

**TOWN OF CANDIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE
DELIBERATIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 11, 2012**

Pastor Barbara Sanders led the prayer prior to the opening of the annual meeting, urging those assembled to work together for the benefit of the community and to respect the opinions of the speakers as they presented their viewpoints.

Moderator H. Clark Thyng opened the Annual Town Meeting Deliberative Session at 9:07AM. The Candia Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Brownies presented the Colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator then introduced those who were seated on the stage: Town Clerk Christine Dupere, Deputy Town Clerk Cheryl Bond, Fred Kelly Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Carleton Robie Vice Chairman, Joe Duarte, Amanda Soares, and Dick Snow Selectmen, Selectmen's Assistant Cheryl Eastman, Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen, Payroll and Accounting Clerk Donna Becker and Town Counsel Bart Mayer.

Also introduced were the following Town Officers: Animal Control Officer Steven Bradley, Tax Collector Candy Stamatelos, Treasurer Kathleen Philbrick, Chair of the Budget Committee Lyn Chivers, Chair of the Conservation Commission Betsy Kruse, Emergency management Director Bob Panit, Fire Chief Dean Young, Treasurer of the Fitts Museum Janet Lewis, Health Officer Dave Murray, Chair of the Heritage Commission Diane Philbrick, Chair of the Planning Board Mary Girard, Chief of Police Mike McGillen, Road Agent Dennis Lewis, Chair of the Smyth Public Library Trustees Deb Spezzafarri, Superintendent of Cemeteries Jerry Becker, Chair of the Supervisors of the Checklist Candy Stamatelos, Chair of the Trustees of Trust Funds Dave Labbee, and Chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment Boyd Chivers. The Moderator also thanked Principal Robert St. Cyr, Vice Principal Michelle Lavallee, and Linda Byrne and the Moore School staff for setting up the equipment.

Since there was no objection, the following non-registered persons were allowed to speak for informational purposes: Counsel Bart Mayer and Police Chief Mike McGillen. Moderator Thyng explained a few basic ground rules for the meeting. Articles One and Two which are the Election of Officers and the Zoning amendments will not be discussed, since they will be on the ballot for the March election.

First Session:

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Candia, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Moore School in said Candia, on Saturday, the 11th of February, 2012 at 9 a.m. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the Warrant Articles numbered 1 through 36. The Warrant Articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, and (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

Second Session:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Candia, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Moore School in said Candia on Tuesday, the 13th of March, 2012. This session shall be the Voting Session to act on all Warrant Articles, as amended, including the proposed budget, as a result of the action of the "First Session". The Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1.

To choose the following Town Officers for the year ensuing:

Selectman	3 year term	Vote for Two
Moderator	3 year term	Vote for One
Budget Committee	3 year term	Vote for Two
Budget Committee	1 year term	Vote for One
Planning Board	3 year term	Vote for Two
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 year term	Vote for One
Superintendent of Cemeteries	1 year term	Vote for One
Supervisor of Checklist	6 year term	Vote for One

ARTICLE 3.

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 Two Million, three hundred thirteen thousand, eight hundred sixty-one dollars (\$2,313,861). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Two Million, Three hundred twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred sixty-six dollars (\$2,329,966) 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 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) Motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Amanda Soares.

Selectman Joe Duarte amended Article 3 to read Two Million Three Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty One Dollars and no cents (\$2,338,861.00), seconded by Richard Snow. Mr. Duarte explained that he felt it was time to add a 3% Cost of Living increase for the employees, who have not had a raise since 2008. Mr. Duarte felt it was time to reward the employees for doing a great job. Mrs. Chivers asked why this was not included in the original budget presented to the Budget Committee. Mr. Duarte explained that the numbers that were given to the Budget Committee were done before the Board realized that they were going to be in such good financial shape. Mrs. Byrd stated that she recalled that the employees received bonuses for the last two years, and she felt it was misleading not to mention that.. Mr. Duarte explained that it was a 1% increase last year, and it was important to reward the employees. Rick Lazott agreed with Selectman Duarte. As a former Selectman, he stated the employee's workload had increased. Judy Szot stated the school budget went up last Saturday, which would increase property taxes \$125.00 per \$100,000.00 and felt it was wrong to bring this up at the last minute. Boyd Chivers wished to object to this amendment. We have a five member board of Selectmen and he did not feel one person should change the entire budgeting process. Carla Penfield agreed with Mr. Chivers. This matter should have been brought to the attention of the Budget Committee. If the budget is increased, it does not compel the Selectmen to spend the money on salary increases. Mr. Duarte again stated he brought this up because he feels this is right. Mr. Robie stated the Select board has worked hard to keep the budget level funded. They have paid bonuses to reward the employees. They have also established a fund to help families with medical problems to pay the deductible. The economy seems to be coming around. He feels the request is reasonable.

A request to call to the question was made by Mr. Robie, seconded by Mr. Penfield. The motion to call the question passed. Vote on the amendment to Article 3, with the new amount of \$2,338,861.00 was done by counting raised ballots. Yes: 48 No: 41 The amended amount carried. Mr. Robie requested that the votes be counted again because of the close number.. A request for secret ballot was received with the required signatures of registered voters present at the meeting. In order to allow time for voting, and the ballots to be counted, the Moderator recessed the meeting at 9:41AM to reconvene in 15 minutes.. Vote on the amendment: Yes: 66 No: 51 The amendment carried. Discussion then resumed on the amended amount of \$2,338,861.00.

Rob Jones wished to amend the dollar amount to \$2, 351, 561.00. Seconded by Paul Chiesa. Mr. Jones explained this amount would be used for the Candia Youth Athletic Association (CYAA), since the original CYAA petition article was not placed on the ballot due to a lack of the required number of signatures. Selectman Robie explained that this was not budgeted for and there is not a line item in the Town budget for the CYAA. Mr. Goekjian requested an opinion from Town Counsel. Attorney Mayer explained that one

would have to look at the budget to see if there is a specific line item that this could fit into. For example: is there a recreation line where this could be placed? \$12,000.00 cannot be taken for example, out of the road repair budget which would not have been approved for that spending. If there is an area of the budget that the amount could fit in, then it would be possible; otherwise it would not be appropriate.. Mrs. Penfield questioned if we could legally support a private organization. She also pointed out that the Selectmen are not compelled to use this money for the CYAA. Mr. Jones explained they were hoping it could be part of the Parks and Recreation budget. There has been some discussion with Selectman Kelley regarding a partnership with the Town. Mr. Lazott gave the opinion that this should be a separate warrant article. Paul Chiesa stated this is for mowing, fertilizing, aerating and snow removal. He felt that we needed to be competitive with surrounding communities. Nicole LaFlamme discussed giving money to private organizations, explaining that we already have that precedent with the service organizations we assist. Mrs. Jordan does not feel this should be part of the Town budget. There is no budget line item for this. Judy Szot stated all the articles Ms. LaFlamme spoke about were warrant articles, and this should have been placed on the warrant as well. Mr. Jones motioned to call the question, and also requested a secret ballot, seconded by Nicole LaFlamme. The motion carried to call the question. A request for a secret ballot with the required signatures was presented, therefore the vote was taken by Secret Ballot. The votes were tallied, Yes: 61 No: 56 The amendment passed. The amended amount for Article 3 is Two Million Three Hundred Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty One (\$2,351,561.00) Selectman Robie explained that if the default budget passes, funds will not be available for this amendment. Discussion resumed on the amended article 3. There were no further comments. Vote on the amended Article 3 was by a show of ballots. Article 3 will be placed on the ballot as amended. Mr. Snow moved to restrict reconsideration on the article, seconded by Todd Allen. It was voted to restrict reconsideration of Article 3.

Moderator Thyng recognized Amanda Soares to move articles 4 through 13 as a block, seconded by Carleton Robie. There was no objection from the legislative body to do so. The moderator then read the articles to the assembly. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by raising the ballots. Articles 4 through 13 were adopted and will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 4.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$6,807) in continuation of its support of the Rockingham County Community Action. (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) Motion was made by Selectman Soares, seconded by Selectman Robie. Article 4 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 5.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,850) in continuation of its support of the American Red Cross. (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) Motion was made by Selectman Soares, seconded by Selectman Robie. Article 5 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 6.

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 4 to 0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) The motion was made by Selectman Soares, seconded by Selectman Robie. Article 6 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 7.

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 4 to 0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) The motion was made by Selectman Soares, seconded by Selectman Robie. Article 7 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 8.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars (\$669) 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 4 to 0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) The motion was made by Selectman Soares, seconded by Selectman Robie. Article 8 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 9.

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. (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) The motion was made by Selectman Soares and seconded by Selectman Robie. Article 9 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 10.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400) in continuation of its support of the Area Homecare and Family Services. (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) The motion was made by Selectman Soares, seconded by Selectman Robie. Article 10 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 11.

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 4 to 0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) The motion was made by Selectman Soares and seconded by Selectman Robie. Article 11 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 12.

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 4 to 0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) The motion was made by Selectman Soares and seconded by Selectman Robie. Article 12 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 13.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800) in continuation of its support of the Lamprey Health Care. (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) The motion was made by Selectman Soares, seconded by Selectman Robie. Article 13 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 14.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Town Office Building Maintenance Trust Fund. (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) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Fred Kelley, seconded by Amanda Soares. There was no discussion. Vote was by a show of hands. Article 14 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 15.

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. (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) The motion was made by Carleton Robie, Seconded by Amanda Soares. There was no discussion The vote was taken by a show of ballots. Article 15 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 16.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the fifth phase of reconstruction on Patten Hill Road. 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 0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Dick Snow, seconded by Carleton Robie.. Mr. Lewis explained what has been done to date. Mr. Thyng praised Dennis Lewis for the great job this year keeping snow off the roads, which was met with a round of applause from the assembly. There was no discussion on the article. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The article will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 17.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Five Dollars (\$125,955.00) for the operating expenses of the Smyth Public Library. Said funds are to be expended under the direction of the Smyth Public Library Association. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0 with 1 abstaining) Motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Dick Snow. Deb Spezzaferri wished to amend the article as a point of clarification, to read: that a no vote means there would be no money to operate the library. The amendment was seconded by Al Hall. Mr. Byrd felt that people would know that, and that the amendment would be a waste of time. Mrs. Spezzaferri explained that this amendment would clarify this for all the voters. Mr. St. Martin stated he found it astounding that someone would object to providing additional information to the voters. He supported the amendment. There was no further discussion on the amendment. Vote was taken by a show of ballots and the amendment to Article 17 was adopted. There was no discussion on the amended article. Vote was taken by a show of hands. Article 17 will be placed on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 18.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for excess winter road maintenance, these funds will not be used unless the operating winter maintenance funds are exhausted. This will be a 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 4 to 0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Dick Snow, seconded Carleton Robie. Mr. Snow explained this amount, which includes labor and salt, was used completely this year. Mr. Lewis explained any money not used for winter maintenance goes back to the taxpayer. There was no discussion. Vote was by a show of hands. Article 18 will move to the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 19.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) to cover the reimbursable costs associated with Police activities, including but not limited to Police Special Details and grant programs. 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 0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) Motion was made by Selectman Duarte, seconded by Selectman Soares to accept the article as read. Mr. Byrd asked if this was reimbursed. Selectman Robie explained it is a wash item. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. Article 19 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 20.

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 fire apparatus and equipment with the Selectmen appointed as agents. (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) Motion was made by Mr. Robie, seconded Mr. Duarte. Fire Chief Dean Young explained this was to put money away for the future purchase of apparatus. Mr. Byrd asked how much is in the fund now and was told it was around \$213,000.00. Chief Young explained with all the new regulations on trucks, such as emissions, have caused prices to go up. Capt. Jim Wilson stated that last year, they had to purchase a new forestry vehicle because the old one was so costly to maintain. Engine 1 should be replaced in 2016, which will cost about \$600,000.00 We are planning to order the new rescue vehicle this year. Mr. Byrd asked if the existing truck had any resale value. Capt. Wilson replied that it did not have much resale value. The old vehicle is very tired and the Department is putting a lot of money into repairs. Tom Dimaggio asked what the life expectancy of the new vehicle is. Mr. Wilson replied at least 20 years. There was no additional discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. The article will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 21.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to allow the Town to sponsor a Household Hazardous Waste Day for Candia residents. The event is to be scheduled for the fall, and is to allow residents the opportunity to properly and safely dispose of household hazardous waste materials that the Recycling Center does not normally accept. (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) The motion was made by Amanda Soares, seconded by Fred Kelley. Amanda explained it is a great program. Residents are not happy when we don't have this. Jeanette Miller felt that the program should be advertised better. There was no additional discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Article 21 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 22.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the Fitts Museum. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Fitts Museum. (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) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Dick Snow, seconded Amanda Soares. Mr. Snow stated it is a wonderful museum and urged people to visit. The Museum is in the process of building a shelter for the antique hearse which has been acquired. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. Article 22 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 23.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and to place said funds in the expendable trust fund known as the Playground Maintenance Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a at the March, 1998 Town Meeting. (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) The motion was made by Dick Snow, seconded by Joe Duarte. Mr. Snow explained the playground equipment has been there since 1998. Some of it is beginning to wear out and must be replaced or repaired. The playground also must periodically be resurfaced. One of the slides must be repaired as it has become a safety hazard. The playground gets a lot of use. There was no further discussion. Vote was by a show of ballots. Article 23 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 24.

Are you in favor of limiting Kindergarten at the Moore School to a half day session? Submitted by petition. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1). Carleton Robie explained this article should have been on the school ballot, it will be a non-binding vote. The motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded Amanda Soares.

There was no discussion. Vote was by a show of hands. Article 24 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 25.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a compensation system for the active members of the Town of Candia Volunteer Fire Department and raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to fund this system for the calendar year 2012. Member compensation will be based on attendance at emergency calls and department –sponsored training. If this warrant article is approved, starting in the year 2013, funding for this system will be reflected as a line item in the Fire Department operating budget. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6 to 2 with 1 abstaining) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Joe Duarte. Chief Young explained that his job is to take care of the tax payers but also the members of the Fire Department. He cited that It takes three days for Department members to recertify. The money would help compensate for gas, wear and tear on their vehicles, etc. It would help to help to defray the out of pocket costs for the members. It would only be used for calls and training. Based on last year's calls and training, the compensation would be \$10.00 for an hour. Tom St. Martin stated he has always supported the Fire Department and supports this article as well. Is there going to be transparency in the payment? Mr. Robie explained the Department. does a very good job on logging the calls and bills would be paid through the Selectmen's office. Rudy Cartier urged the adoption of this article. He had requested this four years ago, when he was Chief There was. no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. Article 25 will be placed on the ballot as written. The Department was thanked by the assembly for the great job they do.

ARTICLE 26.

To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Five Hundred Thirty-Nine thousand, six hundred seventy dollars and sixty-four cents (\$1,539,670.64) for the payment of Regular Education High School Tuition only. If this warrant article is accepted a like sum will be reduced from the school budget. Submitted by petition. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0). (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) Carleton Robie explained this will also be a non-binding vote, as it was supposed to be on the school ballot, but was submitted to the Selectmen's Office in error. The motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Amanda Soares. The Article will be null and void regardless of the vote. Mr. Snow moved to amend the article to zero dollars and zero cents, seconded by Tom St. Martin. There was no discussion. Vote on the amendment by a show of hands carried. There was no discussion on the amended article. Vote was taken by a show of hands. Article 26 will be placed on the ballot as amended to zero dollars and zero cents.

ARTICLE 27.

To see if the town will vote to rescind the adoption of the Budget Committee in accordance with RSA 32:14,V. Submitted by petition. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0 with 1 abstaining). Motion to accept the article as read was made by Dick Snow, seconded by Joe Duarte. Rudy Cartier. moved to amend the article to be effective April 1, 2012, seconded by Ken Goekjian. When consulted, Town Counsel Bart Mayer explained he did not have a problem with the amendment, but it will be subject to review to make certain that it would not be inconsistent with the statutes. Mr. Cartier explained the RSA was not clear. Mr. Robie spoke in favor of the budget committee. There was no further discussion on the amendment. Vote on the amendment was by a show of hands. The amendment was adopted. Mr. Cartier explained we have a budget committee and SB2. We do not need a Budget committee to tell us how to vote. Mrs. Byrd explained the Government Center puts out a publication that calls the Budget committee an arbiter between the departments' wants and the resident's ability to pay. Mrs. Jordan feels we need a balance and appreciates someone looking out for the interests of the citizens. Rick Lazott feels it brings awareness of what is going on in town. Ken Goekjian stated the Budget Committee has a lot of authority over the budget. The committee approves a budget and the bottom line can only be changed 10%. Amanda stated the people like having checks and balances. They make sure things are correct and the best possible budget is being presented. John Penfield requested to call the question, seconded by Ingrid Byrd. The assembly voted to call the question by saying aye. The vote on the amended article was by a show of ballots. Article 27 will move to the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 28.

To see if the Town will vote to retain, in accordance with RSA 41:14-a, the existing buildings on the Old Incinerator Site, for storage purposes and such other uses as the town may determine at future town meetings, with only such actions to them under the approved Closure Plan as are explicitly and specifically mandated by DES in their approval of the Closure Plan. Submitted by petition. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0 with one abstaining). Motion by Selectman Snow. Seconded by Selectman Duarte to accept the article as read. Al Couch then spoke to the article. He had been a volunteer on the Solid Waste Committee for over 20 years. He explained the cost to remove the building would be quite high, the removal is not required by the DES, the site would look good if we came up with a closure plan. Mr. Couch presented a rendering of what the site would look like. The current plan calls for the building to be removed and moved to the cemetery. It costs a lot of money to rebuild an old building, and they don't go back together very nicely. The money that would be used to move these buildings would come from the closure money, which are limited funds used for the closure of the site. The buildings could be useful to the Town where they are now situated. Mrs. Soares stated these costs are estimates. The money is not set in stone. The building would be set up in the Holbrook Cemetery for the storage and repair of the cemetery equipment, and costs would be coming from the

Cemetery Funds. The old concrete pads will not be coming up, dirt will be put over them. Rudy Cartier explained that the Town did not vote to tear down the buildings last year. The Candia Garden Club had wanted to use the facility for storage and would maintain the outside of the building. He felt there was a lot of false information that was given out last year. We should be looking at that site and see the potential. We need to look at the options. Offers of assistance by Mr. Cartier, with over 20 years of experience with this type of closure along with several other experts in the field, at no cost to the Town, were all refused. There's no hurry to do anything, we need to do it right. Mr. Duarte felt the community needs to make a decision. William Byrd asked how many names were on the petition and could it be viewed. He was told it was a public record, and he could view it. Judy Szot asked why it was illegal to put an article in to keep people out. Mr. Lazott, who has been a life-long resident of the Town, said he shot rats at the dump as a kid with his Dad. There is a lot of stuff buried there that we don't know about. He feels we should close it and leave it as a residential area without spending a lot of money. Brian Miller asked if the old swap shop could be moved as a whole versus disassembling the building. Amanda explained when she was voted in in 2010, she took it upon herself to take care of the problem. Carla Penfield called the question, seconded by John Penfield. Ingrid Byrd wished to thank Amanda for the work she has done. The assembly was in favor of calling the question. Vote was then taken by a show of ballots. Article 28 will be placed on the ballot as written.

A motion was received by Kim Byrd, seconded by Carol Jordan to consider articles 29 through 36 as a block. There was opposition to consider these articles as a block. The Moderator ruled these should be considered individually since they are significantly different. Carla Penfield moved to override the moderator's decision, seconded by Ingrid Byrd. The vote to override the Moderator was by a counted show of hands Yes: 36 No: 24 The Moderator's decision was overruled. Discussion then resumed on moving the articles as a block. Tom St. Martin explained that the business of voting things in blocks actually came from the State Legislature. It was modeled after the Legislature's Consent Calendar. The way the calendar works is you are offered a block of things which can be voted on en masse, but any member who has a particular item that they want to vote specifically on, can petition to have that article pulled off the Consent Calendar and voted separately. Betsy Kruse felt that SB2 allowed people to discuss the reasons for the warrant articles. This is the forum to understand the reasons behind the individual articles and then, perhaps, discuss them with others. This is a good rationale for reinstating the Town Meeting. Sue Demanche felt the dialog was important and voting the articles as a block was valueless. Judy Szot felt that once the articles were moved as a block, there was no reason why individual articles could not be discussed.

Vote was then taken to move the articles as a block: Vote was taken by counted ballots. Yes: 33 No: 26 Articles 29 through 36 will be considered as a block.

The motion was made by Dick Snow, seconded by Amanda Soares to accept articles 29 through 36 as written. A motion to move the question was made by Mr. Bowman, seconded by Ingrid Byrd. The Moderator felt there is a lot of stuff here that needed to be discussed, therefore, he overruled Mr. Bowman. Motion to overrule the Moderator's

decision was made by Ingrid Byrd, seconded by John Penfield. A vote by show of ballots was taken to overrule the Moderator. The vote failed. The Moderator's ruling stands and we moved to discussion of the articles. A motion was made by Carol Jordan to limit the discussion to a total of 30 minutes on all the articles. This was seconded by Carleton Robie. Vote was taken by a show of hands, the discussion was limited to 30 minutes. Mr. Snow then referenced the individual articles to explain them. Selectman Snow explained these articles are not raising additional funds, but are rather an attempt to create a more efficient government, Sue Demanche wished to discuss the hours of the Swap Shop, stating that presently, the Board of Selectmen voted to open it only on Sundays. Mrs. Demanche explained that there are volunteers that are willing to work and people are upset that it is not open more frequently. Linda Bergeron also agreed with Sue, and has also volunteered to work at the Swap Shop. She does not feel being open one day a week is enough. Fred Kelly discussed the change in dates referred to in Article 35. Giving as an example, at the meetings he has attended in Concord with attendees from all over New Hampshire, over 95% have March elections. Peter O'Neill discussed Article 36, stating he is the closest abutter to the wetland and there is no access. Rick Lazott asked if the money for Article 30 would be coming out of the revenues received for recyclables. Mrs. Soares replied that presently, the money collected goes back into the General Fund. Mr. Lazott asked what the asking price is for the property discussed in Article 36. Mr. Robie explained there is no figure at this time. The property would have to be assessed. It was Mr. Lazott's feeling that the property in question was junk, with no frontage and no road and a third party such as Bear Paw would have oversight on Town owned property. Mr. Snow commented by saying there would be a public meeting on the twenty first of February at 7:00PM in the Town Office Meeting Room. At that meeting, there will be a presentation on why the property is valuable from a conservation standpoint. Ingrid Byrd stated that any time a fund gets established, such as in Articles 29 through 32, and money from whatever is paid into that fund, it gets taken out of the General Fund. The money should go to offset taxes. Also, regarding Article 33, Mrs. Byrd gave several examples of where people could volunteer other than the Swap Shop, such as the Planning Board or other Town committees. Mrs. Byrd also felt that if the Town went to an April election calendar as suggested in Article 35, you would be asking the Town Departments to operate for four months without knowing what the appropriations are going to be for the whole year. Mr. Snow explained the money in the Recycling Fund, for example, would be available for the use of the Recycling Center, and that this would encourage more recycling. Mrs. Soares felt the best way to promote recycling would be pay-per-bag, Judy Szot felt that if the money in the fund of Article 30 were used for the Recycling Center, then why not leave it the way it is now and avoid another layer of government. Brian Miller was opposed to Article 35, which would change the date of elections from March to April. As he is self-employed, this is a much better time of the year for him. Candy Stamatelos asked how much money was given back to the Town to defer the tax rate. She stated it has been zero for the last three years. Mr. Robie explained the money has gone to the unreserved fund balance, to increase it in case of emergencies. In 2009, the unreserved fund balance was \$500,000.00, which was quite low. The current balance is \$1,226,000.00. Judi Lindsey wished to address Article 36, the Conservation Commission article. Mrs. Lindsey stated it gives the Commission an

opportunity to access grant money from the State to help protect the water. It is very important to protect the aquifer for the future. Rudy Cartier discussed Article 33, stating that presently the Swap Shop is open on Sundays only and there are many citizens who can't get there on that day. It should be available to the Townspeople every time the center is open. Mrs. Soares replied that the number of volunteers has dropped off, but if they have more people to volunteer, then they will consider opening the Swap Shop additional times. Following discussion vote was taken by a show of ballots to move articles 29 through 36 as a block. The vote was in the affirmative, so the articles will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 29.

To see if the Town will vote to establish, in accordance with RSA 31:95-h, a Public Safety Special Detail Revolving Fund for the purpose of providing public safety services by municipal employees or volunteers outside of the ordinary detail of such persons, including but not limited to public safety services in connection with special events, highway construction, or other construction projects. All revenues received from Police Special Details shall be deposited into the fund. Appropriations, donations, gifts, bequests, or grants specifically designated for the fund or consistent with the purpose of the fund may also be deposited into the fund. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered a part of the town's general surplus. Any money in the fund shall be available to be used for expenditures for the purpose for which the fund was established, including, but not limited to, administration, capital or expendable equipment purchase and repair, fees, labor, materials, overhead, transportation and training. Submitted by petition. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1). Motion to accept the article as read was made by Dick Snow, seconded by Amanda Soares. Article 29 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 30.

To see if the Town will vote to establish, in accordance with RSA 31:95-h, a Recycling Revolving Fund for the purpose of facilitating and encouraging recycling efforts at the Candia Recycling Center. All revenues received from the sale of recycled or recyclable commodities, goods, or other material shall be deposited into the fund. Appropriations, donations, gift, bequests or grants specifically designated for the fund or for the purpose for which the fund was established may also be deposited into the fund. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered a part of the town's general surplus. Any money in the fund shall be available to be used for expenditures for the purpose for which the fund was established, including, but not limited to, administration, education, equipment purchase and repair, fees, labor, materials, overhead, transportation, and training. Submitted by petition. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1). Motion to accept the article as read was made by Dick Snow, seconded by Amanda Soares. Article 30 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 31.

To see if the Town will vote to establish, in accordance with RSA 31:95-h, a Cable Access Enhancement Revolving Fund for the purpose of enhanced cable access to public information for public, educational, or governmental use. All franchise fees received from local cable providers shall be deposited into the fund. Appropriations, donations, gifts, bequests, or grants specifically designated for the fund or consistent with the purpose of the fund may also be deposited into the fund. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered a part of the town's general surplus. Any money in the fund shall be available to be used for expenditures for the purpose for which the fund was established, including, but not limited to, administration, capital or expendable equipment purchase and repair, fees, labor, materials, overhead, stipends, transportation, or training. Submitted by petition. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1 Motion to accept the article as read was made by Dick Snow, seconded by Amanda Soares. Article 31 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 32.

To see if the Town will vote to reinstate, in accordance with RSA 289:6, III, a five-member Board of Cemetery Trustees. If this article passes, a new Board of Cemetery Trustees will be elected at the town meeting next following this vote. Submitted by petition. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1). Motion to accept the article as read was made by Dick Snow, seconded by Amanda Soares. Article 32 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 33.

To see if the Town will vote to advise the Board of Selectmen that the Recycling Center Swap Shop shall be open whenever the Recycling Center is normally open to the residents for their trash drop off and there are volunteers available and willing to staff the Swap Shop. Submitted by petition. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Dick Snow, seconded by Amanda Soares. Article 33 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 34.

To see if the town will vote to establish an agricultural commission in accordance with RSA 673 for the proper recognition, promotion, enhancement, encouragement, use, management, and protection of agriculture and agricultural resources, tangible or intangible, that are valued for their economic, aesthetic, cultural, historic, or community

significance within their natural, built, or cultural contexts. The word “agriculture” shall include the entirety of RSA 21:34-a, which is the definition of farm, agriculture, and farming.

The commission shall consist of seven (7) members and five (5) alternate members appointed by the Board of Selectman, upon the recommendation of the agricultural commission. The initial members of the commission shall be appointed by the moderator, in accordance with RSA 673:5; II, within sixty (60) days of the vote establishing the commission. Submitted by petition. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1). Motion to accept the article as read was made by Dick Snow, seconded by Amanda Soares. Article 34 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 35.

To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with RSA 40:14, XI, to change the date for elections and the second session from the second Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in April, which would change the date for the first session to a date between the first and second Saturdays after the last Monday in March, inclusive. Submitted by petition. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Dick Snow, seconded by Amanda Soares. Article 35 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 36.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Candia Conservation Commission to apply for, accept and administer a Water Supply Protection Grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services that will allow for the purchase and permanent protection, thru a conservation easement, of two abutting parcels of undeveloped land (Map 410, Lots 100 & 101) in the Massabesic Watershed and further, to authorize the permanent protection, thru a conservation easement, of the Hemlock Drive Town Forest property (Map 412, Lot 3 & 4) in the Massabesic Watershed, using the value of the development rights of the Hemlock Drive Town Forest property as the necessary monetary match for the Water Supply Protection grant, resulting in the permanent protection of approximately 80 acres of open space land in the Massabesic Watershed at no cost to the taxpayers. Submitted by petition. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1). Motion to accept the article as read was made by Dick Snow, seconded by Amanda Soares. Article 36 will be placed on the ballot as written.

Nominations were then entertained from the floor for the following ceremonial positions.

Carol Jordan as Reeve of Hogs

Carleton Robie as Scaler of Timber

John Penfield as Viewer of Fences

All nominees were unanimously elected by the assembly.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Amanda Soares, seconded by Carleton Robie. The assembly voted to adjourn. The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved at 1:09PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Dupere
Town Clerk of Candia, New Hampshire