

**Unapproved
Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2018**

Attendance: Chairman Mark Laliberte, Selectman Susan Young, Selectman RusSelectman Dann, Selectman Carleton Robie, Selectman Boyd Chivers and Administrative Assistant Andrea Bickum.

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

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public Meeting minutes of 4-9-18. Selectman Chivers moved to approve the April 9, 2018 Selectman's Meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried on a vote of (5-0-0).

The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks: Chairman Laliberte announced for the 19th of April for the payroll, \$16,464.32; for the 26th of April \$16,942.80 for a payroll subtotal of \$33,407.12. Accounts payable the 19th of April \$34,804.46; the 26th of April \$20,799.83 for an accounts payable subtotal \$55,604.29. Grand total \$89,011.29. Selectman Dann moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks manifest for April 19th and April 26th in the amount of \$89,011.41. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried (5-0-0).

The Board to readdress the Smyth Memorial Building Trustees suggested use of the building: Chairman Laliberte said as a follow up to our meeting two weeks ago the Board to readdress the Smyth Memorial Building Trustees suggested use of the building. Before I go on I heard a rumor that we did not properly communicate this to the Smyth Trustees I apologize if we did that. I thought that we had made that clear two weeks ago and if I didn't, I apologize and will work harder next time to make sure the message gets out. I will hand this over to Carla Penfield. Did you want to add anything before we had a discussion? No, okay great. Does anyone on the Board have any discussion on this? Selectman Young asked what we are readdressing. Chairman Laliberte replied remember the original issue was that they wanted to see if we wanted to consider moving the Town Clerk's office and the Tax Collector's office over to the Smyth Memorial Building and we had discussed it two weeks ago. It was recommended that we think about it and make a decision on if we wanted to do anything this time, say yeah, nay, how we wanted to move forward with any potential uses if we even wanted to do that or see how we wanted to proceed. I think there was an expectation that we would make a decision at least on that issue and then if we wanted to continue the conversation on some other ideas we could do that. Selectman Chivers said it was pretty clear from that meeting that the Board didn't have much interest in moving the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector up there. I'm not sure about the Welfare or the Food Pantry but at least those two; the Tax Collector and the Town Clerk were pretty happy right here and there was no urgent need to move them up to the Smyth Memorial Building. That's where we left it at our last meeting. I think Carla was looking for a letter to that effect that we're declining her offer stating that we have no interest in it for that purpose. Chairman Laliberte responded my sense was there were some more questions and then we were going to make a decision on that. Are you moving that we make that the call? Selectman Chivers

if that's the consensus of this Board. Selectman Dann replied I agree. We had the two departments that were not in favor of it at all. Selectman Robie said I'll speak to Mr. Dann's comment that's a decision of the Board of Selectmen. If it works best for the community and it's moving our community in a direction that we may feel is correct for our community that would be a decision of the Board not a decision of the people. It's our decision to make and if we think it's in the best interest of the community, which it may be. I think it was a very valid idea and an option to free up some space down here in the Selectmen's office and to do away with some of the distraction that takes place in the Selectmen's office due to the traffic all right in the hallway of those people. I think it's very viable that we need to move our community in a direction that's looking at the future. That's my comment on that. Selectman Dann replied Mr. Robie I can understand your thoughts on it because you gave a lot of thoughts and it's basically what you presented to the Trustees two meetings ago. But what came out of our meeting was we have two departments that feel they have to work together here and basically it was said this building was built to encompass everybody so things flowed easier. And I'll step one step further the type of money we're talking about could be invested in this building and have everybody together. I have a problem. I've sat on this Board for two years and never heard that we have a such a space problem here. I hear it coming from the Smyth Memorial Trustees instead of coming to the Board and telling the Board that we have a problem so I'm not in favor. I want that building used up there. I've been an advocate of that for the two years I've sat on the Board. I want the Trustees still to continue looking forward to additional uses of that building but I don't think this is a viable situation at this point. Chairman Laliberte said before we go to the motion I want to say that I am very happy we're having this discussion. I know a lot of people want to see some use for the building and I'm happy the Smyth Memorial Building Trustees are really looking to see some use for it as well. I have a feeling that this Board has some concerns about the original proposal but I think we're getting there. I'd like to sit in and I'll go to a Smyth Trustees meeting, a future one, shortly. Sit in the back, listen and see what people have to say and I'd like to come back and maybe look at some other options. I presented one, it doesn't have to be that one but I think we're getting there and I appreciate everyone's time and consideration on that. So you moved (*to Selectman Chivers*)...your motion was that we decline the offer on...Selectman Chivers replied yes I would make the...Chairman Laliberte and furthermore do a letter expressing that to the Smyth Trustees. Selectman Chivers said that's correct. Chairman Laliberte seconded. Selectman Young and Selectman Dann were in favor. Selectman Robie was opposed. Motion carried (4-1-0).

Chairman Laliberte continued we will have a letter for you as soon as humanly possible sent out from this office. I do still want to come to your meeting and listen in and talk some more. Selectman Young commented I think there are other options. I think Welfare was brought up and that might be something where we wouldn't need a bathroom or if somebody's just picking up goods, and legally might not need a bathroom so it wouldn't have to worry about a well and a septic or whatever. I'm not sure; you guys are the experts on that building so I'm going to leave that up in your able hands. But that might be something Welfare that could operate up there. The Food Pantry downstairs where you wouldn't need handicapped or whatever but again you guys know the building the best and you know the best use for it at this point until we decide we're really going to put some money into that building. That's just my opinion on that.

Recycling Center Supervisor Chuck Witcher to give the Selectmen an update on current recycling trends: Selectman Dann said at the last meeting we started talking about situations that are happening in the recycling community. We have many newspaper articles, we have TV and now NH Public Radio did an hour discussion on recycling and I felt what is needed is someone that has the experience and the knowledge of recycling. I am the liaison to the Recycling Center. I do not know what goes on there every day. I do not plan on knowing what goes on there every day. I can go back and find out answers, that I can do. I've been criticized because I didn't have an answer immediately at times and I don't plan on having that. If something comes up, I will find the answers. Let me go on to I have asked Chuck Witcher to come this evening to explain some of the recycling programs that we do and also answering some of these reports that have been surrounding us. When something happens and everybody jumps on the bandwagon it's sometimes maybe too late. Let me introduce Chuck. (*Chuck came up to the front of the room*). Chuck has been with Candia for 13 years. He's been the Manager; he heads that department down there. He's responsible for 3 other employees and every employee down there and Chuck is one of them, has to have certification or that building cannot be open. This is some of the guidelines and we work with the NERRA, Northeast East Resource Recovery Association. They have different meetings and just to give you an idea, down at that Recycling Center and any Recycling Center you're handling all types of materials; good and bad. If you don't handle it properly there can be a fine or people could be hurt. Chuck brought this to my attention; we have roadside cleanup. In the dumpster this last weekend, we had a small refrigerator put in that dumpster really only for roadside and Chuck told me he says "you know Russ we need to get that out". This dumpster was donated by Waste Management for free, this is the third year they've done that. I found out today that if you dispose of a Freon product, it can be a \$60,000 dollar fine. Chuck said we've got to get that out because Waste Management could be imposed with a fine like that. These are all things that encompass recycling. It's not just how many bottles did we get today or how many cans did we get today, it is the whole program. I wanted to lead up to there's more to recycling than what you read in the papers; glass. Chuck can you elaborate on some of these things for us please. Chuck Witcher said what we do with glass as opposed to what we used to do, there is a difference, we put all our glass together and it goes into what is called PGA which is a process glass aggregate. We send it out somewhere, they grind it and currently it goes to Waste Management and they use it as an alternative daily cover for their landfill. We are not Hooksett or any of those other towns that are doing single stream which throws everything together which goes out to some other facility to be sorted. We do the sorting at the facility. If we didn't do that we are paying; it costs us \$30 a ton for that material to be recycled. The other option is to throw it the dumpster or excuse me, the compactor and we're paying \$71 in change a ton for that. Whatever other towns are doing is how they're doing it but what we're doing for the last 10 years we've been there is putting it all in the little self dumping hopper and then we bring it out back, there's a 30 yard open top and we dump it in there. When it's full, it's hauled to Rochester. What other towns are doing with their single stream, I can't speak of that with a lot of details because it's not what we do. Selectman Dann commented all the newspaper articles basically state that they're going into landfills. Not all of it but what I'm saying is this is what you get from the newspaper, you get a little piece here and a little piece there. Let me just say talk about what is happening with quote landfills at this point. Chuck Witcher said in Massachusetts they're closing two major landfills in the next 3 to 5 years. They have waste energy facilities that are not being re-permitted and they have nothing in the near future for new construction. So basically the garbage from Massachusetts as well as our own

garbage has to go somewhere. In New Hampshire there are 3 actual landfills; one in Rochester which is Waste Management who handles our trash, there is one in Bethlehem which is going to be closing down in a couple of years if something doesn't change and one I think in Berlin but it's a small one. At some point in time those are going to fill up and then what do you do? If you're throwing more glass and more material into the ground with your regular trash, space is going to fill up quicker. You can't regulate trash, its interstate commerce. You can't tell Massachusetts we won't take your trash, you can't do it; it's a Federal thing. So if Massachusetts wants to send all their garbage up here, they're going to do and there's nothing we can do about that. Selectman Chivers asked Chuck its \$71 a ton to get rid of the stuff we throw in the green monster and its \$31 a ton to get rid of the glass once we sort it. Chuck Whitcher corrected \$30. Selectman Chivers continued \$30. Can we sort for \$40 a ton? Chuck Whitcher said there's no end market for it. Selectman Chivers confirmed no I mean does it cost us \$40 a ton to do it because there's a \$40 a ton savings by separating right? C Whitcher said correct but we don't separate it, us the staff, the people using the facility do so their currently just throwing it all into that little dumpster and then we dump it so there's not really a lot more we can do. At the old place on New Boston Road when we separated by color, the company that handled that was the only company in New England and they've since shut down. So if we were doing it that way, we'd have to convert to this way, we wouldn't really have a choice. Selectman Chivers stated so there is a cost savings by recycling glass. C Whitcher replied absolutely. There is a cost to it yes, but it's a cost savings absolutely. Selectman Dann replied that's one of the heaviest products for shipping. C Whitcher agreed, correct. Selectman Dann continued it all boils down to trucking costs today so what we can save is very beneficial. I had one thought on the glass if you look at a lot of the glass its beer bottles if we can get everyone to drink out of cans. It's the residents of Candia that really direct the direction that we can go here. The more we recycle and keep out of that green dumpster; anything that goes in it costs us \$71.00 a ton for shipping. If we can save 10 pounds out of that into something else, that's the type of thing we need to look at ourselves; how we want to recycle and recycling. *(To Chuck)* Explain what plastic is, how many, there's a lot of different...C Whitcher replied I can't tell you the exact number there's far more than...there's 100's if not 1000's. Chairman Laliberte asked you get the new containers are people throwing those in with the recycling; the one's they talk about in single stream gumming up the works, the new thinner plastic containers. C Whitcher agreed, correct. For the most part yes there are people who don't always get it so we do some manual pulling it out but for the most part people are starting to get it. We have new signs that help and we're talking to people. It's hard to explain because basically the in particular plastics are...it's all a specific chemical formulation and they all have different melting points. Basically how they recycle plastic is they melt it. So when they have different types in together like that it affects the final product and basically what we're doing is being driven by the end market. If we're putting things in it that the people who are buying it don't want, they're not going to buy it. That's what motivating a lot of what goes in there and what does not go in there. Selectman Dann replied impurities in that situation. Percentage wise they have x amount percentage that they'll accept as impurities. If you go over that, they refuse a shipment. C Whitcher agreed, absolutely. Selectman Dann continued now you have that shipment coming back. I think people can relate to brass, copper, steel. Plastics are the same types of things, different chemicals in each one but then again who's going to want this type of chemical. The packages are going to be changing; my wife says why can't we do these like spinach comes in; clamshells. There's no market for it. Or if we said we'd take a market we've got to have enough to have on a truck load so where do you store all that. Chairman

Laliberte confirmed so you're saying that while an issue, not as big of an issue, it's getting better through education. C Whitcher agreed, yes. Selectman Young asked this is an article March 29th and its Hooksett; do you know who they use for their recycling? C Whitcher replied no clue. They do everything in a single stream so they collect everything together in one bin and they send it to a facility that sorts it. We don't do it that way; I have no clue who they use. Selectman Young continued there is a lady Diane Boise who is very familiar and actually was a supporter and started recycling in Hooksett 20 years ago. She claims that there is no recycling facility in New Hampshire or Massachusetts. You're saying there is in Rochester. C Whitcher replied that's a landfill. Selectman Young replied \$30 a ton we're sending our glass to Rochester. C Whitcher replied it's used as an alternative daily cover for the landfill. It's Waste Management. Chairman Laliberte clarified it's a different use it's not being recycled. Selectman Young replied I didn't get that so it's not being recycled and made into other glass. C Whitcher confirmed, correct. Selectman Young said ok so I don't know if that was clear to people but it certainly wasn't to me. So they're using it to just cover up their landfill. C Whitcher agreed, correct. There are other uses for it to but that is what Waste Management is using it for currently. Selectman Dann replied that's our contract with Waste Management. Selectman Young reiterated right but they're no recycling it to make new glass. C Whitcher replied nobody is. Selectman Dann said there's nobody available to do it. C Whitcher continued the company that shut down was the only one doing it; nobody is doing it. Chairman Laliberte said I know there was a question two weeks ago regarding C & D, do you want to bring that up, I know you had mentioned it in the meeting. Selectman Robie said no I'll let you guys get done. Selectman Young said I'm done, I just had a clarification. Selectman Dann said the other was paper. C Whitcher replied paper basically the market for paper is China and they have what's called National sort and they've banned the importing of about 22 types of recyclable materials and mixed paper is one of them. So there is such an over-supply of it, there's no demand for it and the domestic mills are over supplied and it's a cost currently. It hasn't always been a cost but due to the oversaturation of the market it's currently costing us \$15.00 a ton to recycle it. Whereas if we were throwing it away it's 71 I think 40; 71/40. Selectman Chivers asked is it the same problem when China restricts the import of plastics too? C Whitcher replied yes, they're not importing any mixed recyclables. Selectman Chivers asked is there a market for this stuff in this country? C Whitcher replied still currently yes. Cardboard, they're not even importing cardboard but there's the Amazon effect; there's a demand for cardboard domestically. It still is paying, it is still paying currently. Selectman Dann replied it's a commodity if nobody wants it where do you go and later on there's people that are leaving. NRRA is one of them that believe that eventually the paper market because there's Vietnam and what have you but there's going to be some changes in it. There's going to be some needs for...so that's just the future. How do we handle that at that point? Selectman Chivers said I get the virtue of the recycling but I'm having trouble with the economics of it. C Whitcher replied its cost avoidance. Selectman Chivers replied now as long as we can find some market for this stuff, it looks like the markets are drying up. Chairman Laliberte commented it's not an issue just for us the article that I read in the union Leader front page of the Sunday news made that clear that it's not just us it's everybody because of International markets so that's the sense that I'm getting from what I've read and from what you're saying. Selectman Robie asked Chuck I'm curious to know how many citizens are using the facility. I think we have approximately 1800 home residences in Candia. C Whitcher replied I can only guess. We had a counter at the old place before we moved and this is going back many years, I believe the counter was about 1500 but it was only there for a week. That was a long time ago. Selectman Robie continued we

recycle and I think a big part of recycling is the environment. That has a big impact on recycling. C Witcher agreed, absolutely. Selectman Robie continued and what I see in our community; I think there are 4 trash picker uppers driving around our community weekly for roadside pickup. I'm certain there's 3 and maybe 4. They go 2-3 miles and they stop and pick up someone's trash on Wednesday. Then they go another 2-3 miles and they pick up another person's trash. And then the next day another truck comes and picks up the house right before that house so we have all these vehicles going around town picking up trash. And then the 1500 residents that you say go to the facility, all hop in their car, load their trash up and drive down to the facility unload their trash and drive home. Where expending a whole lot of energy into our environment for all these people to get their trash disposed of on a weekly basis. I'm kind of onto the program here that we may need to consider road side pickup for our community, town wide and secondly the dumpsters that we have down there, C & D you call them, construction debris. For the amount of stuff that we haul off, I don't see much improvement. I don't see that many people working on their properties to bring that amount of debris to the facility on a weekly basis. There's a whole lot of stuff that get's put down there from construction or whatever it might be. A construction site today, most everyone has a dumpster on the job. Most of our businesses in the community have a dumpster at their business. I don't think there are too many businesses using the facility. So we add all this up and we may be pulling some of this stuff out of main stream and recycling it but how much energy are we really expending to get this done. Are we making a bigger carbon footprint by doing it all our own little separate ways or would be better off to contract that out and have a place and an attendant to receive the refrigerators, the TV's and the couches one day a week and maybe one afternoon but I think that's something that our community really needs to look at and I think we spend a lot of money on recycling in our facility down there on a yearly basis and for the environment are we doing the right thing. Are we building a bigger carbon footprint than we need too? C Witcher replied I believe that was addressed before the facility was built. Selectman Robie replied that was 10 years ago and the facility was built on the tail end of that concept, because that concept is changing rapidly. C Witcher said if you eliminate the recyclables that come into the facility that we market it's a fair amount of money and your cost would certainly go up. As far as the carbon footprint I'm not familiar with that whole formula. I can't speak to that with any real knowledge because I'm not even familiar with formulating what it would be. Selectman Robie responded it's something to consider, something to look at as a Recycling Energy Committee; both go together. Carla Penfield said I remember originally when we discussed recycling the community was told at the time the community would be able to sell enough of our recyclable products as long as we separated everything to almost pay for the facility so here we are 10 years later and that market has totally disappeared. I don't think it's unreasonable to consider other options. I don't think it's unreasonable to make a phone call to one of the trucks that Mr. Robie sees driving around town and ask them what it would cost if we signed a contract with them. I'd be curious to know what that is it would give us something to compare what we're spending. The other thing I think we don't police often enough I just had a dumpster at my house for a month. It would seem to be it would also be possible that we do not accept any construction debris at all. That would require everyone doing a home project to get a dumpster. Selectman Robie replied that was a good note; with what you said you can bring your stuff to Raymond and go on the scale and pay for dumping it if you like but what she mentioned about calling around for a price it wouldn't be in our best interest to do such a thing unless you had an RFP and everybody had an opportunity to give a price. Selectman Young asked is that something we can do for the quote purpose of you know estimating or financial information. Can

you do that? Chairman Laliberte replied I would like to hold off on that because Al would like to speak. Citizen Al Couch said I'm on the Recycling and Energy Committee and with Chuck's help, thank you for your time and all of the numbers, I put together a report that tells specifically how much we make on recycling taking into account transportation, labor, taking into account everything possible. So I'm going to hand these out and I promise I'm not going to go through all the numbers but you can look this over and if anyone has any questions on it, the Town Office has my contact information and I invite you to call or contact me. I'll just briefly state that I put these numbers together with Chuck and I'll start out at the carbon footprint that Carleton mentioned. First of all the skid steer inside the building that's running around loading the baler; it's a 4 cylinder 50 horsepower diesel engine with an exhaust re-circulating system as required by EPA and it has near zero emissions. That's a requirement. So that's inside the building. The baler, why do we have a baler? We have a baler and this is all detailed in the sheet, a baler saves a huge amount of storage space for recycling. We'd have to have the building 3 times the size otherwise and Russ I know has looked in Derry and seen how big their building is and he has an idea of the scope of the building that might be needed. The other part is baled materials can easily be weighed on site. Chuck takes the full bale, puts it on the scale, get a number, puts a tag on it, you're done. That does a couple of things for us; you don't have to send a truck to a scale and we know exactly what we have for weights because we know we're getting reimbursed properly according to the weight. Another thing bales do is make it easy to move, store, load and transport. The baler compacts things up to a number of 20 to 1 compaction. That's a lot. Our transportation costs are substantially lower because we have baled material. I went to Chester recently and talked with them and I understand recycling is actually costing them money because they're not baling it. They're doing a lot of transportation. The last thing is and I like this one the best, we get a premium price, Chuck gets a premium price, he keeps a close eye on the market and he gets the best price he can for this but if material is baled, the processor's love it and they pay us up to double the price of loose material for baled material. So that's the big thing, the baler is the key part of the recycling center and I went through each of the categories that's in the building and I summarized at the end here but it says in the summary all of the materials that are baled inside the building are factored with the labor, moving it around, baling it, storing it, transporting it, everything is in there so recycling these categories and I spent a lot of time on these numbers, look them over carefully when you get a chance, recycling these benefited the Town by almost \$40,000. A big part of that is what Chuck mentioned a minute ago, avoided cost and the avoided cost comes from, and you'll see that in here, landfill costs 71 plus transportation, \$92 a ton to landfill material. So we're getting that out of the landfill, we're saving \$92 bucks a ton. There's an item of glass on here too, it costs us \$30 bucks it costs about \$8 for Chuck to move it around there. Transportation costs \$20 a ton but we avoided \$92 a ton so we have a net gain of \$34 dollars a ton on glass. Thanks to the Waste Management program we have lined up with them so recycling saves a lot of money because you're avoiding land filling and in some of the better categories like aluminum, it's paying \$1,206 per ton; that's pretty darn good. What do you get out of a bale; you're close to a ton aren't you? C Witcher replied about 800 pounds. Alan Couch continued there is big money in some of this stuff if it's baled. And even if it cost you, like it's costing us for glass but we're still way ahead of Hooksett because there is nothing they can do with their glass and I think it's a shame their throwing it in their trash and filling up a landfill because the landfills are critical. You just don't take an empty piece of land and dump trash on it. It's got to be permitted and chances are we're never going to have another permit for a landfill in New Hampshire. It's not going to happen. What's going to happen to it and Chuck

has filled me in a little on this, if we run out of landfill space in New Hampshire, the stuff is likely to go on a train and go out to the Midwest. Ohio perhaps and that's going to raise the cost a huge amount. So there's so much more to recycling and although it's an idea to look at town wide trash pickup, we looked at it years ago and it was very expensive. We would have to go single stream and that's where Hooksett's in trouble today. Their single stream, which means all the recyclables go together but to process them it needs to be sorted out. It still needs to be separated and the problem is, as Chuck mentioned, the contamination factor. There are so many kinds of plastic now that people don't know whether something is recyclable or not but Chuck and his crew do a tremendous job of educating people and they have it right there. They see the signs and they have people there to know what goes where and what doesn't go in the recyclable part. What we're doing works and again feel free to read that sheet; go over it carefully. The numbers have been very carefully put together and I believe they are quite accurate. Selectman Young asked Al I just cruised through this very quickly. Thank you very much I know how much time and energy and work this takes to make a document like this. Did you include the cost of the baler; did you include the cost of the facility? I didn't notice that. Al Couch replied I did not, no, because you have to have the facility. Selectman Young continued what did we just buy for 60,000 grand? Selectman Dann replied a loader. Selectman Young reiterated the loader, so you didn't include that, the equipment. Al Couch replied correct. Selectman Young continued I just wanted to make sure I have the facts. Citizen Ernie Lefebvre of Jane Drive said the only question I wanted to raise is that carbon footprint is a big conversation everywhere and I think the carbon footprint that Carleton was mentioning is about 1500 cars going to the dump on a regular basis. The question is if I use my own habits, my wife and I investigated a trucking company come by and get it once a week. It was \$45 some time ago. Not a lot of money since we go out often on Saturday anyways or Wednesday or Thursday, it's never just to do that, it's always to do something else. So I'm not sure if we start looking at doing something like this just because of the carbon footprint, although it's a wonderful idea to always be cautious I think we have to be very careful in the fact it's going to be very difficult way to measure whether there is actually any savings in the carbon footprint of the people who choose to use the dump. Beyond that it's a wonderful social site where if you don't go there on a regular basis you don't see most of the people in Candia because there's nothing else to do and meet everybody. So I would think that before we made any decisions we'd take some time to study this. When I retired it changed the whole process, I only go about once every other week and sometimes only once a month. So it's not as though it's as monstrous an opportunity to save as we might think it is on the carbon footprint side. Now the rest of the cost that are always going to be in place but if the Town's thinking of having a trucking company come in and pick it all up I've got to believe that's probably, I don't know how to study something like that, but it probably not going to save us a lot of money and it might cost us money out of pocket. I would think. I'm just cautious. Fred Marshey said I run a pickup and delivery service in Candia. Chuck knows about it, I try my best to get everything recycled but my biggest problem is most of my customers are elderly. Some of them don't have cars. And if you go to one of these big companies, they're not going to go up on somebody's front porch and pickup the trash. They aren't going to go in somebody's garage and pick up their trash. Waste Management and stuff, they won't do it. I come to just find out what was going on tonight because of the trash pickup. I get trash on Saturdays and probably 60% of my customers don't have transportation to get to the dump or they don't even have a license. Selectman Dann replied this carbon footprint to me is yes it's important some people drive a bigger truck and somebody drives a smaller car. You can't compare apples and apples at this

point. The other factor is what about fuel oil are we going to limit only one company to deliver fuel oil or what have you? If people are giving a service, that's what their giving, a service to somebody who wants it. We as Board members cannot take that away from our residents. If everything was just simple but every time you change something, something else changes and that's what you have. Ten years ago, yes recycling was different. Today it's different but if you read everything single stream is very costly and when it went into that, that was the thing to do, they were saving money now their looking at and saying what's next, what can be done. When there is money to be generated new ideas come forward. We could probably recycle other materials but we don't have room at the center that we have now. We have to work with what we have. It's impossible, there's no storage space or anything else at that point. Al said it, bales, but a truckload of bales is better than a half a truckload of bales. There are a lot of things that encompasses recycling it's not just hey I threw my can here and it's done. Citizen Judith Szot commented when the Town is looking to provide bus service, not the Town, the school department, they put out a bid, several companies bid on it, you choose one. When you want people to work on your computers you put out a bid, you choose one. So all along, the Town makes decision and chooses one company to do something. They're not denying people...you can't say Russ that we can't deny people to have this service. If someone wants a different service and the Town decides, puts out a bid and says we're going to have pickup and this is the company that's doing pickup and someone else wants to use a different company, they certainly have the right to do it but the Town does this all the time. The Town chooses someone to provide services for their citizens you can't say that's something that you can't do with a trash pickup if the Town decided to do that. Selectman Dann replied the Town has decided to do mandatory recycling. They paid for a facility to do that. That was voted on by the Townspeople and as things change you have to look at things. There's nothing wrong with that you can look at things but when you say that the Town has voted on this in the past. Judith Szot responded but Russ you did make the statement that the Town, it's not up to the Town to say that...I was assuming you were saying that this person can pick up trash but this person can't pick up trash. If the Town made a decision to go to single stream or go to trash pickup or however they did whatever they were doing then the Town would go out to bid and you would choose someone, the Town does this all the time. I'm only addressing that issue that you said that you seem to be intimating that the Town can't choose one person and say none of these other trash haulers can work in our Town and you absolutely can do that if you're providing a service; if they wanted to go to a service to come and pick it up then that's what the Town would do. You'd put out bids and you'd choose someone and if people wanted to have someone else, their free to pay for it. I'm only addressing that issue. Selectman Dann replied I will agree with you fine; if they want to continue with Frank, no question on that. Citizen Roland Girard of Brown Road commented I've worked with Chuck for over 10 years basically in the metal recycling program as a volunteer. Of course being there on a regular basis I get to see a lot of things and think about the recycling center a great deal. I agree with Mr. Robie's thought of maybe after 10 years time it's certainly worth re-evaluating the situation, absolutely, why not. It makes a lot of sense to do that. Until then and the caveat being if things have changed that much in 10 years no matter what we do next time we should keep re-evaluating on a regular basis because it's going to keep changing but the fact that we should look at it again, makes a lot of sense to me. It's a reasonable, logical thing to do. Until then, we should do what we can to make the recycling center a lot more efficient; a lot more supported by the Town. Do a better job of educating the Townspeople; a lot more of that going on until we decide on a different course of action. That said I think Chuck does a great job;

certainly deserves all the support the Town can give him to do that because it's not an easy job. 1,500 people dumping stuff; 3 people that have to look at everything going on. Could things be better? Of course anything could be better, except maybe how you're run your Selectmen's meetings. In any case, I've said my say, support Chuck, I've worked with him for a long time; he does great stuff I think we as a Town could do more to support the recycling facility at the same time go and re-evaluate what we're doing. Maybe it's time for a change and if that's the case then we ought to look at it. Chairman Laliberte commented thank you for becoming the 2019 leader for citizen of the year for those comments. A couple of things I've gotten out of this. 1) Traffic count; two weeks ago I talked with the Road Agent, Dennis, and he mentioned that Southern NH Planning has a service that allows us to do a road count. We could reach out to them and they could do a road count at the end of Deer Run Road and get a good read of how many people use it in a week. Dennis Lewis said if you're going to put one in there it should be in the recycling center end. Selectman Young asked if it was free. Dennis Lewis replied yes, they do 6 locations a year. Chairman Laliberte said they did Jane Drive last year. That's something we should consider so we can get a good number of the count; I know it won't be perfect but it will be a better number. I think that number is going to be lower as compared to when it was over on New Boston Road because there are more people using a private service. Private service I'm kind of two minds. I use the dump every weekend; I'm pretty good about it. We're doing more composting so we only have about one bag a week and some recycling. I get the want to have curbside pickup but the single stream...when I read the Union Leader article yesterday. I don't know if anyone saw it on the front page of the Sunday news; that single stream does seem to gum up the works and I think that's what we're looking at if we're doing. And I know they talked about they're looking to find some magic bullet to really address that and if they're serious about that, that would help us with that. That's a concern that I have is that if you do curbside pickup you're going into single stream which is the problem we're hearing. The one thing I do really want to address thought is C&D. I know they got rid of it in Chester. Chuck Whitcher corrected they never had it. Chairman Laliberte continued they never had it and then they charge for it in Raymond. My thinking is do we necessarily need to accept C&D in our facility. I wanted to get your opinion on C&D. Chuck Whitcher replied I think it's a service that the Town provides to its residents and a lot of people do use it. A lot of towns do charge for it, fewer and fewer don't like we do but there are costs associated with that as well. Whether it be a scale or truck scale which are phenomenally expensive to not only buy, maintain. There are some other ways we could do it with a smaller scale but now it's requiring more employees and interaction. Chairman Laliberte asked could you use that extra space in that capacity if that were made available. Chuck Whitcher replied because of our lack of space we could always use anything it's not ideal for really a lot of what we do because there are cars that zip by it constantly so it's not a lot of space to begin with. But it is something that is used. People use it. There are a lot of homeowners that do their roofs; there are shingles that come in. There are interior projects that you may not see when you're driving by. There are a lot of people who use that service. Could it be done differently, could you eliminate it? Certainly the Board can do pretty much what they want with that but there are a lot of people that use it. There are not a lot of contractors because it's labor intensive. There are some local ones, I don't want to start throwing out names but we all know. There are residents who use it. We do monitor it. If you don't have sticker we go up and see what's going on. We do have limited staff so sometimes it's more challenging to get up there but I think it's something the people in Town do use. But again there is a bigger conversation. It's a service that we provide that not a lot of other communities

do. Selectman Chivers asked is it your position that all that C&D waste is generated by Candia residents? Chuck Whitcher replied to realistically say that there is no abuse would be wrong but I don't think there's a lot. If you have a sticker, we don't give you the third degree. Could someone go out of Town and get something, or course they could, they could do that with any of the trash they bring in. But I don't think a lot of that is happening. We do talk to people; we have a good rapport with people. People have a good sense of what's going on and I don't think we have a lot of that. I'm sure some things...I'm sure there is a little bit. Is there an opportunity for a smaller scale and to charge? Certainly but it does require more employee interaction. Selectman Robie replied Mr. Dann spoke to that when we built the facility it was too small, there's not enough space to do what you need to do now. Personally I don't see any reason or any place to put a scale and hire more people. I don't see that in the future but that's something that should be looked at. Chuck Whitcher replied it is difficult because there are space concerns. Chairman Laliberte said I agree with Carleton and I think it's something this Board should look at. Selectman Chivers agreed. Selectman Dann said if you do something there are always ramifications. If you shut it down how much of this is going to be appearing in dead end roads or other areas. There are all things to be considered and looked at. You can't just do one thing; what are the ramifications. Chuck Whitcher responded part of those weights and tonnages also that's where the furniture goes when the bulky furniture comes in. We use it to top off the containers before they go out because the last thing we want to do is to send a container that's not full. Selectman Robie replied once again thought you're getting paid for the couches and the furniture. Chuck Whitcher replied it's not offsetting our cost though. Selectman Robie continued I know that but we're getting a fee for that, we should be getting a fee for our C&D. Chuck Whitcher reiterated it's not offsetting our cost. Selectman Robie said nobody said it was. Chuck Whitcher asked but how do you do it in a fair and consistent way that's the question. Selectman Robie replied without a scale you don't. Chuck Whitcher replied that's the hard part. Chairman Laliberte thanked Chuck for coming. Chuck Whitcher said if there are any more questions, if I can help, I'm there five days a week. Just let me know and I'll help however I can. Selectman Dann said thank you for taking the time tonight.

Other Business:

Crowley Woods Warrant Article for Chester's May 8th Town Meeting:

Chairman Laliberte said we're on the Other Business portion of the program. Normally I would just let everyone go and then speak on this but I do want to bring this subject up. So late Friday afternoon, after the agenda came out Dick Trask the Chair of the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Chester emailed me *saying I'm reaching out to inform you that the Town of Chester is putting forward a warrant article at our May 10th, actually it's May 8th it's a typo on his part, Town Meeting to buy Crowley Woods development. In the article there is a bond for one million five hundred thousand dollars. The total price is two million dollars. If the Town of Candia has interest in helping with such a purchase to protect the taxpayers of Candia and conservation land please reach out to me.* Now I wanted to make sure we got it to the Board and make that public for open government but that aside a couple of things. 1) That comes out and most people were not aware that Chester was going to do that. I had provided to the Board of Selectmen and article from the Tri-Town Times, that's the newspaper for Sandown, Chester and Hampstead saying Chester Selectmen approve bond article for land purchase and then the actual copy of the article, Article 8 that's going to appear on their May warrant article and I'll read that quickly. Selectman Young said Mark may I stop you right here. I don't know without proper notice to the

Townpeople, we have a lot of community members who are very involved with Crowley Woods. Chairman Laliberte stated I agree. Selectman Young continued I appreciate you forwarding this to the Board but I don't know if I'm comfortable discussing this under Other Business whereas I think those people that are involved with Crowley Woods have a right to hear all this first hand and not under Other Business. Chairman Laliberte replied I don't disagree with you by the way. A couple of issues; 1) our next Selectmen's meeting is May 14th and that would be 6 days after the election. We will not have an opportunity to bring this up. 2) I'm bringing this up for informational purposes only. It is not my expectation that anyone have any comment on it pro con whatever. I just wanted to make sure people were aware that this existed. That this is something that the Town of Chester has been doing. I wasn't expecting us to be debating anything to be fair. If other people have that concern I appreciate it. Trust me, I thought long and hard about it. It was something that was kind of eating at me when I got the email. Because you're right, absolutely right. Selectman Young continued there are a lot of community members with a lot of time, money and effort into this...and I'm not saying one way or the other how I feel about this, I just don't know if it's appropriate to discuss it under Other Business when maybe a lot of those citizens are not here, I don't know. Chairman Laliberte replied and if we had a meeting on May 7th I would have most certainly put it on the agenda. I can stop right now and if you guys want to have any comments on whether to proceed further or not. It was not my intention to make any sort of comment about Crowley Woods other than the information that Chester has put it on its ballot. Selectman Chivers commented I agree with Sue and I'd like to add that there's nothing we can do tonight anyhow. Chairman Laliberte replied I wasn't expecting us to do anything. Selectman Young confirmed so this is for information, is this something we can make public or put on the website. Chairman Laliberte replied this on a newspaper, it's on Chester. The only thing was the email from the Chairman which is not germane to anything other than making it clear to the public that they are putting it on their warrant. So it's up to the Board. Selectman Young said it's asking us to help purchase it. Chairman Laliberte replied I think it's inappropriate to make any comment about that whatsoever. Selectman Robie said that should be forwarded to the Conservation Commission end of story. Chairman Laliberte confirmed I have forwarded this to the Conservation Commission Chair. Selectman Young commented the people who got notice of this from what I've read in the line were Rudy Cartier and Susan Wilderman. I don't know if the committee members got notice of that and it certainly wasn't on the Candia Committee on the Candia website, the unofficial Candia website. I don't know, if it were me I'd handle it differently. Chairman Laliberte said I really did think about it. On one hand we have open government and we should make the public informed when things like this happen. On the other hand I realize the sensitivities of this issue and the things that going on with that and that none of the Boards have acted in any way, shape or form and I appreciate that as well. So I tried to thread the needle of okay this is information made available that I think is informational only. I'm not soliciting comments, I'm not soliciting action from this or any other Board I just wanted to make Townpeople aware that something like this was to be decided on May 8th in the Town of Chester because obviously what happens there could have some effect for the Town of Candia. Selectman Young asked is there a reason this wasn't on the Candia website and or the private Candia Community website. Is there a reason why this wasn't put on there if you wanted to make the public aware? Chairman Laliberte replied well we're a public meeting. Selectman Young replied right but it's under Other Business and it's not a posted...if I was really involved in this and I wanted to be informed of anything to do with this and I don't see it on the agenda, no

offense I'm not coming to this meeting, I'm glad you all did, but I'm not coming to this meeting to hear about Crowley Woods it's not listed there. Again, maybe I'm being too touchy on that but I don't know if this is transparent enough, it's up to the rest of you guys what you want to do. Selectman Robie commented the warrant article has been to their Selectmen's meeting in Chester. If anybody is concerned about Crowley Woods to the extent that some are I'm sure they're looking at Chester's Planning Board minutes and the Chester's Selectmen minutes and I'm sure they're informed about what's going on in Chester. Same with the people in Candia. This Crowley Woods thing at this point in our community is a Planning Board issue. It's really not a Selectmen's issue until someone comes forward and asks the Selectmen, such as the Conservation Commission would you be interested in expending some of our conservation funds to help out with this. That's about it in a nutshell. We don't really need to have a whole lot of discussion about Crowley Woods at our Selectmen's meeting, in another town. Chairman Laliberte reiterated I just wanted to make sure you were aware of what was going on in the Town, that's all. Selectman Dann commented first of all it was directed to you to mention it to us, which you have done and it should be in the minutes that it was there. We're not discussing it; it's just another way you wanted it on the community center well it could go into our minutes and anybody who reads the minutes would hear it. Selectman Young replied after the fact, if you read the minutes it's after the fact. I don't know it's up to you. It's not that big of a deal but it's up to you. Chairman Laliberte replied indulge me here and then I'll move on. I don't disagree with you actually. The fear is this; the email comes after we're posted. We do not have a meeting from now until the election in Chester, we're 6 days after. My question was do I make this public or do I not make this public. I went back and forth on it and felt that it was important to make it public; I was erring on the side of disclosure as opposed to non-disclosure. I think that when in doubt that was the way to go. If this came in on Thursday at 6 pm, this would have been a line item, not a question. If it came in before we had posted it I would have posted it. Because it came in after we had posted and knowing we did not have another meeting before the election I had to make a call. I knew that one way or the other it was going to be. Selectman Young said darned if you do, darned if you don't. Chairman Laliberte said so that is all. If this is about procedure only, then I'll take it. I don't want to have any discussion beyond that. Citizen Judith Szot commented my comment is about RSA 91A, which is the Right to Know Law and when you look at how many people were at the couple of Planning Board meetings for Crowley Woods, there were many people 75 to 100 people in that gym talking about this. As much as it would be a pain, it would be more appropriate to have a special meeting next week. Post it that this is going to be discussed 5 minutes you're out of here and that's it but I think it's a violation of RSA 91A to discuss it here. And I know it seems silly but the purpose of that law is to make sure the citizens who have a right to be informed are informed. And the people who are interested and are seriously affected by this thing on Crowley Woods have a right to be in this room and to hear what's being said. I understand it's between a rock and a hard place but I think it would be better to hold a special meeting next week to discuss it. I know it's a pain but I think that's part of your job to keep the public informed. Chairman Laliberte replied I appreciate that and don't think what I did was lightly done. I would really like to move on to Other Business.

Roadside Cleanup:

Selectman Dann said roadside cleanup, I want to say great job. Thank you to many many citizens of Candia. It's looking a lot cleaner and we still have the trailer or the container behind this building until the end of the month. So any more blue bags, and there are blue bags available at

the recycling center and at the Town Hall and the library. I'd like to talk to the Town about; I'm going to ask about it and we can talk about it another time; implementing a Town ordinance where we have a \$500 dollar littering; a Town ordinance, that money would come to the Town. Right now there's a \$60 state wide for a first offense and that goes to the state. So how can we get people to stop the littering and maybe I can give you an idea of that. Say you have a house and it's posted we are on surveillance all the time so that thief now goes to the house next door. Chairman Laliberte said I'll ask the Chief that when he comes to the next meeting about whether we can do that. Hey Chief, can we do that. Selectman Young said enforce it, it's the enforcing. Police Chief Mike McGillen responded I'd have to research it. Chairman Laliberte said you'd have to look into it because it's the enforcement mechanism is the concern I have. R Dann asked it might have to go to the attorney. Chairman Laliberte replied no, it's the enforcing and all that. Selectman Robie said I read the police report from last week, arrests, and I think for the first time in 10 years, I've seen one guy get arrested last week for throwing out trash, littering, I think that's the first time. Has there been more chief? Chief Mike McGillen answered it's not too often but I'd have to double check, I can't recall. Selectman Robie continued I think that's the only time I've seen it in the report, that's good, we got one and somebody is going to get his \$60 for his first offense, maybe he'll learn because there is a whole lot of trash on the side of the roads. It's been picked up but in short distances people get 2-3 bags and if you get them with the trash you'll probably get him with alcohol on their breath because most of its beer cans. So thank you Chief.

Impact Fee to Purchase a Trailer:

Selectman Dann said I'm going to authorize the impact fee that we have. We're going to get a storage trailer down at the recycling center so we can not have to keep moving things around and be more efficient. So we will have that done. Chairman Laliberte asked how much is the storage? Selectman Dann replied its \$1,000 to \$1,500 it depends upon...its scrap value because it's going to be staying, it's not going to be hauled, it's going to be staying and this is something that would be more efficient. Selectman Robie said on that note we discussed that last year I think and at the end of the year, I think we used that money to cover the interest on the bond to finish paying our bond because it lapsed. Selectman Dann said no. Selectman Robie said she gave you a new printout today? Selectman Dann replied yes, there's almost \$5,000. Citizen Carla Penfield said I want to make sure I understand what Mr. Dann just said. Are we going to get a trailer to store trash in? Selectman Robie said more trailers. Citizen Carla Penfield asked are we storing this stuff in order to save it to be recycled. Why are we getting this? This was a question that drove me crazy when I was on the Budget Committee. We were renting trailers and we were storing recyclable product in trailers to wait for the market of the recyclables to go up before we sold it and I couldn't understand how you were going to be saving any money if you're paying rent on a trailer waiting for a price to go up. You should just be getting rid of this stuff as fast as you can get rid of it. So explain to me is this another trailer to store recyclables until we can sell them, is that what this is? Selectman Dann replied that is correct. Have you gone to the recycling center? Citizen Carla Penfield replied not in the last few months, no. So the \$1,015 dollars is that for a month, a year, you're buying it? Selectman Dann said we're purchasing it. Citizen Carla Penfield said you're buying it, that's better than renting it. Selectman Dann continued we have a rent on one small unit for hazardous waste but right now the ideal way Mr. Couch has said it, you ship a trailer load you get the best dollars. You're putting baled units in it. If you look now, because there's so many; until you get a full load you're moving bales here and moving bales there so

you can perform the services that are needed. This will save time and be more efficient. Selectman Young asked where are we putting it. I thought we had no space there. Selectman Dann replied at the dock, there's room at the dock. When you're moving things to make room for something else and then moving them back again, it's not an efficient way to operate. Selectman Robie asked are you looking for a vote on that to expend the funds. Selectman Dann said I don't know if I need a vote or not. Selectman Robie replied I think you do. Chairman Laliberte said if it's not in the budget we need to vote on it. Selectman Dann said its money that's in there for that reason. Selectman Chivers said but it has to be released. Selectman Dann said that's why I came tonight to find out how to use the impact fees. Chairman Laliberte replied I would actually like to have that on the agenda. I'd like to know how long, so we can actually look more into it. I'd like to know if there's a payback on that how long that would take. You said this is something that we're going to have; you said you needed to store and all that. Selectman Young replied if we're going to make \$20 more dollars by spending \$1,000 that financially doesn't make sense to me. Selectman Dann said but that is \$20 for every 2 months or something like that. Chairman Laliberte said I'd like more info on that can we put this on the next agenda. Selectman Dann replied I have no problem with that, that's why I brought it forward. I didn't know if I had the authority to go ahead and do it because the funds are there, that's why I'm looking at it. Selectman Chivers said the funds are there but the Board has to vote to release them. Selectman Dann said okay, I don't know everything.

Memorial Day Meeting:

Selectman Young said Memorial Day meeting; Tuesday; is that going to be changed to Tuesday the 29th? Chairman Laliberte said I said this to the Board two weeks ago; it's up to the Board. I would like to have it only because we go three weeks then we have a meeting and then we go another month without a meeting. Selectman Young replied no I mean just move it a day, have it Tuesday instead of Monday. Chairman Laliberte said the only concern I have is I also think that's the date of the Zoning Board. Citizen Judith Szot said Zoning Board is the fourth Thursday. A. Bickum corrected fourth Tuesday. Citizen Judith Szot said fourth Tuesday. Selectman Young said is that okay to move? Chairman Laliberte moved to move the meeting on the 28th to May 29th. Selectman Young seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried (5-0-0). Meeting on the 29th, Tuesday.

Citizen Carla Penfield said something happened at the last meeting and I was sitting here and I wanted to speak and I didn't and I haven't been able to get this out of my head. But this is for Mr. Dann, Mr. Chivers and Mr. Laliberte and I want to make it clear that the other two Select Board members have had no impact or no input into anything I'm going to say. But I was very distressed because it was clear to me and to other people that the three of you colluded about the election of Mr. Laliberte. I found it very upsetting and it was so obvious to me but I decided not to speak at that time. There are RSA's in place that speak about collusion. Collusion has a lot of names it's also called abuse of power. But you three men clearly met before the meeting, the last Select Board meeting and you made a decision on who you were going to select as Chairman. That's illegal, very illegal. By doing that, you deprived the public of the proper conversation that should have taken place. You denied us the opportunity to hear you address who and why you were going to choose as your Chairman for next year. You also put a cloud over your Chairman and the two other Select Board men who were involved in this. You did something underhanded, it's dishonest and it makes people wonder you could not have had this conversation in the public

forum the way it should have been held. Whatever your reasons it doesn't look good. You've demean yourselves, you demean the people sitting here and you demean all the people who voted for you. They put you here with a certain amount of feeling of trust and now you've destroyed that trust. That's all I have to say, you need to read the RSA's what you did was wrong and it was so blatantly obvious. You can't do it. Selectman Dann said I take homage with that, I don't like that statement and it's all wrong. Citizen Carla Penfield said Mr. Dann you cannot like it but it was clear, it was very clear. The way the whole thing transpired. Selectman Young asked did you not have a conversation. Chairman Laliberte said we are not going to have this sort of argument here. This is a comment from a citizen and this is her comment. Selectman Young said oh I'm sorry. I guess she'll have to ask, I can't. Citizen Carla Penfield said I don't think I have any questions to ask because I would not expect any of you to admit that you had conversation with each other before the meeting. I wouldn't expect you to admit that. Selectman Chivers replied I would like to thank you for expressing those views Carla, I appreciate that. Citizen Carla Penfield said the thing is this is not the first time. Ms. Young called this Board to *test (unintelligible)* last year for a similar thing. Selectman Young commented some things never change. Citizen Carla Penfield said you have to be more careful, it just doesn't look good. It doesn't look good.

Old Home Day August 18th:

Selectman Robie said are we done with that conversation. I see Hannah Lewis here are you still moving forward with Old Home Day? Citizen Hannah Lewis replied yes. Selectman Robie asked have you been offered any volunteer help. Hanna Lewis replied yes I just had a meeting actually so I have a lot more support this year and I think it will be really good. Selectman Chivers asked when is it going to be. Hannah Lewis replied It's the third weekend in August, so August 18th.

Meeting Adjourned:

Chairman Laliberte asked I'll take a movement to adjourn. Selectman Dann said I'll so move. Selectman Chivers seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried (5-0-0) Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:23 pm.