mr. Preece replied that they would. Once the town becomes part of the scenic byway they would be eligible for those individual scenic byway signs. Citizen Ed Fowler asked what cost would there be to the town to designate the byways. Mr. Preece replied there is no cost the benefits would be economic development. Also there is funding programs available to help with safety problems along the corridor and the town would be eligible for them. He can't guarantee there would be funding for them. Chairman Duarte thanked Mr. Preece for his time.

Selectman Snow to update Board on the Critchett easement. Selectman Snow said the Conservation Commission had voted to fund the easements and the ancillary costs. The Planning Board has conditionally approved the Critchett subdivision. The Board this evening will have the option or the need to authorize someone to sign the easements. They pushed the sign off date to the 3rd of August. This is based on the Planning Board meeting the first, having the mylars available to sign and then record them the next day. He understood there was going to be some changes to the language to allow it to be recorded and if something happened it would be revoked later. This was information he received from the Planning Board Chair. They have some paperwork that needs to be put together from the closing agent. They need to get maps together, the need to get some marking done, and the RCCD needs to do their preliminary walk on the properties and identify them. He's been assured this will be done prior to the Planning Board meeting. It appears they would be able to close at the Town Office which would be the most convenient spot. They need representative from the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board either the Chair or his designee, and they need to generate the funds for the closing. He was thinking the Board would need to do something in order to cut the check, but a simple communications from the Conservation Commission for the amount that needs to be done would allow us to cut the check next Monday. There at the point where it looks like they will be able to do it. There are some things that need to be done but they appear to be doable. Selectman Kelley mentioned according to Atty. Mayer it has to be signed and recorded before any easement is signed. He felt they were putting the cart before the horse. It has to be finalized by the Planning Board before the Selectmen can legally sign it. Selectman Snow replied his information from the Planning Board Chairman is that they were having a meeting on August 1st. Selectman Soares said Planning Board Chair Sean James originally cancelled the Planning Board meeting for August 1st but since they made an error in their notice of decision they have to meet and correct it. They can have their meeting and they can sign their mylars but until it's registered at the Registry of Deeds the Selectman can't sign off on it. Selectman Snow said the worst case was they could have the closing at Brentwood Courthouse. According to what he heard from the Chair of the Planning Board they could manage to take care of it. Chairman Duarte asked if Surveyor Jim Franklin was doing some work for them. Selectman Snow explained that Mr. Franklin is in the process

process of finishing up some survey work and he will bring back the final plans to the Planning Board. He is marking the boundaries and putting in the excluded area on the Pepper property. The RCCD will come and make their initial determination to make sure everything is there and they can sign. Chairman Duarte asked about the excluded area. Selectman Snow explained the excluded area is the conservation easement on property minus that area which the grantor says "I want to do anything I want to within this area". The area is about 3 acres. If he wanted to put a swimming pool and it's in a conservation easement he would have to ask for permission to do that, so they excluded the front 3 acres. The conservation easement is on the whole property and it guarantees that it can never be subdivided for any reason. He can do anything he wants in that excluded area. Selectman Kelley noted if the Critchett easement doesn't go through then he has to do a major subdivision. If the easement goes through then he is all set. Selectman Snow replied if you're talking specifically about the easement and the subdivision, he would have done a subdivision and then the Planning Board's issue would have been that it really wasn't a minor. This would be a complication. Selectman Snow said they need a motion to authorize the Chairman or his designee to sign the conservation easements contingent upon the action of the Planning Board being finished, the RCCD signing it, and the grantors being there. Chairman Duarte replied you can't finalize until it's registered and Atty. Mayer was pretty adamant about that. His concern is that the landowners are ready to go and it could back up on them if we did things improper. The prudent move would be to wait until it's registered and then the Board can sign off on it. Selectman Snow said he needs the authorization from the Board for someone to sign or the whole Board needs to be at the closing. They need to assign an authorized signatory of the Board. Chairman Duarte said they could wait until the August 13th Selectmen's meeting to sign the easements. He felt the whole Board should sign the easements. Selectman DePuy asked if there was any reason why they could wait until August 13th. Selectman Snow replied other than having more signature blocks added for the whole board to sign it. Chairman Duarte replied that shouldn't be a problem. Selectman Snow confirmed that the closing would be August 13th. Chairman Duarte replied yes and if anyone has any further questions or concerns they can bring them up at that meeting.

The Board to open proposals for services related to the restoration of the former incinerator site. Selectman Snow explained there was a total of three bids received. The first bid opened was from Enviro Vantage with a bid amount of \$129,300. Chairman Duarte asked where the big money item was on this bid. Selectman Snow replied the site work is \$91,100. The second bid opened was from Francesco Demolition with a bid amount of \$336,700. The third bid opened was from GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. with a bid amount of \$336,588. Selectman Snow said they will make copies of these bids available to all of the Board of Selectmen and to the respondents. He will leave the masters with Selectmen's Assistant Eastman. Chairman Duarte would like the Board to review them and write down any questions. He asked Selectman Soares to take a look at them and maybe there were some areas they could haggle with them. Selectman Snow said just remember they are proposals and they are going to see if they can find the best approach for the combined proposals.

The Board to formally accept the resignation of Firefighter Thomas Faucher. It was noted that Thomas Faucher was resigning because he was taking his father's badge at the Manchester Fire Department. Selectman Kelley motioned to accept Firefighter Thomas Faucher's resignation with regrets. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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 July 19th and July 26th is \$140,483.75. Selectman Snow motioned to accept the total payroll and accounts payable checks in the amount of \$140,483.75 for July 19th and July 26th. Seconded by Selectman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business

Old Home Day update: Selectman Kelley said it's coming along good. They have a lot of vendors that have signed up so far. It's going to be a big event this year. He got a good deal on fireworks. He got almost \$8,000 worth of fireworks for \$2,800. Chairman Duarte asked if there was something they needed to set them off. Selectman Kelley replied they already have that taken care of. There is a spaghetti supper on Friday night and after there will be a movie in Moore Park. There will be a parade on Saturday. Chairman Duarte asked if there will be some politicians in the parade. Selectman Soares said they were more than welcome to be in the parade. There will be a car show after the parade. There's going to be a chicken barbeque on Saturday night at the school parking lot and after that there will be bands playing until the fireworks go off. Selectman Snow asked if they have talked to the library about their parking lot. He thought there was an issue with this last year. Selectman Kelley was hoping they would be closed for Old Home Day. Selectman Snow replied did you asked Jon Godfrey. Selectman Kelley said it would be hard to be open due to the amount of people. Selectman Snow suggested integrating them into Old Home Day. Selectman Kelley replied they could have a booth and sell books if they'd like, but he'll talk with Jon Godfrey.

Fill from new road project: Road Agent Lewis said they will start their new road project on August 3rd. He mentioned that Selectman Snow indicated to him that he could take the road fill to the Recycling Center. He wanted to make sure it was alright with everyone. Selectman Kelley asked where is it going to be dumped at the Recycling Center. Selectman Snow replied the spot to the right of the compost. It drops 60 feet down. Selectman DePuy said it sounds fine. He mentioned that Facility Operator Whitcher drafted a request for bid on the hauling contract. Selectman DePuy said he would leave a copy in everyone's in-box. He thought it looked fine as drafted. Selectman Snow asked if they would take action on this at the next meeting. Selectman DePuy said he would like to discuss it at the next meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public minutes of 7/09/12. Selectman Kelley motioned to accept the July 9th, 2012 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Announce Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: August 13, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

Fire Department ATV: Citizen Rudy Cartier asked for an update on the ATV. Selectman Kelley said the ATV doesn't belong to Town of Candia it belongs to the Association. They used their own money to buy it. They applied for a grant and when the grant comes in they'll put the money back into their fund. Eventually they will sign the ATV over to the Town. They have no control over the Association. Citizen Rudy Cartier asked if they will be using it for Fire Department use and is there liability insurance on it. Selectmen's Assistant Eastman replied yes there is liability insurance on it and they will be using it for the Fire Department.

Garden Club member Judy Siemonsma asked when the outside faucet will be turned back on so they can water the flowers. Selectman Snow said the new parts will be coming soon. Hopefully it will be back on tomorrow. He had to drill out the washers because someone applied epoxy to the handle. He ordered two sets of repair parts. Chairman Duarte asked why he didn't replace the faucet. Selectman Snow replied because it's going to cost you more to replace the whole faucet. Selectman Soares said he could have bought the part at the store. She asked if he spoke with Building Inspector Dave Murray, because he was going to replace it. Selectman Snow replied he didn't talk with the Building Inspector because he's not about to spend money on it if he can manage to do it himself. Selectman Soares replied if you don't fix it then we'll have to. Selectman Snow said he was going to do this in the most cost efficient manner that he could. Selectman Soares would like someone to fix it that knows what they're doing. We do that for every other aspect of this building. Selectman Kelley thought they should hire a plumber to come in and fix it. Chairman Duarte said there are some areas in the building that require a little bit of attention and detail. He thought they could discuss some of the items next meeting.

Selectman Kelley motioned to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary