

~~Unapproved~~**APPROVED**  
**Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes**  
**January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**Attendance:** Chairman Carleton Robie, Vice-Chair Susan Young, Selectman Mark Laliberte, Selectman Russ Dann, and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen. **Absent:** Selectman Scott Komisarek.

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

**Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 01/08/18.** Selectman Dann moved to accept the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Selectmen's meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Laliberte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Liberty Utilities to meet with the Board to discuss upcoming project.** Michael Licata, Chico DaFonte, and Howell Montgomery of Liberty Utilities were present. Mr. Licata thanked the Board for the opportunity to come before them this evening. He is the Director Government and Community Relations for Liberty Utilities. He noted that Chico DaFonte was the Project Manager for Granite Bridge and Huck Montgomery has helped them out with government and community work as well. They are coming before the Board to discuss a project that is titled Granite Bridge. He has a power point presentation that will help guide the discussion (see attached). He explained there are two companies in New Hampshire that are natural gas distribution utilities, Liberty Utilities is one and Unitel is the other. They pretty much serve the Route 93 corridor up to Laconia. These customers are served off of an existing interstate natural gas pipeline called the Concord Lateral. It runs from Dracut Massachusetts to Concord New Hampshire and they interconnect off of that and provide service to our customers there. They have 91,000 natural gas customers in addition they have 43,000 electric customers. Primarily the upper valley Hanover, Lebanon and the Salem area. In addition to providing our customers from the interstate pipeline they also have liquefied natural gas storage facilities in Manchester, Concord and Tilton as well as propane storage facilities in Nashua, Manchester, and Tilton. They fill these facilities via truck throughout the year then when it is really cold and they have a lot of demand they'll basically use those as peaking services, so they'll inject that propane or natural gas into our distribution system to provide additional supplies to our customers.

They are here this evening to discuss the Granite Bridge project. There are really two components of the project. One is a new 27 mile pipe line that they are proposing between Stratham and Manchester. They will be interconnecting existing facilities in Stratham with existing facilities in Manchester. They are proposing to put that completely in the DOT right of way along Route 101. Back in 2016 partially in response to a lot of large energy infrastructure projects that have been proposed the state has designated certain highways and state roads as energy infrastructure corridors, so Routes 93, 95, 89, and this portion of 101 are energy infrastructure corridors. This is one of the first projects that will be utilizing one of these corridors. They've had a lot of conversations with the DOT about what that process looks like. Where they can and can't be and where they might construct, those conversations have been positive and a good exchange of ideas. They also have some maps in the packet which are their

preliminary design. They hired an outside engineering firm to do that design. They have been working closely with the DOT to see where that might be. The other part of that project is a new liquefied natural gas storage facility that they are proposing to locate out in Epping. It is significant infrastructure unlike the liquefied natural like he previously mentioned in the other towns – Manchester, Concord, and Tilton. It is a much larger scale, they would be able to store up to 2 billion cubic feet of natural gas at the facility site. The tank would be around 200 feet in diameter and between 150 to 170 feet tall. They are proposing to locate that on a piece of property they have an option to purchase and it is adjacent to Route 101. It is 140 acres and it's an abandoned quarry. It is very advantageous. They can set the entire facility down inside the quarry which helps with the visual impact. They hired a company to go and see what this will look like in Epping and where can you see it from. Because there is pretty high tree cover and it is down in a quarry, there are only a few areas in Epping where you can actually see the facility. Selectman Dann asked if this has been approved yet with Epping. Mr. Licata explained they did meet with representatives for the municipality and they will be before their Board of Selectmen next Monday. Selectman Dann asked if they had options to purchase that piece. Mr. Licata confirmed that it was an option to purchase.

Mr. Licata referred to page four of the handout. He mentioned the Concord Lateral goes from Dracut MA to Concord NH. This is a pipe line that has been in service since the 1950's. It has been upgraded several times over its life, but it is essentially full. In order for them to continue to offer additional natural gas service to new customers they need more infrastructure. The alternative is a restriction on new natural gas service in all of our franchise towns. There have been other areas in New England that have had a similar moratorium on natural gas growth, so imagine a restaurant in downtown Manchester or a manufacturer in the Nashua area. If they called them up and said they would like to move to that area they would essentially turn them away. They wouldn't be able to serve them so they would have to go to a different heating option whether it is propane, oil, heat pump whatever they decide to go with. There other areas that have experienced this restricted growth and have seen detrimental impacts on local economies. For them they see this as really critical infrastructure for Liberty Utilities but for the economy as well and for us to continue to provide natural gas as a heating and manufacturing option to customers throughout the state.

Mr. Licata moved the discussion to the pipeline. They are proposing a 16 inch pipeline which is located within the right of way. It is the maximum allowed operating pressure (MAOP). They are proposing to set that 950 psi. What they are proposing is to connect to the Joint Facilities pipeline out of the seacoast. There is supply available on that pipeline and they are proposing to bring that over to the Concord Lateral via this new pipe. The Joint Facilities has a maximum allowable operating pressure of 1,440 psi and the Concord Lateral has a MAOP of 750. Because they are taking gas from this higher pressure line it will move the natural gas along. They will set the MAOP at 950 typically they will be operating around 750 psi which will match the MAOP for the Concord Lateral. One of the important aspects of what they are proposing is because all of the infrastructure is located here in New Hampshire and they are only serving customers in New Hampshire. There is FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) there is no federal preemption over this project. All of the approvals they have to get in order to put this in service are state approvals. So part of that is eminent domain associated with any aspect of this project. All of the infrastructure they are proposing are within the DOT right of way, the energy

infrastructure corridor. Or they would come to an agreement with a private land owner and they would purchase it as they did in Epping. This is an area that they don't want to go to. Selectman Dann referred to Epping and asked if there would be a high peak time that they would insert it in. Mr. Licata said it would be the summertime when people aren't using a lot of natural gas, but the price is really cheap. What they are proposing is to take natural gas off of the new pipeline, so it wouldn't be filled via truck like our existing facilities are it would be off pipeline and they would cool it to -260 degrees at that point the gas turns into a liquid. Then they would store it in the tank and when it gets really cold like it has been they would drawn down on that supply. The customers would be able to take advantage of summertime priced gas in the winter time. What they are estimating is by doing that over the course of 20 years it will actually save our customers 240 million dollars. It is a pretty significant cost savings. It is not actually uncommon for local natural gas distribution companies like Liberty Utilities to employ liquefied natural gas as a savings measure. This is the purpose behind the tank is a cost savings. Selectman Dann said you are going to want to sell more to get more customers, so it is going to be more in demand anyhow. Mr. Licata explained that as they grow the fixed costs gets spread out over more customers, so it becomes more economic as well. Mr. DaFonte said our planning has factored in what our growth projections are, so as the look to add customers they are taken what they have historically taken on to the system, they have projected that forward. So the sizing of the pipeline and the sizing of the LNG facility is appropriate to meet our needs over the next 20 plus years. Our intention is when they put in a pipeline like this they want to put it in once. It is put in once and it is going to satisfy our needs for the long term.

Mr. Licata mentioned the infrastructure in Candia. So there will be a little over 5 miles of the 16 inch pipe and it will be located completely in the right of way. They are going to be on the north side of route 101, the west bound lane. They really think this will provide a lot of benefits in addition to not having to negotiate this little parcel along the way. Being within the right of way also helps minimize the environmental impact. In a lot of areas this is previous disturbed soil from when they built the highway. It is the Granite State so there will be a lot of excavating and trenching throughout. If they are able to be in that right of way which is an area that was previously disturbed that helps. They also have to identify wetlands along the way and being within the right of way helps reduce that impact. He mentioned that they've had a lot of conversation with the DOT. The one thing they have made abundantly clear to us is that 101 is a very busy road and they are not going to be closing lanes down during high commuting times. If you look at the maps the right of way it is pretty open in Candia, it gets kind of narrow in towards Manchester and parts of Auburn. This is really where they might have to work around high volume commuting times and might have to close a lane for a portion of time. Once you get further out it minimizes the likelihood that you might have a disruption. Throughout the process they will be having full police details and be filing a traffic management plan with the DOT and communicating that to the towns.

Mr. Licata explained when they started putting this together they really tried to think about what are some of the issues that other energy infrastructure project have run into and what is the expectation of the public. If this was my house that this was going to run by how would I want someone to build this pipe? How would I want someone to build this tank? Our goal was not to meet the baseline requirements and check the box but to really exceed what is required of us. For the pipeline the federal requirement is they need to be 3 feet depth. They will have a

minimum depth throughout the project of 4 feet so they are exceeding that level. They are going to build the entire pipeline as if it is in a high consequence area. So when you are putting together a design for a new pipeline there is a calculation that you have to do based on population density. So if it is in a really dense populated area you can build it to a different standard, it's a thicker wall or a deeper depth. He reiterated they are treating their entire pipe as if it is in a high consequence area. If it was his backyard you were running by that is a high consequence to him. They are trying to take measures to do what folk expect us to do. Natural gas to some people is scary fuel. They want to make sure that folks know that they are doing this the right way. A really good example of that is the LNG tank design. There are three different designs that you are allowed to build under federal regulations; single containment tank, a double containment tank and a full containment tank and for their project they went with a full containment tank. So what that means is it's a freestanding inner tank made of special nickel steel that is designed to hold that incredibly cold liquid. It is surrounded by insulation and surrounded by a second freestanding tank that can hold all of the contents of the inner tank. They are proposing to put that down at the bottom of a basin in an abandoned quarry which provides sort of a natural containment within a tank at the bottom of a quarry. If there were ever a leakage of any kind in the unlikely event you would have multiple layers of protection. This is their goal and prospective going forward. They will have someone staffing the storage tank facility 24 hours a day 7 days a week. In addition their control room back in Londonderry will be monitoring both the tank as well as the pressures on the pipeline. If they see a drop or any issues with the pipe they will be able to control it and shut the flows off from there.

Mr. Licata explained what the benefits would be for Candia. They're in the business of offering natural gas to customers as a heating option. They would love to offer customers here in Candia that option. Just like a water utility they are governed by economics. The usual way that he explains this is if they have a natural gas main in the street and you are the next street over and you call us up and you would like service. Our tariff is with the Public Utilities Commission, our governing body with them says they can assume eight years of your revenue, so the amount of revenue they are going to receive by having you as a customer over eight years. If the cost to run the pipe to you is equal to or less than that eight years of assumed revenue then you don't have to pay anything up front for that service. If it exceeds it and you still want the service there is no requirement that anyone has to take this, it's not like electricity it's just an option. If it exceeds that and the numbers still work for you, you would pay a contribution to get that service. So it's where they expand and how they expand is based upon economics. For commercial customers and industrial customers they can assume up to 6 years of revenue. The other thing is once this is in service it's not a one shot deal. For example, they built this in 2022 and the economics didn't work then so I'm sorry. If the economics didn't work at that time at that time and you had a large commercial customer interested in a piece of property and they had this access to natural gas and they were interested in that they could always tap into this at a later date. They would welcome that conversation with the Town and they are going to have some of their business development folk start talking to some of the area businesses and start gauging that interest and start getting a sense of what this might look like. In addition they wanted to give folks a sense of property tax revenue. It is a significant infrastructure so they do pay property taxes, the tax rate might look a little bit high but that is because they rolled into the statewide utility property tax. They pay a higher statewide property tax as a utility than a normal tax payer. They pay \$6.60 per thousand that goes into the education trust fund. What they tried to do is a pretty

simple calculation. They came up with an estimate working with our engineer on how much the pipeline would cost. They came up with a little over a half a million dollars in year one in terms of property tax payments. They plugged this into a depreciation schedule. A pipe depreciates over 52 years and based upon that depreciation they are projecting around 15 million dollars in total property tax payments to the town. Selectman Dann said even though it is on state property. Mr. Licata said they did a fair amount of investigation around that, because they've had the question do they have to pay taxes to the town even though we are in the state right of way. They spoke with the DRA and they have an outside attorney that helps them with their property tax work and essentially what they told us is they had to pay for the pipe itself not necessarily the value of the land. Selectman Young said they have year one at \$550,000 and will 2022 be year one. Mr. Licata said it will be the first year that the pipe is in service, so once it is operational.

Mr. Licata wanted to highlight a couple of points. They certainly think that natural gas as a heating option for residents and businesses in New Hampshire is a critical for economical development, it helps keep costs low and it is an option for customers. There is no requirement that folks take this supply. In terms of jobs associated with the construction of the project they are estimating 330 full time construction jobs and once things are in service around 15 permanent jobs, mostly around manning the tank. If they were to be granted a franchise for say Epping, Raymond, or Candia the three towns that don't have natural gas services, they are building out that distribution system and they would bring on additional crews to help us with that. Again the approach using this energy infrastructure corridor, no eminent domain associated with any part of this project and minimizing environmental impact.

Mr. Licata went over the state approvals for the project. The first approval that they need is from our economic regulator the Public Utilities Commission, so they are a regulated utility. They made a filing on December 22<sup>nd</sup> with them and what they examine is number one is this needed infrastructure. Do you need natural gas? They will look at our growth projects and see how much they have grown and the contracts and supply they have on hand to serve the customers and this is what they are projected to grow over the next 20 years. This is the first review. The second review is to make a determination of what they are proposing in fact the least-cost option available to us. They did examine upgrading the existing Concord Lateral. They don't own the Concord Lateral, Tennessee Gas is the owner of that transmission line. They would be contracting with them. They would have quoted us a price for how much that would cost and it is significantly more expensive. That is an interstate pipeline so it would be under FERC jurisdiction, so they are talking about eminent domain and federal approvals for that upgrade. They certainly feel this is the least cost option available to us but it really is the least impactful. They wouldn't be in a state right of way for that project in a lot of areas and that pipe being in the ground since the 1950's. It would be a much more disruptive project. This is a better approach and they need to show that to the environmental regulators. It is a lot of work but if you look at some of the other infrastructure projects that have been proposed and a lot of times opponents will say this isn't needed or this is just going down to Massachusetts and this is overbuilt. Here they will have their economic regulator basically say yes this is in fact needed for customers in New Hampshire and only customers in New Hampshire and it is the lowest cost option. The second approval is with the Site Evaluation Committee folks are generally aware about that process. They really get into the weeds on the site. For example, what is the wetlands

impact, what is the aesthetic impact, or is there any impact to water quality. This is a fairly voluminous filing. They would certainly welcome the town's full participation in the site evaluation process. They do listen to the towns views. They have the jurisdiction and authority given the size of the infrastructure that they are talking about. The town certainly has a voice in that process and this is something that makes sense and is good for the town. They are going to be making that filing in the fourth quarter of this year. So leading up to that they will have their wetlands scientists out along 101. They still need to survey the proposed route as well as the right of way. They took DOT's design maps and sort of overlaid them on our maps. They are a bit dated and needs some updating. In advance of doing any survey work they will notify the town. Often times when you are out doing survey's it generates some calls to the local office asking about it. They shouldn't be on private property, but they are going to be near some backyards. So all of that work needs to get done and they are looking at the fourth quarter for that filing.

Mr. Licata went over the timeline. They did the initial outreach which was a one on one meeting with the communities municipal representatives and municipal officials to let them know this is coming and they don't want them reading about it in the newspaper for the first time. They made the public announcement on December 4<sup>th</sup> and they filed for the approval on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are currently in the throes of meetings like this. They were in Brentwood and Auburn two weeks ago. They are going to meet with Epping next Monday night. They are basically going to be in different communities making presentations to the Boards of Selectmen then they will start meeting with Planning Boards and Conservation Commissions. They are trying to get the information out there. They are happy to talk about the project, it makes a lot of sense and it is something they are proud of. They want to make folks aware of what they are doing. The PUC review takes about a year just based on history. Hopefully they will be getting a decision in late 2018 or early 2019. The Site Evaluation Committee has a statutory deadline to approve within twelve months, but they can also hit the pause button at any time if they determine it's in the public interest. He thought Northern Pass is going on their second year; it has been two years for that approval. They're hoping to move a little faster than that. He thought twelve months was on the earlier side. Once they get that approval they will be starting construction. It will be about two construction seasons for the pipeline and three for the LNG facility. The optimistic timeline is to have them both in service by 2022.

Mr. Licata noted they do have a project website that has a lot of information on it ([granitebridgenh.com](http://granitebridgenh.com)). They really tried to think about the questions that people are going to want to ask. All of the maps available are on the website and the visual rendering of the LNG facility on it. They also have a project email address ([info@granitebridgenh.com](mailto:info@granitebridgenh.com)). He also included fact sheets in the packet (see attached). Selectman Dann asked about the supply line that goes up in the main and is that the one they are taking off of. Mr. Licata explained it is one pipe that is owned by two people and then they branch off. One is the Maritime Northeast that supply in. They are LNG shipment containers from New Brunswick. Selectman Dann asked in to where. Mr. Licata said it comes in from New Brunswick down to Dracut. Dracut is a like a supply hub. The other pipe that is on there is the putting the natural gas transmission system pipe. This brings supply from Ontario Canada it goes over and comes through the top of New Hampshire to take service off of it in Berlin and then loops back down through Maine and back through New Hampshire. So they would get supply from either Ontario or New Brunswick.

Selectman Dann asked about the southern one. Mr. Licata explained the Concord Lateral starts in Dracut. Selectman Dann asked if this was from Tennessee. Mr. Licata said it was not the Kinder Morgan line. Going back from Dracut is an existing pipeline network that goes all the way back to Texas and the Gulf Coast. Mr. DaFonte explained what they tried to do is use existing infrastructure and they are essentially just connecting the two existing pieces of pipe. Selectman Dann asked if these places can supply the extra that you need. Mr. DaFonte replied yes and it is really coming down from Canada whether it is Eastern Canada or Ontario. On the eastern side it is LNG, there are still some production off of Nova Scotia but that is scheduled to be retire in the next three to four years. They aren't counting on that gas coming down, but there is a lot of LNG import capability in New Brunswick. So that is the primary supply and there is a lot of gas out in Ontario. Selectman Young clarified this is an informational only they don't need the Board's approval. Mr. DaFonte said technically they don't need the Board's approval. They would like the Board's support and their intent is to bring gas to Candia. They will have to make a filing to get the rights to provide service to Candia and this will obviously be more of an impact where they'll be able to directly influence the New Hampshire PUC as to whether you want the gas in your community or not. Mr. Montgomery noted in terms of the overall project your support will go a long way with the Site Evaluation Committee or others. You see the value to the community so supporting the project could have a huge impact. Selectman Dann asked about the maps and the pipeline goes up and over on Patten Hill Road. Mr. Licata explained a lot of times the reason you see juts in the lines is really either slope or drainage around there. Selectman Dann asked if it was going to come up and over the road. Mr. Licata said it would not. Areas where they might come across that are wetlands or existing infrastructure or roadways. To be as minimally impactful as possible they might do some directional drilling there. Selectman Laliberte asked in working with some other towns what are some of the questions or concerns the public or Selectmen have had or have those questions come up as of yet. Mr. Licata replied the outreach has been generally positive. Obviously Epping has a lot of questions around the storage facility as anyone would. They have work to do to explain exactly what they are doing with properties of LNG. Some of the concerns raised are around natural gas as a heating fuel. Some folks are opposed to natural gas as a heating option. This is not an issue they can solve because this is what it brings through. They have some literature that explains the environmental benefits of natural gas compared to some other heating options. They really took a lot of time in trying to develop this to address a lot of issues that other projects have had. They are really trying to minimize private property impact and this New Hampshire focused and based infrastructure. So far they haven't had any huge issues that have come up. Selectman Laliberte said in the timeline you have mentioned ongoing public input and public outreach are you foreseeing a public meeting in all of these communities to kind of go into this project in more detail. He thought as this project moves forward it would be imperative to have a public meeting where you have more residents to hear the project. Mr. Licata said that was definitely planned. It is not a requirement but they would do it anyway. They will be reaching out to all of the abutters along the right of way. They will invite them to a public information session and the general public will be invited to a public information session. They will make a presentation about the project and have some areas that people can learn about what this is and what they are doing. This is a critical element in this. Selectman Dann asked if this was their first pipeline. Mr. Licata said they do have some transmission pipeline here in New Hampshire they have a little over 2 miles in Londonderry connecting to the gas plant there. Just this year they completed a project on the High Line which goes from Concord through Loudon

and up to Laconia. This was on Route 106 in the DOT right of way. It was a 12 inch pipe versus the 16 inch pipe but it is pretty much the same construction practices. Mr. DaFonte noted they have always had a line there they just needed to upgrade it a little bit. The Board thanked Mr. Licata, Mr. DaFonte, and Mr. Montgomery for their presentation.

**The Board will determine who will move and speak to the warrant articles.**

**ARTICLE 2.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an **operating budget**, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$2,727,486** Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$2,596,348**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Candia or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0). *Selectman Young will move Article 2 and Chairman Robie will second.*

**ARTICLE 3.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven Dollars (**\$6,807**) in support of the **Rockingham County Community Action**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

**ARTICLE 4.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (**\$4,000**) in continuation of its support of the **Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester and Southern New Hampshire**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

**ARTICLE 5.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (**\$3,250**) in continuation of its support of the **American Red Cross**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

**ARTICLE 6.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four Dollars (**\$1,854**) in continuation of its support of the **Lamprey Health Care**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

**ARTICLE 7.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (**\$1,250**) in continuation of its support of the **Child Advocacy Center**.



(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

**ARTICLE 8.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (**\$1,000**) in continuation of its support of **Big Brother/Big Sister**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

**ARTICLE 9.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (**\$1,000**) in support of the **Home Health and Hospice Care**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

**ARTICLE 10.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (**\$1,000**) in continuation of its support of the **Child and Family Services**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

**ARTICLE 11.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand and Seventy Five Dollars (**\$1,075**) in continuation of its support of the **Rockingham County Nutrition and Meals on Wheels Program**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

**ARTICLE 12.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (**\$700**) in continuation of its support of the **Aids Response Seacoast**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

**ARTICLE 13.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (**\$500**) in continuation of its support of the **CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

**ARTICLE 14.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (**\$225**) in continuation of its support of the **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

*Selectman Dann will move Articles 3 – 14 as a block and Selectman Laliberte will second.*

**ARTICLE 15.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (**\$3,500**) to be placed in the existing **Smyth Memorial Building Fund**. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 1). *Selectman Young will move Article 15 and Selectman Laliberte will second.*

**ARTICLE 16.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (**\$2,500**) to be placed in the existing **Town Office Building Maintenance Fund**. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0). *Chairman Robie will move Article 16 and Selectman Young will second.*

**ARTICLE 17.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (**\$20,000**) to be placed in the existing **Revaluation Capital Reserve** fund for the Future Revaluation of the municipality. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0). *Selectman Laliberte will move Article 17 and Selectman Young will second.*

**ARTICLE 18.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (**\$4,000**) for the operation and maintenance of the **Fitts Museum**. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Fitts Museum. (Requested by the Trustees of the Fitts Museum) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0). *Selectman Dann will move Article 18 and Selectman Laliberte will second.*

**ARTICLE 19.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$100,000**) for excess **winter road maintenance**, these funds will not be used unless the operating winter maintenance funds are exhausted. This will be non-transferable appropriation. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0). *Selectman Young will move Article 19 and Selectman Dann will second.*

**ARTICLE 20.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (**\$150,000**) for the first phase of Adams Road reconstruction. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0). *Selectman Young will move Article 20 and Selectman Laliberte will second.*

**ARTICLE 21.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (**\$50,000**) to be deposited in the **Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund**, established under RSA 35:1 at the March 1991 Town Meeting, for the future purchase of the fire apparatus and equipment with the Selectmen appointed as agents. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0). *Selectman Dann will move Article 21 and Chairman Robie will second.*

**ARTICLE 22.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (**\$50,000**) to be deposited in the **Fire Station Infrastructure and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 at the March 2017 Town Meeting, for the purpose of providing for major capital investments in the fire station building infrastructure and grounds to keep the building and property sound, functional and safe well into the future with the Selectmen appointed as agents. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0). *Selectman Dann will move Article 22 and Chairman Robie will second.*

**ARTICLE 23.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven Dollars (**\$129,777**) for the operating expenses of the **Smyth Public Library**. Funds are to be expended under the direction of the Smyth Public Library Association. (Submitted by the Smyth Public Library Trustees) ((Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 0). *Selectman Laliberte will move Article 23 and Selectman Young will second.*

**ARTICLE 24.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven thousand dollars (**\$37,000**) for the implementation of a **mosquito control program** designed to reduce the risk of exposure to mosquito-borne diseases such as Zika, EEE, West Nile Virus and the Jamestown Canyon Virus. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0). *Selectman Young will move Article 24 and Selectman Laliberte will second.*

**ARTICLE 25.**

Shall Candia allow the operation of keno games within the town? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0). *Chairman Robie will move Article 25 and Selectman Laliberte will second.*

**ARTICLE 26.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,500.00** to the **Candia Youth Athletic Association** for the specific expenses of providing youth recreation programs to the children of Candia. Said expenses to be expended under the direction of the Candia Youth Athletic Association Board of Directors in accordance with the approved budgets. Submitted by

petition. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

**ARTICLE 27.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$426)** Four Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars, a 5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), to the Tax Collectors Stipend. RSA 41:33. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0). *Chairman Robie will move Article 27 and Selectman Laliberte will second.*

**ARTICLE 28.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate an agreement with the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of Property Taxes before they are accessed or due. (RSA 80:52-aTaxpayers may prepay taxes up to 2 years in advance of the due date of the taxes if voted on by the governing board, No interest accrues on any prepayment, nor will interest be paid to the taxpayer on any prepayment, which may later be subject to refund) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1). *Chairman Robie will move Article 28 and Selectman Young will second.*

**ARTICLE 29.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Board of Selectmen to contractually discuss, on annual basis during the budgeting process, any wage increases for the Tax Collector's yearly stipend i.e. COLA (Cost of Living Adjustments) or increases due to extended years of service. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0). *Chairman Robie will move Article 29 and Selectman Young will second.*

**ARTICLE 30.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$369)** Three Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars, a 5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), to the Treasurer's Stipend. RSA 41:33. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0). *Chairman Robie will move Article 30 and Selectman Laliberte will second.*

**ARTICLE 31.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Board of Selectmen to contractually discuss, on annual basis during the budgeting process, any wage increases for the Treasurer's yearly stipend i.e. COLA (Cost of Living Adjustments) or increases due to extended years of service. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0). *Chairman Robie will move Article 31 and Selectman Dann will second.*

**ARTICLE 32.**

To see if the town will vote a ten percent (10%) reduction in the school portion of the property tax bill to all property owners in Candia who meet the following requirements: they have lived in Candia 10 years or more, have no students in the Candia School System and one or more of the owners is 60 years or older. Submitted by petition.

**The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks.** Selectman Laliberte announced the grand total for accounts payable and payroll checks for January 18<sup>th</sup> and January 25<sup>th</sup> was \$113,910.42. Selectman Dann moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for January 18<sup>th</sup> and January 25<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$113,910.42. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Other Business**

**Waste Management Contract extension.** Selectman Dann presented the Board with the Waste Management five year extended contract. He asked the Board to review it and they can discuss it at the next meeting. He noted that Facility Supervisor Chuck Witcher has been proactive because things are changing. He is looking for an extended contract and this was what they came up with. If they want to accept it they will have to accept it at the next meeting. Selectman Laliberte asked if Facility Supervisor Witcher will be here to tell us why this is beneficial versus what we are currently doing. Selectman Dann said if the Board has any questions let him know he will get the answers for them.

**Police Cruiser purchase.** Chairman Robie told Chief McGillen that the three week waiting period was up and he could go ahead and order the cruiser. They have succeeded in their budget expenditures for 2017. There was \$37,000 to be returned back after the encumbrances of \$41,000. Chief McGillen thanked the Board and he will get the cruiser ordered this week. Chairman Robie said they budgeted for half a cruiser in 2018 which they were going to buy a cruiser anyway from budget money in 2017 and 2018. So they are going to be a year ahead here and he may be able to purchase a cruiser next year if need be. Selectman Young noted they were a half a year ahead. Chairman Robie noted it was a tight budget and everyone did an exceptionally good job.

Selectman Laliberte moved to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary