

~~Unapproved~~ **APPROVED**  
**Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes**  
**October 24, 2016**

**Attendance:** Chairman Boyd Chivers, Vice-Chair Susan Young, Selectman Russ Dann, Selectman Mark Laliberte (arrived @ 7:35 pm), and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen.  
**Absent:** Selectman Scott Komisarek.

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

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting – October 10, 2016:** Selectman Dann moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting minutes of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to appoint Kevin Drew as a Firefighter/Paramedic and Thomas Dillon as a Firefighter based on Fire Chief Young's recommendation.** Fire Chief Young noted that Mr. Dillon is a Lieutenant on the Deerfield Fire Department. He's known him to be a good man and he'll help us a lot. Kevin Drew grew up in Candia. He moved out of town for awhile and has moved back to town. He is a paramedic and a very smart individual. He felt both of these individuals will help us a lot. Selectman Dann moved to appoint Kevin Drew as a Firefight/Paramedic to the Candia Volunteer Fire Department. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Dann moved to appoint Thomas Dillon to the Candia Volunteer Fire Department as a Firefighter. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Chivers asked Fire Chief Young to explain the letter they received from ISO. Fire Chief Young explained that ISO is the group that looks at towns and their fire departments and give them ratings for fire insurance. They got dropped half a point based on water supply and what they have for equipment. Obviously the farther away you live from the fire department the higher your insurance is going to be. Chairman Chivers said the premiums should go down based on that. Fire Chief Young said absolutely, it's the big picture that they look at from time to time to set the rates. Chairman Chivers asked if they look at their equipment too. Fire Chief Young said it's the total package to see what they can provide for service.

**The Board to accept Mike Pouliot's resignation as a Cemetery Trustee.** Chairman Chivers announced that Mike Pouliot is resigning as a Cemetery Trustee. Selectman Young moved to accept Mike Pouliot's resignation with deep regret. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to discuss a response to the Budget Committees questions.** Chairman Chivers explained that the Budget Committee has given the Selectmen's Office a list of 29 questions they are supposed to answer on November 9<sup>th</sup>. His recommendation is that each one of these questions should be given to the appropriate liaison. They can answer the Budget Committee when they sit down with them. There are a couple of general questions that are beyond what the liaison has been assigned to. As a Board they could just answer those questions. He read one of the general questions "Have you considered leasing equipment instead of buying it? Do you

think this idea has any merit?" He mentioned the recycling center and the two loaders they have. He thought something like that would be an appropriate discussion with the Budget Committee. Selectman Young said that the Chair had passed out this hand out to all of the Budget Committee members at their last meeting (see attached). What she was doing was comparing two years. Most of the questions were generated from the Chair there were very few questions from the Budget Committee itself. Some of the figures were not entirely accurate. She didn't know what point she was trying to prove. The notes say increases from 2015 were up about 17% in 2 years. She compared different departments from 2015 to 2017 and put the dollar difference and percent increase, but didn't put other departments that increased more such as Solid Waste and the Town Clerk. She didn't include those departments. Selectman Young said she did send all of the Budget Committee members a copy of the Selectmen's Budget Hearing minutes. The Budget Committee Chair didn't want to go over it that night. She thought they should go over the questions one by one. Some of them will be answered in the Selectmen's Budget Hearing minutes. They have a couple of department heads here this evening. Chairman Chivers asked if she would like to go over some of the questions this evening. Selectman Young thought they probably should, since some of these people may not go to the Budget Committee meeting. There was some discussion about budget comparisons drafted by Budget Committee Chair Lynn Chivers. Selectman Young explained this is something she just handed the Budget Committee members and thought when they look at the Planning Board and that it went up 1,213% - if they hadn't read the budget thoroughly they were probably in shock. Again this is over two years. She doesn't know why something like this wasn't given to the Budget Committee last year. It doesn't seem like it is under the same scrutiny that it is this year. Chairman Chivers asked Building Inspector Murray the Budget Committees question "What is the rationale for going to a full-time administrative assistant? What additional duties will she have? How many additional hours will she work?" Building Inspector Murray said the work load has increased over the past couple of years. Selectman Young said she explained to the Budget Committee about the increase in building permits and the time required. Building Inspector Murray said they definitely want to keep Andrea and he doesn't want a revolving door in there. They are lucky they found her. Chairman Chivers said why don't they give copies to the liaisons and department heads and it will be their responsibility to figure them out. Selectman Young reiterated Budget Committee Chair Chivers took the budget from 2015 and compared it to the budget of 2017. She didn't take into account what money wasn't spent and the Solid Waste budget went way up and it's not included in her budget comparisons and she doesn't know why. The reason the Solid Waste budget is way up is because they spent \$80,000 on a baler. This was never mentioned. The Town Clerk went up 7.3% from 2016 to 2017 but that also wasn't included. She doesn't understand the purpose of this comparison. If they want to send the questions to the department heads she would recommend that the department heads come to the Budget Committee meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>, just in case their replies are not satisfactory. Road Agent Lewis noted in the past the Budget Committee invited each department head to come and explain their budget. Are they going to do that this year? For as long as there has been a Budget Committee they've always invited each department head. Chairman Chivers asked Selectman Young if they were going to do that. Selectman Young said Budget Committee Chair Chivers didn't mention anything. Road Agent Lewis explained this is an opportunity for the department heads to explain themselves. Resident Carleton Robie said this is why the list is compiled by the Budget Committee and comes back to the Selectmen's Office and each department head is aware of the meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>. This is when the department heads defend their budget, just

like they do at the Selectmen's budget hearing in September when they propose their budget. Chairman Chivers said they will let the department heads know that they should be at the Budget Committee meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Road Agent Lewis said this used to be the way they did it and it was over two different nights. Selectman Young noted the Budget Committee didn't have that many questions. Chairman Chivers said when the Budget Committee notices that meeting it should include all of the department heads. Selectman Young said they don't have questions for every department head. Resident Carleton Robie said certain department heads may have questions to answer but everyone is welcome to the meeting.

**The Board to consider proposed warrant article for Exit 3.** Chairman Chivers said at the last meeting he was given the assignment to write a warrant article to authorize the sale of exit 3. He drafted something, sent it to Atty. Mayer, and received a response. He drafted something that would release them from the prior restrictions of the sale of that property and make it as uncomplicated as possible. He read the proposed warrant article *"See if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell town owned property, identified as Map 410, Lots 161 and 161-1, subject to the condition that the sale shall result in a use or uses compatible with the Town of Candia Zoning Ordinance, and shall not require an expenditure of public funds. This article shall replace all previous articles on the subject."* It simply releases the town from its obligation to put a 40,000 square foot grocery store on that property and sell it to anyone deemed appropriate by this Board. Selectman Dann noted it has to meet zoning ordinances. Chairman Chivers said that goes without saying. It's in the Light Industrial 2 zone and there are a broad range of uses permitted in that district. It seems like the right zone for that property. Selectman Young added they can also add the sentence *"the Board of Selectmen shall follow the procedures enumerated in RSA 41:14-a."* She continued to read from Atty. Mayer's email *"I am not exactly sure what your intentions are so it makes it difficult for me to craft an appropriate warrant article. For example, the Board need not follow RSA 41:14-a where it has received authorization from the Town meeting to sell the property. Furthermore, RSA 41:14-a could present you with a lot of difficulty, given the fact that it allows just a few dissenting votes to demand that the Board of Selectmen's sale of the property to a particular individual be presented to a special town meeting. On the other hand, you may conclude that this is politically wise."* Chairman Chivers said he is leaving it up to them. Selectman Young asked what he meant by "politically wise". Chairman Chivers said lets back up a little bit. The town voted to adopt the provisions of 41:14-a which requires the Selectmen to have a public hearing with the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board before they can sell this property and they have already done that. Here's the problem with that, the Board of Selectmen is required to vote within 14 days after the last public hearing to dispose of the property which they have never done so. So they are now automatically thrust back into 41:14-a, because we failed to take that vote 14 days after that second public hearing in 2007. They probably ought to put some language in there that says they'll follow the procedures of 41:14-a. Resident Carleton Robie explained the people voted to give the Selectmen permission to sell that. They went to the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission with a proposal for a 40,000 square foot retail space. You can go back to the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board with anything that fits that zoning at a public hearing and if they are ok (or not ok) then your move forward 14 days after the second public hearing. Chairman Chivers added they will take a vote to authorize the Board to sell it. Resident Carleton Robie said they already have that vote. You just have to go through the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and the two public hearings and listen to the public. If the public comes in up in arms of what the choice is they can still make a decision to sell or not to

sell, but you still have to give the public the opportunity to voice their opinion. Chairman Chivers confirmed they have to find a potential buyer before they open this up with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. Resident Carleton Robie said a potential buyer who may want to put in a light industrial business and they have to propose it to the Selectmen. Then the Selectmen will propose it the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission and then have the public hearings. They'll take the input from all three and make a decision to sell to that client or not. Chairman Chivers clarified that this warrant article just reverses the decision that was made in 2007 at the 41:14-a hearing to build a grocery store. Resident Carleton Robie said this is what the Planning Board and Conservation Commission agreed to. If you can find a person for that within fourteen days to sign a P & S agreement you would've had a deal. Chairman Chivers asked if they should put the language in the warrant article that the sale should be conducted in accordance with 41:14-a. Resident Carleton Robie thought so because the people have already voted and added that language would make it cleaner. In theory the town has already voted for this and if they went back to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and the public hearings and came back with something else they can still vote on selling it. You don't need the warrant article. The Selectmen have the authority to sell. He didn't believe there was ever a warrant article that described exactly what had to go there. It was 41:14-a that determined that. Chairman Chivers said you're saying we don't need this warrant article. Resident Carleton Robie said he didn't think so. Resident Becky Sarra asked if they looked back at the warrant articles from 2007 and before that to make sure that is what they say, because there are a lot of people in town that truly believe it's written in stone. Chairman Chivers said he has gone through all of the warrant articles and none of them specify that it had to be a 40,000 square foot grocery store. Resident Carleton Robie said the warrant article voted in accordance to 41:14-a gives the Selectmen the authority to sell with the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and two public hearings. Selectman Young said the input at that time was a grocery store, but it might be something different if someone came in and made an offer. Selectman Dann said theoretically they could put that on the market tomorrow. Chairman Chives said yes they would just have to go through the process they've discussed. Selectman Young said the proposed warrant article says "shall not expend public funds", so who is going to show it. Chairman Chivers said the original warrant article doesn't have that restriction. Selectman Young said she didn't believe they have any money set aside for a real estate agent. Resident Carleton Robie said they don't pay a real estate agent until they complete their task. They will get it off the top. Chairman Chivers said they might have to revitalize some committee to develop an idea. Selectman Dann said he appreciated Carleton's input on this; it really helped him understand the process. Resident Carleton Robie though the last warrant article was in 2007 and it was article number 36. This was the last one the town voted on and it won by an overwhelming majority. Selectman Young said she would like the rest of the Board here before they put a for sale sign out.

**The Board to announce the 2016/2017 tax rate.** Chairman Chivers explained based on the appropriation operating budget for the school, town, and county tax the original projection was \$22.71, but since we had \$235,200 that was in excess of our unassigned fund balance target amount they used that amount to reduce the tax rate by .60¢. The tax rate effective this billing is \$22.11 which is a .69¢ increase from last years. Selectman Young gave a tentative breakdown \$4.28 of that is the towns, the school is \$14.34, the county tax was \$1.09, and the state education

tax was \$2.04. She thought it was important to know how their tax dollars are divided and where they go to.

Selectman Laliberte arrived at 7:35 pm

**The Board to approve the Planning Boards request to apply for a \$5,000 grant.** Planning Board Vice-Chair Al Hall thought it spoke for itself and the Planning Board unanimously approved it. Selectman Young asked if they were looking to explore creating a village center. Planning Board Vice-Chair Al Hall explained that SNHPC will be doing this. Chairman Chivers asked if this was an outgrowth of the Master Plan. Planning Board Alternate Carleton Robie said that grant was for a feasibility study on what the area can handle for a village district. He further explained that the money isn't coming from SNHPC, but it will go to SNHPC to do this study. It will be an extensive study. Chairman Chivers asked if the town had to match this grant. Planning Board Alternate Carleton Robie said it was a no match grant. Selectman Young moved to authorize the Planning Board to apply for the grant. Seconded by Selectman Laliberte. All were in favor. Motion carried. It was noted that the grant is through the New Hampshire Housing Authority.

**The Board to approve payroll and accounts payable manifest.** Selectman Laliberte announced the grand total for accounts payable and payroll checks for October 20<sup>th</sup> and October, 27<sup>th</sup> was \$148,899.62. Selectman Dann moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for October 20<sup>th</sup> and October, 27<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$148,899.62. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

**LED Street Lighting:** Selectman Laliberte said he had a little more information on swapping out the street lights from sodium to LED. They received information from Eversource and they gave a general idea on how to move forward. On average they can't quote average savings, but each year it would be about 50%. This isn't 100% exact and they say not to use it as a definitive. However when dealing with LED lights you have to get your own installer, so they would have to put out an RFP to do installation. In general that has run communities about \$300 per light. Keep in mind that Eversource would give a \$100 discount as part of their energy saving program. This will cut the cost by a third. He also got an inventory of all the town owned light fixtures and he'll be sending it to the Town Office, Road Agent, and the Building Inspector. He asked the Board if they wanted to bring someone in from Eversource to go into this more detailed or answer any questions they may have. He noted based on the 51% savings the pay off would be 2 ½ years. The numbers could vary a little bit. These lights last about 10 years. If a light breaks Eversource would install it, but we would have to buy the light bulb directly. The cost would be about \$100. Selectman Young asked if they would have to pay Eversource to install it. Selectman Laliberte said he believed so. The life on those lights is about ten years. This is some general information he got and if they wanted to look into this more they should reach out to Eversource to see if they could attend their November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chairman Chivers asked if there was any money in the budget next year for this conversion. Selectman Laliberte said none that they had set aside. This is something that was mentioned at the September 17<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's budget hearing. It was something to look into and it was the general

consensus of this Board to start investigating it. This is the results of his investigation and if they want to move forward with it he would recommend having a community relations person come in from Eversource. He has questions in terms of the RFP and who would they bring in for a contractor. This is how he would see the next step. Selectman Dann asked if the Recycling Center lights were part of the numbers you used. Selectman Laliberte said they gave him a list of 36 outdoor lighting fixtures and he would assume the Recycling Center would be part of that but he could be wrong. He'll forward the inventory of lights to the Board members and they can see if they are included or not. Selectman Young asked if this included the school or the fire department. Selectman Laliberte said it would include the fire department but not the school. There is a separate program involving schools. He had asked about working with the school and they told him there is a different program and it is a separate entity. They would have to do it on their own. It's a question they could ask the Eversource community relations person. It would make sense to him that they would work jointly to do that. Chairman Chivers said the question before this Board is are they prepared to put up \$10,000 next year and wait to get our \$3,500 back from Eversource. Selectman Laliberte didn't think that was the next question. Selectman Young thought they should meet with the representative. Selectman Laliberte agreed with Selectman Young and they should have Eversource come in and they can go into it more in depth. Resident Carleton Robie thought they just appointed a Recycling and Energy Committee and wouldn't this be a task for them to take on. Then if they come back with this recommendation to the Selectmen they can figure out how to pay for it or budget for it. Selectman Laliberte reiterated that this was something that was brought up during the budget meeting. He is more than happy to take the work he has done and bring it to the Recycling and Energy Committee and have them move forward with it. He was asked to do some work on this and he did. If that is the next step he is more than happy to bring that over to the Recycling and Energy Committee. He would also be happy to meet with the Recycling and Energy at their meeting on Thursday and let them know what is going on. He does think the next step is having someone from Eversource come in and give the Selectmen some more answers. Selectman Dann thanked Selectman Laliberte for working on this.

**Brown Road light:** Road Agent Lewis said a resident called him last week and wanted to put up a street light. He can't say yay or nay. The Selectmen are in charge of that. He is going to tell him to contact the Board of Selectmen. He wants a light on Brown Road and he is going to put it up himself. This is a decision the Board is going to have to make. Selectman Young clarified the light would be at the end of this resident's driveway and he will pay for it. Resident Carleton Robie asked how a street light in someone's yard has to do with the Board of Selectmen. Road Agent Lewis said it's a Public Service pole and it's not our bill. Resident Carleton Robie said he was missing something, because if this resident wanted a street light he would put it on his own pole. Selectman Laliberte suggested they ask the community relations person. Selectman Young said he wants it on pole #9 which she thought was the town's pole. Road Agent Lewis said it wasn't the town's pole. The message this resident left him was Eversource said he needed town permission. Chairman Chivers said this is what makes it questionable to him, because normally he wouldn't need permission to put up a street light in someone's yard. Road Agent Lewis said this is the first time in 20 years something like this has come to him. Selectman Dann said that resident might want it but what about the neighbors who moved to Candia to be in a more rural area. If it was deemed for safety there might be some reason for it. Road Agent Lewis said he would give this resident the town's number. Selectman Laliberte said he is going

to speak with the Recycling and Energy Committee on Thursday and they can talk about this. If they are amendable he will see if they can have someone from Eversource come to our next meeting so they can about the lighting issue and they can talk about this issue as well. Road Agent Lewis said he didn't think this resident wanted to wait that long, because he wanted the light up before the weekend. Selectman Dann asked what was the reason he needed a light there. Road Agent Lewis said his child waits for the school bus down there in the dark. Selectman Laliberte said he has been talking with Eversource, he'll find out who the contact is. Road Agent Lewis asked him to find out why this resident was sent in the town's direction.

**Moore Highway Fund:** Road Agent Lewis said he would like to spend that money this year on paving the cement part of Old Manchester Road. They have a little bit of money left in the asphalt maintenance line and he could combine the \$12,000 that is in the Moore Highway Fund and pave Old Manchester Road. He needs the Selectmen's permission to use it for that project. *Selectman Young motioned to request from the Trustees of the Trust Fund \$12,000 from the Henry Moore Highway fund to pave the cement section of Old Manchester Road.* Road Agent Lewis explained it would be paid for as an overage in the Highway Department and at the end of December they get the money back in. At the end of the year it's going to appear that he overspent his budget by \$13,000, but it is Moore Highway Fund money. He further explained they will have a specific bill they will give to the Trustees of the Trust fund at the end of the year. *Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

**Election schedule:** Chairman Chivers said the Board should fill out a schedule because the Board is not going to meet before the November 8<sup>th</sup> Election. Selectman Laliberte said he was going to send out an email. He noted that the Moderator reinforced that they are going to need all hands on deck. He knows that Donna has been reaching out on the town face book page to get people to volunteer. If anyone had time or they know someone that wants to help out they are looking for ballot clerks. They should reach out to the Clerk's Office if they want to help out.

**Veteran's Tax Credit change:** Chairman Chivers explained the Town of Candia adopted the provisions of the RSA that allows the town to give a \$300 tax credit to a qualified veteran. That law was restricted to veterans that served in certain time frames. For example, he served during the Vietnam War and he gets the credit, his son served in the Navy during the Iraq war and he doesn't. His timeframe isn't specified in the statute. They amended that this year. Any veteran is eligible for it provided they had 90 days of service and an honorable discharge. The town has to avail itself to the revised RSA which would require a warrant article by this Board to see if the town is in favor of adopting the provisions of that modified RSA to extend that tax credit to any eligible veteran in this town. Selectman Young asked if the state would supersede this. Chairman Chivers said the town has to adopt the new provisions. It is a state law which permit's the towns to adopt the new provisions. Selectman Laliberte asked if they know of any other towns doing this. Chairman Chivers would assume they are all doing it. This credit should be made to anyone who has worn the uniform and is qualified. He said he would draft the warrant article.

**Asbestos removal:** Selectman Dann noted the box with asbestos in it has been removed from the Recycling Center.

**Voting in March:** Selectman Young asked when they were moving the voting location from the Moore School to the CYAA. Chairman Chivers said that would be in March. Selectman Laliberte said Moderator Thyng had reached out to him and said the AG's Office doesn't do pre-clearance any more. This was the one thing they were waiting for. Moderator Thyng communicated via text last week and relayed this message. So this element is no longer applicable. Selectman Young asked if they could still use the school. Selectman Laliberte said no because the school isn't large enough to accommodate. Selectman Young said she had heard that but she also heard there was nothing wrong with using the school. Selectman Dann noted the Moderator said the State has allowed us to do this but preferred something different. Selectman Laliberte said if they do this at the CYAA they don't have any of those issues with these laws. He is ok doing the elections there even if it was ok to do it at the school. The other sense is that the school wouldn't be upset if they left. Selectman Dann said there is a Board at the CYAA and what if it changes in three years and say they don't want to do this. He asked if they should have a contract. Selectman Laliberte said he would have to speak with the Moderator about that. He thought it would be the same thing they would do at the school. He didn't know if they do a contract or an agreement. Becky Sarra said they don't have a contract, but if they do it with the CYAA they may want a Memorandum of Understanding. Selectman Young said she was correct, because there might not be a charge the first year but they might say they need something the second year. Selectman Dann added there is also maintenance involved. They should look at the whole picture if that is what they are going to do. Selectman Laliberte thought this is why the Board said they were doing this as a provisional. The other thing the Moderator said is the Board is supposed to vote on the location before each election. This is something if they decide to do would be revisiting the issue and address any concerns they had and go from there. He is ok having the March election at the CYAA for no other reason than to see how it works. They will get a sense of what works and if there are issues they need to address the Board will have time to look at the issues. He noted there are no other elections in 2017. Selectman Young said the only trouble with that is it might be a busy election. She didn't want to start it with all of these town concerns. Selectman Laliberte noted it won't be bigger than the election in November. The Moderator seems to think the March election will be considered a small election. Even if it is highly contentious, he didn't think it will bring out as many people as the Presidential Election. Selectman Young asked what the total was for the Pinkerton Election. Selectman Laliberte said the total was 1,100. Selectman Young said that was a well attended election. She asked Selectman Laliberte if he thought there were going to be 2,400. Selectman Laliberte said there were 2,400 at the Presidential Primary. The election in March 2016 was 1,100. What the Moderator is saying is that town elections don't even approach some of the larger state elections they have. They had a bad turn out for the state primary in September. The larger elections are what he is concerned about. Selectman Young asked why don't they move it for the Presidential Election and if they don't like it they can move to the school for the smaller election. Selectman Laliberte said if they are dealing with a big election do they want to get that ghost out of the machine where as opposed with a smaller election they can manage it better. You manager the issues better if they election is smaller. This is why he wanted to do this in a smaller election. Selectman Young asked if he thought they can't use the school anymore. This is what she got from that. Selectman Laliberte said because they were in violation of certain issues there were a number of things that weren't proper. He didn't think these were the worst things in the world. He noted it was pretty hectic in February and he thought it would be in November as well. The town elections aren't like that necessarily. He is



just trying to recollect the concerns of the Moderator. Selectman Young said she has heard concerns from the resident's about changing the location. Selectman Laliberte said he agreed with the Moderator. When he worked for the Major's Office in Manchester, the City Clerk would come to a meeting in September to let the Aldermen know where she would like the voting places and hours. They did that with every election. Selectman Young asked if the Moderator knew this needed to be done. Selectman Laliberte said the Moderator had mentioned it at our last meeting. This is something the Board hasn't done in the past. Selectman Young noted they weren't able to change the hours for that special election a couple of years ago. Selectman Laliberte thought they need to vote on that within a certain time frame and that wasn't done. Selectman Dann thought this was something to look into. Selectman Young encouraged him to go and look at the CYAA building. She is worried about the elderly people. Fire Chief Young said if they can get through the elections two weeks from now, they have four more years before they have to wait for another Presidential Election. If the Moderator doesn't think it is important enough to move it in two weeks to over there, the school will be fine for the next four years. Selectman Laliberte said he is going to disagree on this. They have a chief election official that they elect every year. He felt they should rely on that person's expertise and is communication with the Secretary of State's Office and the Attorney General's Office. If he wants to do an election at CYAA, his feeling is that the space works better and CYAA has given their approval. He didn't think it was the worst thing to try an election at the CYAA and see how it works. If it turns out there are issues they can address them. He would like to defer to the Moderator on this one and they did approve this two weeks ago. Fire Chief Young asked if the Moderator just find out about this. Did this rule with the state just come up or did he know about it for a long time. In his opinion he dropped the ball that they aren't over there in two weeks. This should have been done after the primary back in February. If it was such a huge probably the election should be there for the Presidential election. If they can make it through in two weeks, they can keep it at the school. Selectman Young said she wanted the Selectmen to go over and look at the site and get in the building. They need to think about the older people and the people that aren't mobile. Selectman Laliberte said they can communicate that to the Moderator and say there is a concern from some people about access. This is a question they could have him answer. Selectman Young said the question she has been hearing is that if it is not broken why do they need to fix it. Selectman Laliberte said because it may be broken. He is curious to know if they have been given dispensation from the Attorney General's Office to keep having it at this facility even though there were violations there. Resident Carleton Robie said the Moderator came in two weeks ago and gave a speech and in two minutes the Selectmen voted unanimously to go along with what he was saying with zero thought on the Boards side. They have been doing it at the Moore School for years and years and if the AG's Office comes down and says we are deficient in space, he is sure they are not the only town that is deficient in size. It is a town building and most towns have the election in their building. This is probably why they haven't noticed it every year or changed it. Everyone knows to go to the Moore School. The children have been playing basketball in that auditorium for the past 30 years in a gym that is deficient. Selectman Young thought it was very intimidating to hear what the Moderator had to say. Resident Carleton Robie said he was sure there were lots of buildings in the State of New Hampshire that don't meet the Attorney General's standards. Selectman Laliberte asked if he was suggesting not meeting the Attorney General's standards. Resident Carleton Robie said they can build a facility that does. Selectman Laliberte asked if he was suggesting they spend money to build a facility that does. Resident Carleton Robie said he was.

Selectman Laliberte said they should propose a warrant article then. This is one election that the Moderator has asked us to do in March with extensive notification and the full blessing of the CYAA. This is a way for him to address the issues that were deficient in the current space in a different space. Selectman Young said with all due respect he failed to tell us we should be voting on the election place every time. Selectman Laliberte said no one seemed to have any issues with that when he brought it up at the last meeting. If they have not been voting on this in the past, it is something they should be doing in the future. The Moderator has informed us and it will be this Board to do that. Selectman Young asked what this has to do with moving the voting places. Selectman Laliberte said because they are now dealing with a deficiency. Selectman Young said they asked what the deficiency was and he couldn't give us any because they don't inspect anymore. How can they be deficient if they don't inspect. Selectman Laliberte said because in the past when they have come they have talked about the certain deficiencies. For example, the polling boxes have to be a certain distance from the polling booth. Selectman Young said she would like to see a list of deficiencies from the Moderator and see if it is something they can address with the school. She asked if they should be voting tonight to have the elections at Moore School. *Selectman Young moved to have the November 8<sup>th</sup> Presidential Elections at Moore School. Seconded by Selectman Laliberte. All were in favor. Motion carried.* Chairman Chivers asked if they still want to have the elections at the CYAA in March. Selectman Young said she would like to find out what they are lacking at the school and it might be better addressed in March. Selectman Laliberte said he would get a formal letter from the Moderator. Resident Carleton Robie said the Moderator told them what the deficiencies were at the last Selectmen's meeting. Also, Selectman Laliberte said the State doesn't come down and check the election polling place before the election. They can during the election if they want to, but they don't come down and give their blessing before they have an election. Selectman Dann said there was someone from the State that went around with the Moderator. Selectman Laliberte read from the text from the Moderator "The Attorney General's Office no longer does pre-inspections". He asked the Moderator if he needed anything else from him or the Board of Selectmen. The Moderator's response was "just let them know at the next Board meeting". Chairman Chivers said they will decide on the March election polling place when they get closer to it.

**Wes Golomb State Representative Candidate:** Wes Gollum explained he is running for State Representative. He was interested to hear the discussion about LED lights. In a former life he was the State Energy Conservation Coordinator. He suggested they check out OEP and the Jordan Institute for programs. He's not sure what is available right now to help towns finance the upfront costs of projects like that, so you don't have to lay out that excess money. Chairman Chivers thanked Mr. Golomb for his information and wished him luck in the upcoming election.

Selectman Dann moved to adjourn 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Chairman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Recording Secretary