

**Unapproved
Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
June 11th, 2018**

Attendance: Chair Susan Young, Selectman Carleton Robie, Selectman Boyd Chivers and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen. **Absent:** Selectman Russ Dann.

7:00 p.m. Chair Young called the Public Meeting to order and immediately followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Young thanked the audience for being there. She wanted to thank the Board of Selectmen and the public for attending the last meeting and for being respectful to everyone. She is confident that will continue tonight despite any differences they might have on various issues. Everyone has a right to his or her ideas, opinions, and beliefs. They are all here to make Candia the best community it can be and the public's input, involvement, and support are necessary and appreciated. She will start off like they did at the last meeting. The Board has business to do. After they have done their business they (the audience) will all be heard. Anyone who wishes to speak may comment; everyone's voices will be heard. We are your Board and they are here for you, but we have business to attend to first. Thank you very much and she is confident that the respect will continue for this meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 05/30/18. Selectman Chivers moved to accept the May 30th, 2018 Selectmen's meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Chair Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board to address the appointment of the Selectman's vacancy. Chair Young explained they had three candidates that were interested in the vacancy. They received letters of interest from Scott Komisarek, Freda Paris, and Larry Twitchell. She thanked them very much for stepping up to the plate and be willing to offer to serve in this capacity. She would like to start with an introduction of why you think you would like to do this. Then the Board will discuss and make nominations. She asked for anyone that wants to volunteer to go first. **Scott Komisarek:** Scott noted that he just finished a three year term in March. He has a good sense of what the position entails. He also thought that he has a pretty good handle on the challenges that they face as a community. He would very much enjoy the opportunity to serve his community. **Freda Paris:** Freda said she has lived in town for five years. She has a very strong sense of civic duty and she thought it was important to be involved in town government and learn about what the needs of the community are and facilitate the needs of the people. In addition, achieve a sustainable town and a sustainable region for everyone that lives here. **Larry Twitchell:** Larry said he has lived in town for approximately 20 years. He would like the opportunity to serve a little bit beyond what he has done in the past. Candia needs a lot of things and there is a diversity of opinion. Having run an organization in excess of 100 employees, he has the listening skills that will enable him to be fairly objective, more than fairly objective. He would like the opportunity to serve one more time. Chair Young thanked the candidates. She asked if there was any discussion or nominations. Selectman Chivers said he would like to preface his remark by saying regardless of who we select he would urge the other two candidates to apply in March to run for the position. This is only 10 months from now. He thanked them for their interest in the job. They can only appoint the one that they feel is the most qualified to serve on this Board. It is his view that Mr. Komisarek meets that requirement. He has served

three years before. He has demonstrated the ability to do the job, so unless there is an objection from the other Board members or other Board members would like to make a statement he would like to make a nomination. *Selectman Chivers moved to nominate Scott Komisarek for the remainder of Mark Laliberte's unexpired term.* Chair Young said they have a nomination, she's not sure if they need a second but she will accept one. *Seconded by Selectman Robie.* Chair Young asked if there was any other discussion. Selectman Chivers asked if there were any other nominations. Chair Young clarified when Selectman Dann thought he was going to be late, he was stuck in traffic and he asked if she would postpone this (until he made it to the meeting). She said she definitely would. Now he isn't going to make the meeting at all and he didn't ask for it to be postponed, so they will finish their business. She doesn't have any other nominations so she will call for a vote. *All were in favor. Motion carried.* Town Clerk Dupere was in attendance to swear in Selectman Komisarek. Chair Young said she would like reiterate what Selectman Chivers said. She wanted to thank the other candidates for offering to serve and please sign up for something, anything that is open in March. They really appreciated them coming here and being willing to volunteer. Selectman Komisarek was seated at the Board. Chair Young welcomed Selectman Komisarek back.

Departmental Reports: Highway, Police, Fire, Building, Solid Waste & any other depts.

Highway: Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. He mentioned that he met with the town engineer to work on plans to repair the two North Road culverts by Soha's pond. They are on their last legs and the only thing they're going to be able to do with those is replace them with concrete box culverts. They are galvanized metal now and there are no bottoms left in them. If they do get any bad storms they will be gone. So they are going to try and find us some grant money for those because they were quite costly. He did get the quotes on the paving. He noted that Chair Young had asked him to get one from Continental Paving. There was quite a spread in the prices. He got one from Pike, Bourassa Construction, and Continental Paving. The spread in them is about \$35,000 for total project costs. Continental came in \$35,000 higher than Bourassa. Bourassa come in about \$3,000 lower than Pike. He showed everyone the work that needed to be done. So it is up to the Board on how they would like him to proceed with that. Selectman Chivers asked if the materials were all the same specification. Road Agent Lewis said it was all the same. They have used both of the two low bidders, as far as he is concerned it is almost an even spread. It's \$250,000 worth of work on all of the projects, so a \$3,000 difference isn't much. Selectman Chivers asked what his recommendation was. Road Agent Lewis said either one is fine with him. He has worked with both of them and they have both worked with the town for years. Selectman Chivers asked if either one can meet their schedule. Road Agent Lewis replied that sometimes Pike is a little harder to meet the schedule, because they have a lot of bigger jobs going. They have usually always met it. Chair Young asked if there was any other discussion. Road Agent Lewis said he could call them both and ask what their availability is seeing that they are almost even in price. Chair Young said how about they do that and leave the final decision up to Dennis using his expertise. Road Agent Lewis said he will call them both and make a decision and he'll let the Board know what he does.

Police: Chief McGillen said there has been an uptick of domestic and juvenile calls. Some alleged assaults and what not. They have listed them under police information since they are under investigation, so they don't show up in this log as a statistic. They are open and active

investigations. They have also had alleged drug activity going on in town. They have people calling up giving us information. They are working with some outside authorities on that. They take that stuff serious and they don't want that type of activity in our community. They have worked with the DEA, Manchester Police Department, State Police, and the Rockingham County Drug Task force. They have consulted various groups on some of these things. Chair Young asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. There weren't any questions or comments.

Fire & Solid Waste: Chair Young said she was going to put the Fire and Solid Waste together, because Selectman Dann is not here right now. If anyone in the public is interested there are reports on the table that gives the statistics and the data. She would accept those reports as printed. Again the public is welcome to look over the data.

Building: Building Inspector Murray read from the attached report. He noted that he is up to neck in code enforcement cases. He hasn't put them on the report yet. He has a theory on some of the new ones. A lot of people have moved out of Candia and a lot of new people have come in. They seem to think they are in Northern Maine, but we have regulations here. He thought it might be a learning curve and they will get the hang of it. Chair Young asked if there were any questions or comments. Selectman Robie asked Building Inspector Murray if he got a hold of someone to cut the trees around the building. Building Inspector Murray said he talked to John Brown Tree Cutting, he is out of town this week and he is going to get back to him. They are going to take a look and see that they have for a number and take down some of the dead trees around here. There is one out in the parking lot. He didn't know how the Board felt about the big pines out front. They are healthy, but maybe while they are here they should think about that. Selectman Robie said they should trim them out, twenty or thirty years ago they were nice when they built this facility. Building Inspector Murray said they do serve their purpose. Selectman Robie said they need to manage their forest so it doesn't ruin the building. He asked about the walk way and has anything been done. Building Inspector Murray said he has two estimates on it. They have a Safety Committee on Thursday and he was going to bring it up there as well. He didn't know if the other Selectmen were aware but the sidewalk outside of the building is in pretty rough shape. It is getting to be a pretty dangerous situation and they have elderly people coming in and out of this building. There is an inch and a half step out there where the bricks have settled. They have been there since day one. He thought it would be a good idea to get it repaired before someone gets hurt. Selectman Chivers asked if those bricks were supposed to be level with that curve when they built it. Building Inspector Murray said yes but it has all settled. You can see them drop right off. Selectman Chivers said that is the safety hazard right there where you can trip. Building Inspector Murray said there are also broken bricks and unsettled ones. They didn't settle evenly. Selectman Chivers if they could just take them out and restore the grade. Building Inspector Murray said they would take them all up and put new compact underneath and then put the brick back. Some of the bricks are broken and some will need to be replaced. He felt a majority could be replaced. He has two estimates. One came in at \$17,000 and the other one came in at \$8,000. The \$8,000 didn't include the bricks. You could probably figure \$10,000 when they get done with replacing the bricks. It's not cheap but he would say it is necessary. Selectman Chivers asked how many square feet are they talking about. Building Inspector Murray said he didn't know off the top of his head but it is quite a bit. Selectman Robie said he doesn't oversee this building any longer, but they are in need of some

paint and some washing from the pollen and trees that shadow the east corner of the building. Building Inspector Murray said there are quite a few trim boards around that really should be replaced. Selectman Robie said it needs paint, some scraping, and it needs to be attended to. Building Inspector Murray said they've had some window issues upstairs too. Selectman Robie said he was on that on a regular basis. Building Inspector Murray asked the Board what they wanted to do with that. Did they want him to get some numbers and get someone lined up? Selectman Robie said that is what he wants personally, he wants that stuff fixed. Building Inspector Murray said it is a good idea to maintain their building. Selectman Chivers asked if this is something they would put out to bid or do they just get someone in here to do it. Building Inspector Murray said he could try and get someone local but everyone is pretty busy though, maybe before it gets cold. Selectman Chivers thought they should just do it. Chair Young said her opinion is sometimes when people are busy there is a reason for that, but when they are not busy there is a reason for that too. She was sure he could find someone. She thought if he did some research that would be great. Building Inspector Murray said he would look into it. Chair Young asked about the sign out front and it looks kind of shoddy to her. She asked Town Clerk Dupere who painted that. Town Clerk Dupere said years ago Betty Thompson's husband painted that. Selectman Robie said a few years ago he had it touched up and Frank Sarra did it. Selectman Komisarek said when they are looking at the trees there is a big limb near the basketball court that they have budgeted for. He just happened to be over there and saw it. Building Inspector Murrays said he will have him take it down when he is here. He asked if they were all set on the tree cutting or does the Board want him to bring back a number. Chair Young asked if he could get some type of an estimate. She noted that they are finally going to get the light at Moore Park. Mark Hetzel is going to put it up Thursday. She thanked Road Agent Lewis for doing the trench. ATS has donated a lift and she didn't know if it was something where they could get the limb cut at the same time. Or do they need someone specialized. Building Inspector Murray said they will bring their own equipment.

The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks. Selectman Chivers announced the grand total for accounts payable and payroll checks for June 7th and June 14th was \$590,649.59. Selectman Chivers moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for June 7th and June 14th in the amount of \$590,649.59. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Chair and Planning Board Rep: Chair Young said if there are no objections she would like to appoint Carleton Robie as Vice Chair, because as of right now they don't have one. She would like to appoint Scott Komisarek to the Planning Board due to Mark's resignation. The Planning Board has a meeting on June 20th which is before we meet again. The reason she is stating this is due to his experience. She asked how many years he served on the Planning Board when he was a Selectman. Selectman Komisarek replied a couple of years. Chair Young added they are going to be coming into some discussion on the 20th regarding Crowley Woods. This is a situation that Selectman Komisarek is pretty familiar with. Selectman Chivers asked if this was a permit assignment. Will he be the Planning Board liaison and is this a permanent thing. Chair Young said she was thinking a permanent thing if there are no objections, but she is open to discussion. Selectman Chivers asked Selectman Komisarek if he had any business before the Planning Board and is there a conflict or a problem. Selectman Komisarek said he does but he thought if he recused himself, this is pretty common in a small town for people that have projects

going and also serve on Boards. So he would feel comfortable doing this. He did work on the Master Plan Committee as they may know. He has quite a bit of interest in planning and he thought he could be a real asset and help Rudy take this on. Chair Young asked if everyone was agreeable to that. There were no objections. Selectman Chivers motioned to nominate Selectman Robie to be the Vice Chairman. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Chivers asked Chair Young if she wanted a motion on Scott's appointment. Chair Young said they can if they want. She does have the authority to appoint that one, but they can do that because she is all about fairness. Selectman Chivers moved to appoint Selectman Komisarek as the liaison to the Planning Board. Seconded by Chair Young. Chair Young, Selectman Robie, Selectman Chivers were in favor and Selectman Komisarek abstained. Motion carried on a vote of 3 to 1 (3-0-1).

Any Other Business

Chair Young asked if there was any other business before they got into public comments.

Old Home Day: Hanna Lewis wanted to invite the Selectmen to ride in the parade this year. Her sister Elizabeth is the overseer of the parade, but they wanted the Board, a few of the Boy Scouts and Chief McGillen riding in the parade. They aren't really sure what they will be riding in. It will be something where they are seen and they will decorate it. The Board can throw out candy. Chair Young said that would be great. She thanked Elizabeth for the invitation.

Sharon Dewitt said she loved the fact that they asked for public comments. She felt if the Board would consider doing it sort of like the School Board does it. They do a public comment in the beginning and public comment at the end, because you have an agenda but it really doesn't do her much good to comment on the agenda after you have decided everything. So this might give people a feeling that they have the ability to affect something. She asked that the Board considers this. Chair Young said that was a good suggestion. She recommended they wait until Selectman Dann comes back.

Chair Young thanked the candidates again for submitting their letters of interest and she really hoped that they would consider running in March. Town Clerk Dupere noted that filing period starts in January.

Announce Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: June 25th, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Selectman Chivers moved to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Andria Hansen
Recording Secretary