Unapproved
Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
March 13th, 2017

Attendance: Chairman Boyd Chivers, Vice-Chair Susan Young, Selectman Scott Komisarek, Selectman Russ Dann, Selectman Mark Laliberte, and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen.

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

Update on changing the Election Day. Moderator Clark Thyng said voting will be on Thursday. He explained there are conflicting RSA's and Governor Sununu said there was sufficient room for ambiguity between these two RSA's. RSA 669:1 says the election shall be held on the second Tuesday and RSA 40:4 II says the Moderator can change the date of the voting day if there is a weather emergency. So you have these two RSA's that don't work very well together. He explained the Moderators have a Moderators group they communicate all of the time. They started a conversation on this topic last Tuesday during that time the Moderator's Counsel advised us that RSA 40:4 was the driver here and that is the one they should follow. Behind that came the Attorney General's Office and they also said that RSA 40:4 was the driver. Then the Union Leader came out and we were all fine and dandy until this morning and nobody knew what to do. There was a conference call at 2:00 p.m. today for the Moderator's and it included the Secretary of State's Office, the Attorney General's Office and Governor Sununu. He though the Governor did the best that he could, but it was pretty clear he was uncomfortable on that call. The bottom line is his recommendation was you have voting tomorrow because everyone is used to having Elections on the second Tuesday of the month and they want to do whatever they can to maximize voter turnout. He followed that by saying please stay off of the roads tomorrow because it is going to be dangerous to drive. Bill Boyton of NH DOT said his drivers can plow at an inch an hour. They are saying during the meat of this storm which is about 8 am to 5 pm it will be snowing at 2 to 4 inches per hour. So they are telling us they won't be able to keep up with it. Before the meeting he had spoken with the Road Agent, Town Clerk Dupere, and Chief McGillen. They talked and thought this was silly, the primary concern is voter safety and the secondary concern is having the maximum voter turnout that they could possibly have. At the conclusion of today's meeting the Governor said he recommends that they have it and there will be no challenges at the State level for any Town who has the Election on a date different from tomorrow. His parting comment was the best path is the one that produces the least confusion. Our team here in Candia has done a fantastic job of notifying the public in every way they can think of. Everybody knows that it is going to be Thursday. Town Clerk Dupere said she was open to 5:00 pm today for absentee ballots and she had several people come in. She will be available at her house tomorrow. She will have applications for absentee ballots and absentee ballots. She has put posters up and Clark is going to bring some to the CYAA building, so if people really want to come out tomorrow they can come right to her home. She put her phone number and address on the posters. She will also be available on Wednesday and she will be open to 5:00 pm for absentee voters and they will have the Election on Thursday. Moderator Clark Thyng read the posting (see attached). He will be at the polls at 6:00 am tomorrow morning just in case anyone shows up to explain what happened. Selectman Laliberte noted he was in contract with the Moderator all day today and he doesn't know how he did it, but

good job. He thought that people have made the citizens aware and he agreed that the safety of our residents comes first and foremost. Chairman Chivers asked the Board if they had any concerns or questions. He asked if it would be appropriate to make a motion to support the Moderators decision to have the Elections on March 16th. Selectman Laliberte motioned to support the Moderator's decision to move the Elections to March 16th, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Chivers announced that the Town Offices would be closed tomorrow March 14th, 2017 to the impending snow storm.

Selectman Young asked if the Elections were starting at 6:00 am or 7:00 am. Moderator Thyng said they start at 6:00 am. He noted only the Board can change the time and location of the Election.

Department Reports:

Fire: Selectman Dann read from the attached report.

Police: Mobile attempted robbery: Chief McGillen mentioned that there was a robbery at the Mobile the other night. The suspect brandished a fire arm. He didn't get anything; he must have been an amateur because he fled. He has confidence they are going to identify this person. They have several leads and they have put stuff to the media. People saw it on the news and they have gotten three or four phone calls on it today. So he thought they would be able to identify this person and move forward with a case. **Chester Turnpike burglary:** Chief McGillen mentioned the attempted burglary last month on Chester Turnpike where they apprehended two individuals. The person came by who was related to the homeowner on vacation and saw this guy coming from the house with a hammer in his hand. He attempted to break into the house and then and then he got scared and tried to escape. There was a female with him. They tried to escape and a guy blocked them in. They panicked, tried to back up and hit his vehicle. They got caught up on the telephone pole. He and Sgt. Gallagher took him into custody. The male subject died two weeks later from an overdose. They found out he was revived a day before and the girl he was with called Manchester Fire. This was the day before the attempted burglary. They brought him back and the next day is out doing this stuff. The female suspect is still being charged. **New cruiser:** Chief McGillen noted the new cruiser should be coming in by the end of the month. He'll talk to Frank Sarra. He has been helping them out for years and gives us a great deal. He does great work. The people up in Pembroke are ready for us as well. **Multi-jurisdictional computer project:** This has slowed down a little bit. They are waiting for the Rockingham Sheriff's Departments budget to pass. He's not sure how that is going to work with the voting. They have a server there and the information will be stored there. They have it in their budget to upgrade their server to allow us access. They don't foresee any problems but they have to wait until their budget pass's. They'll be trained on how to operate this new system sometime in April. Some of us will be driving down to Massachusetts; this is part of the contract with this new company. This is the same company they've had since he has started here. Some of the computers are running slow in the police department. He will talk with Accounting/Payroll Clerk Donna Becker, because he thought the new budget has a couple of computers for the police department. They called the IT people and they said there is too much stuff on there and

they have to upgrade because they are old. He thought here were two or three that was budgeted. He ordered two refurbished laptops for the cruisers because they are having problems with those. It is a local company and he has heard good reviews. They have done some research and Auburn Police Department has bought a computer from them. They are one third the cost of a new one. It's like $1,000 for a refurbished one. It costs $4,000 for a new one. This will save them a lot of money. **Craigslist fraud:** There has been some Craigslist fraud going on, they had someone lose $3,000 trying to buy a truck. Like he said before with the IRS scams just give them a call. If people are asking you to get money cards from Wal-Mart and stuff like that just give them a call. Chairman Chivers asked what the accident was out on Route 101 today. Chief McGillen said it was an impaired driver. The State Police took care of it; they just assisted with the traffic. The individual was having some problems and was taken away in an ambulance with minor injuries. They were under the influence of something. He hit the guardrail and there was a lot of traffic and thankfully he didn't hit any other cars. People told him that they saw this person swerving all over the road prior to the accident. Selectman Dann asked Chief McGillen about storage and is there any other ways they can store some things. Chief McGillen asked as far as the computers. Selectman Dann asked if they could store it on some other storage facility. Is there a hard drive they can store it on? Chief McGillen said they are just going on the recommendation s of the current IT people. He explained the computer in his office is an old, backup one they threw in a year ago. When you start it up it sounds like a MAC truck. It shakes and vibrates. They recommended replacement.

Highway: Road Agent Lewis explained that it was an interesting February. They are in the top 20 warmest February's and they are in the top 20 snowiest February's. They had everything from tons of snow to plow and tons of mud to deal with all in the same four week period. He noted there was a question on one of the payrolls where they reimbursed one of our plow guys $270 for repairs for the push pull bolt. They always repair those because there a wear item and they take an incredible beating. They keep three spares in the salt shed. That particular run of snow storms (in February) used all three. Normally what he does in-between storms is take them home, weld them up and straighten them out and make them good again. This time they were out of spares so he took it to a garage and it was $270 to fix it. This is a normal expense for us and they don't see it because he does it in his off time.

Parks & Rec: Selectman Komisarek said there was nothing to report.

Building: Building Inspector Murray read from the attached report. He noted the permit numbers were up last February because of the solar panels. The town car is done; he's not driving it anymore. Chairman Chivers asked if they could put it on Craigslist. Building Inspector Murray said they should sell it as a parts car if they are going to do that. The frame is bad and they don't want any liability there. Chairman Chivers asked if he had any idea what they should ask for that. Building Inspector Murray thought $500. Chairman Chivers asked the Board if they wanted to authorize Building Inspector Murray to sell the car. Selectman Dann asked about Copart on Raymond Road. Chief McGillen explained they are an online auction and then you came and pick up the car. Selectman Dann thought maybe they could do that. Chairman Chivers thought putting it on Craigslist would be the easiest way. He asked Building Inspector Murray if he was going to make application for the mosquito spraying permit.

Building Inspector Murray said one went off to the State in December; he needed to submit it before the first of the year. They'll see if it passes or not.

Solid Waste: Selectman Dann read from the attached report. He explained they need a full trailer to ship recyclables out. The shipping costs would be too high if they shipped out every month. The people in Town are recycling. They have Roadside Clean-Up coming. The date for Roadside Clean-Up is the month they will have the dumpster outside. They would like to have it done by Earth Day which is April 22nd. Every household has the blue bags. It doesn't have to be sorted. It can be left in the dumpster at the Town Hall or it can be taken down to the Recycling Center.

Budget: Selectman Young said they had a meeting last Wednesday and they had one question about the insurance increase. She thought it was due to Primex. She sent an email to the office to confirm that.

The Board to approve Boy Scout donation for delivery of the Town Reports. Selectman Dann moved to donate $300 to the Boy Scouts for the delivery of the Town Reports. Seconded by Selectman Laliberte. Selectman Dann said he would like to send a thank you to the Boy Scouts and the parents. This is an effort by all and it does a function for the Town. He thought the $300 was well spent. Chairman Chivers called for a vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks. The Board to approve payroll and accounts payable manifest. Selectman Laliberte announced the grand total for accounts payable and payroll checks for March 9th and March 16th was $482,613.40. Selectman Dann moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for March 9th and March 16th in the amount $482,613.40. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board to approve the minutes from February 27th, 2017. Selectman Laliberte moved to approve the February 27th, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

<u>Other Business</u>

HR Consultant: Selectman Young asked the Board what they wanted to do with this. She could come in April to speak with the Board. Chairman Chivers asked if she should be scheduled for the next meeting then. Selectman Laliberte said if she could make to the next meeting he would be happy to hear her out. Selectman Young will see if this lady can come on April 10th, otherwise it will be on April 27th.

Application for 10 year plan: Chairman Chivers explained that Nate Miller of SNHPC has completed our application. He received it by email today. The Board needs to make a decision tonight whether to submit this application and get on 10 year transportation plan. It is what they agreed on with the Transportation Plan and with the DOT. It doesn't lock us into a roundabout, it just studying the two traffic problems they have and possibly realigning Route 43. It makes reference to the $15,000 warrant article they have that's pending. It doesn't suggest that the

Town has approved it. It's pretty noncommittal and it doesn't lock us into a specific alignment. They tried to leave it as open ended as possible. Road Agent Lewis said so the State doesn't require our $15,000 to get it on the plan. Chairman Chivers said that was correct. Road Agent Lewis asked if the $15,000 wasn't approved this year, but it was approved next year would this still work. Chairman Chivers explained that you can only get on this plan every two years. Road Agent Lewis asked will they get on the plan and just stay there. Chairman Chivers said that was his assumption. Road Agent Lewis said until the plan comes up to be designed, they don't have the $15,000 commitment. Selectman Komisarek said what does that matter. They don't want to lose the two years. They can all agree this is the smart thing to do. They should get on the list because it could take 12 to 15 years. Road Agent Lewis explained if it doesn't pass this year they will have the opportunity next year. He asked if this would get withdrawn. Chairman Chivers said it doesn't and it gets on the list whether they appropriate the $15,000 or not. He asked for a motion by this Board so Mr. Miller can submit this to NH DOT. Selectman Komisarek moved to submit the application to the NH DOT of the 10 year plan. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Planning Board member Al Hall noted at a recent meeting this Board voted to appreciate Sean James as Chairman of the Planning Board. In light of events of the past 24 hours the Board should recognize the foresight of our Moderator Clark Thyng and Town Clerk Dupere for postponing the Town Election. They are in fact leading the State in postponing for safety purposes. The Board should recognize not only Clark and Christine, but the entire staff of the Town of Candia who are second to none. He felt they should be recognized. Chairman Chivers felt that was warranted. Moderator Thyng took a fair amount of risk rescheduling the elections on Sunday. He felt the Board should acknowledge his initiative and the risk he took on behalf of the citizens of Candia. Town Clerk Dupere has gone out of her way to make absentee ballots available and that's good to see. Selectman Laliberte thought it was well done.

Selectman Dann moved to adjourn 7:36 pm. Seconded by Selectman Laliberte. All were in favor. Motion carried.