

**Annual Deliberative Town Meeting
Candia, New Hampshire
February 3, 2018**

The Annual meeting of the Town of Candia was opened by Moderator Clark Thyng at 9:02AM. Pastor Steve of the Candia Congregational Church opened the meeting with prayer. The Candia scouts then proceeded with the flag ceremony. The Moderator then read the list of candidates who will be on the ballot. The Town Officers and staff were introduced. Assistant Moderator for the day is John Helmig. The Moderator explained the rules of conduct for the meeting.

Are you in favor of Article 2 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an **operating budget**, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$2,727,486**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$2,596,348**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Candia or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) Motion was made by Selectman Sue Young, seconded by Selectman Carleton Robie. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The vote carries, **therefore Article 2 will be moved to the ballot as read.**

Selectman Russ Dann moved to vote on Article 3 through fourteen as a block, seconded by Selectman Mark Laliberte. There was no discussion. Articles 3 through 14 will be moved as a block. Moderator Thyng then read the articles to the assembly.

Are you in favor of Article 3 as follows:

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

Are you in favor of Article 4 as follows:

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

Are you in favor of Article 5 as follows:

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

Are you in favor of Article 6 as follows:

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

Are you in favor of Article 7 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars **(\$1,250)** in continuation of its support of the **Child Advocacy Center**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

Are you in favor of Article 8 as follows:

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

Are you in favor of Article 9 as follows:

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

Are you in favor of Article 10 as follows:

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

Are you in favor of Article 11 as follows:

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

Are you in favor of Article 12 as follows:

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

Are you in favor of Article 13 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars **(\$500)** in (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

Are you in favor of Article 14 as follows:

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

Motion to move the articles 3 through 14 to the ballot as read was made by Russ Dann, seconded by Mark Laliberte. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The motion carries. **Articles 3 through 14 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 15 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (**\$3,500**) to be placed in the existing **Smyth Memorial Building Fund**. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 1) Motion was made by Sue Young, seconded by Mark Laliberte. Lynn Chivers, chairman of the Budget Committee, explained why the Budget Committee did not recommend the article. She stated the Budget Committee had two basic concerns. There were no plans for the use of the building, this article was for \$3,500.00, but there was also a line item in the town maintenance fund of \$16,740.00. Mrs. Penfield, chair of the Smyth Memorial Building trustees, explained that the monies were for the preservation of the building. There is no water or septic system. Sometime the roof will need to be replaced. Mrs. Penfield stated that it is not the Trustees job to find a use for the building, it is the community's responsibility to decide on a use for the building. It is an architectural treasure. Janet Wilderman requested that Capital Reserve Fund would be added to the balance. Mr. Robie explained that it is the Smyth Memorial Building Fund and the monies are expended under the direction of the Selectmen. This is not a Capitol Reserve fund. Mr. Snow explained this is an expendable Trust Fund. Stephanie Helmig wanted to know what improvements are on the docket for the coming year. Mrs. Penfield explained the need for a new door, painting trim and windows, repairing the downstairs windows. The fund will have money in reserve for future sewer system. Kim Marineau asked how many years this fund has been in effect and how much is in the fund? Mrs. Penfield replied three years and there is presently \$10,500 in the account. Selectman Dann explained he voted against the article because it has only been used a few times a year and we are not using it to its' full capacity. We need to look at getting water and sewage. The old bathrooms were removed but there are no plans for a new one. People in the town need to come forward to recommend uses for the building. Mrs. Penfield explained the septic has not been used for twenty years, the water had been piped from the church. Mr. Dann stated that we should open the septic to see if it can be used and the church is willing to connect. Mr. Hall explained that the money is being spent only as needed. There was no further discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. The vote carries. **Article 15 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 16 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (**\$2,500**) to be placed in the existing **Town Office Building Maintenance Fund**. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) Motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Sue Young. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The vote carries. **Article 16 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 17 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (**\$20,000**) to be placed in the existing **Revaluation Capital Reserve** fund for the Future Revaluation of the municipality. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) Motion was made by Mark Laliberte, seconded by Sue Young. Janet Wilderman asked how much was money was already in the fund? Mark replied a little over eighty thousand. Mrs Wilderman asked when the next revaluation was scheduled. Mr. Robie explained every 5 years, so it will be in 2019. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The vote carries. **Article 17 will be moved to the ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 18 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars **(\$4,000)** for the operation and maintenance of the **Fitts Museum**. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Fitts Museum. (Requested by the Trustees of the Fitts Museum) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) Motion was made by Russ Dann, second from Mark Laliberte. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The vote carries. **Article 18 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 19 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars **(\$100,000)** for excess **winter road maintenance**, these funds will not be used unless the operating winter maintenance funds are exhausted. This will be non-transferable appropriation. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) Motion was made by Sue Young, seconded by Russ Dann. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The vote carries. **Article 19 will be moved to ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 20 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars **(\$150,000)** for the first phase of Adams Road reconstruction. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) Motion was made by Sue Young, seconded by Mark Laliberte. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The vote carries. **Article 20 will be moved to the ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 21 as follows:

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 that perhaps two years down the road they would be looking. No further discussion. Moved to ballot as read. RSA 35:1 at the March 1991 Town Meeting, for the future purchase of the fire apparatus and equipment with the Selectmen appointed as agents. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) Motion was made by Russ Dann, seconded by Carleton Robie. Judy Szot asked how much was presently in the fund? The answer was \$222,608.00 Janet Wilderman asked what the plan was to purchase a new piece of equipment. Chief Dean Young explained they are looking at a couple of years down the road. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The vote carries. **Article 21 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 22 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars **(\$50,000)** to be deposited in the **Fire Station Infrastructure and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 at the March 2017 Town Meeting, for the purpose of providing for major capital investments in the fire station building infrastructure and grounds to keep the building and property sound, functional and safe well into the future with the Selectmen appointed as agents. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) Motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Russ Dann. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The vote carries. **Article 22 will be moved to ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 23 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven Dollars (**\$129,777**) for the operating expenses of the **Smyth Public Library**. Funds are to be expended under the direction of the Smyth Public Library Association. (Submitted by the Smyth Public Library Trustees) ((Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 0) Moved by Mark Laliberte, seconded Sue Young. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The vote carries. **Article 23 will be moved to ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 24 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven thousand dollars (**\$37,000**) for the implementation of a **mosquito control program** designed to reduce the risk of exposure to mosquito-borne diseases such as Zika, EEE, West Nile Virus and the Jamestown Canyon Virus. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) Motion was made by Sue Young, seconded by Mark Laliberte. Carla Penfield asked where the spraying is done? What kind of reports do we get? Selectman Robie explained that we have not sprayed in the last two years. Testing is done to see if spraying is needed. Judy Szot asked where do you spray? She does not want spraying. Carleton explained spraying is done at the Town Hall and Moore Park, and the CYAA fields. Moore School takes care of their own fields. Mrs. Szot asked how it protects the rest of the Town. Mr. Robie explained we can't spray the entire town. Al Hall explained that at the Post Office there is an explanation of the spraying and people need to do their homework. There were no further comments. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The vote carries. **Article 24 will be moved to the ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 25 as The question is whether follows:

Shall Candia allow the operation of keno games within the town? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) Motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Mark Laliberte. Mark explained they wanted to give the Town a chance to decide. There will be two restaurants opening soon. Ed Fowler asked what benefit does this have to the Town? The money will go to the State and used to fund full day kindergarten, even if we vote it in or not, replied Mark. The question is whether people want it. Lynn Chivers asked if this must be on the ballot, can we change the language and say for example checkers, instead of Keno? Mark replied the wording is specified by law. Janet Wilderman asked if it is voted down, can establishments still have Keno in the Town? The reply was no. Boyd Chivers asked if this could be amended? Mark replied No, it is prescribed by law. Mr. Chivers feels this is incompatible to the Town's image. Selectman Laliberte replied that the legislature put this for the towns to vote on. Frank Reynolds asked if we vote no would it still be on the ballot in March. The reply was yes. Kim Marineau asked if it is voted in, do the restaurants have to apply to the lottery commission has to approve it? The answer was yes. This will have to go on the ballot. There was no further discussion. A standing vote was taken to give the assembly an opportunity to stretch. The vote carries. **Article 25 will be moved to the ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 26 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,500.00** to the **Candia Youth Athletic Association** for the specific expenses of providing youth recreation programs to the children of Candia. Said expenses to be expended under the direction of the Candia Youth Athletic Association Board of Directors in accordance with the approved budgets. Submitted by petition. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) Motion was made by Rob Jones, seconded by Becky Cronk. Rob explained he serves on the Board of Directors and wished to thank the community. The money is used to offset the expenses and to improve the property. He can be reached at

CYAA Sports.com. There was no discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. Motion carries and **Article 26 will be moved to the ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 27 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$426) Four Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars, a 5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), to the Tax Collectors Stipend. RSA 41:33. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) Motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Mark Laliberte. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The motion carries. **Article 27 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 28 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate an agreement with the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of Property Taxes before they are accessed or due. (RSA 80:52-aTaxpayers may prepay taxes up to 2 years in advance of the due date of the taxes if voted on by the governing board, No interest accrues on any prepayment, nor will interest be paid to the taxpayer on any prepayment, which may later be subject to refund) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1) Motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Sue Young. Dick Snow had a question for counsel about the language. Counsel Courtney explained the article is lawful according to the DRA. Kerry James amended the article to correct the typo changing the word accessed to assessed. Motion to accept the amendment was made by Kerry James, seconded by Janet Manter. Vote on the amendment was taken by a show of ballots. The amendment to correct the typo to assessed, passes. There was no further discussion. Vote on the amended article was taken by a show of ballots carries. **Article 28 will be placed on the ballot as amended.**

Are you in favor of Article 29 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize he Board of Selectmen to contractually discuss, on annual basis during the budgeting process, any wage increases for the Tax Collector's yearly stipend i.e. COLA (Cost of Living Adjustments) or increases due to extended years of service. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0) Motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Sue Young. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The vote carries. **Article 29 will be moved to the ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 30 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$369) Three Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars, a 5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), to the Treasurer's Stipend. RSA 41:33. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) Carleton Robie made the motion seconded by Mark Laliberte. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The vote carries. **Article 30 will be moved to ballot as read.**

Are you in favor of Article 31 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Board of Selectmen to contractually discuss, on annual basis during the budgeting process, any wage increases for the Treasurer's yearly stipend i.e. COLA (Cost of Living Adjustments) or increases due to extended years of service. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0) The motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Russ Dann. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 31 will be moved to ballot as read.**

Are you in favor Article 32 follows:

To see if the town will vote a ten percent (10%) reduction in the school portion of the property tax bill to all property owners in Candia who meet the following requirements: they have lived in Candia 10 years or more, have no students in the Candia School System and one or more of the owners is 60 years or older. Submitted by petition. Motion was made by Carla Penfield, seconded by Judy Szot. Moderator Thyng explained the article is unlawful. Counsel Mike Courtney explained this is not authorized by the legislature and is unenforceable. DR at the endA would also deem this article unenforceable. Jodi Hedstrom asked if this would still go on the ballot. She was told yes, it would still go on the ballot. Counsel explained the Selectmen are obliged to collect the taxes including the school's. There was no second to the amendment proposed by Todd Keating to change the 10% to zero. Janet Wilderman proposed to amend the article to show that it was unlawful and to change the 10% to 0%. The motion dies for lack of a second. Carla Penfield explained she wrote this article to make a statement regarding the increasing school budget and decreasing school enrollment and the hardship it places on the elderly, and to generate conversation among the community. Becky Cronk wished to amend the article to include the wording at the end that this article is unlawful in nature, seconded by Sue Young. Discussion on the article with the proposed amendment to include this article is unlawful in nature then opened. Deb LeBlond, of the Candia School Board explained they consider everyone when making their budget. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken on the amendment by a show of ballots. The amendment carries. Vote was then taken on the amended article to include the words this article is unlawful in nature. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 32 will move to the ballot as amended.**

Motion to dissolve the meeting was made Janet Wilderman, seconded by Rob. Jones. The meeting was dissolved at 10:47.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Dupere
Candia Town Clerk