

CANDIA DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES FEBRUARY 12, 2011

The Annual Meeting Deliberative Session of the Town of Candia, New Hampshire was called to order by Moderator H. Clark Thyng at 9:02 AM at the Henry W. Moore School. The presentation of the colors was made by Boy Scout Troop 120, followed by the salute to the flag led by Fred Kelley. The meeting was opened in prayer led by Pastor Brian Moore. Pastor Moore urged the assembly to listen to each other and treat each other as family. He asked us to understand what was truly important as the matters of the town were deliberated, to put aside our own agendas and priorities for the good of the community. He asked that we look at the whole to be able to see the direction we must head as we look to the future. As the Town was once called Charmingfare for the delicious nature of its' game, may it still be called Charmingfare because of the abiding nature and graciousness of its' people.

The Moderator took the opportunity to introduce the officials and staff on the stage; Town Clerk: Christine Dupere, Deputy Town Clerk: Cheryl Bond, Selectmen: Fred Kelley, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Carleton Robie, Vice Chair, Joe Duarte who was also Representative in the State Legislature, Amanda Soares, and Richard Snow. Also introduced were Cheryl Eastman, Selectmen's Assistant, and Donna Becker, Finance Director, and Bart Mayer, Legal Counsel for the Town. Mr. Thyng also introduced the other town officials who were in attendance at the meeting.

Moderator Thyng briefly reviewed the rules with the assembly.

ARTICLE 1.

The election of the Town Officers will be on the ballot for the March 8, 2011 election. The polls will be open from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Moore School.

ARTICLE 2.

The proposed Zoning Amendments will be on the ballot for the March 8, 2011 election.

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 Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$2,322,588)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Two Million Three Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-Three Dollars (\$2,364,453), 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 8 to 0) The motion was made by Selectman Carleton Robie, seconded by Selectman Amanda Soares. There was no discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 3 be placed on the ballot as written.**

Since there was no objection from those assembled, Articles 4 through 16 will be voted upon as a block. Motion to accept the articles as read was made by Selectman Soares, seconded by Selectman Snow. Ron Thomas asked the following question: How can these questions be amended and what do these organizations do for our community? Selectman Robie replied the organizations directly aid members in our community. There was no further discussion. Vote was by a show of ballots. **Articles 4 through 16 will be placed on the ballot as voted.**

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 support of the Rockingham County Community Action. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

ARTICLE 5.

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

ARTICLE 6.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400) in continuation of its support of the American Red Cross. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

ARTICLE 7.

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

ARTICLE 8.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$325) in continuation of its support of the YWCA Crisis Service. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

ARTICLE 9.

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

ARTICLE 10.

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

ARTICLE 11.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of 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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

ARTICLE 12.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of 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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

ARTICLE 13.

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

ARTICLE 14.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$225) in continuation of its support of the Retired and Senior Volunteer

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

ARTICLE 15.

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

ARTICLE 16.

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

Following voting on the articles above, Annemaria Tierno was asked by the Moderator to explain the Ten Percent rule which was the cap for spending appropriations which had not been approved by the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 17.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Town Office Building Maintenance Trust Fund. (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) The motion to accept the article as read.. was made by Fred Kelley, seconded by Carleton Robie. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 17 will be placed on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 18.

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) Motion was made by Fred Kelly, seconded by Dick Snow to accept the article as read. There was no discussion. When voted on by a show of ballots, **Article 18 passed and will be placed on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 19.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the fourth 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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) Motion by Dick Snow to accept the article as read, seconded by Amanda Soares. There was no discussion. Vote was by a show of ballots. **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 One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$125,955) 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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 0, with 1 abstaining) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Fred Kelley and seconded by Carleton Robie. There was no discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 20 will be placed on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 21.

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) Motion by Richard Snow, seconded by Amanda Soares to accept the article as read. Mr. Snow explained that this is a special warrant article which can only be spent for the purpose written. Paula Chouinard asked if this could also be used if there is flooding as a result of the snowmelt this spring. Mr. Robie explained it could be if it resulted from the winter snows. There was no discussion. The 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 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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) Motion was made by Selectman Joe Duarte, seconded by Selectman Amanda Soares. There was no discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. **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 Five Thousand Dollars (five thousand dollars and zero cents) for the costs to update the Candia Local Emergency Operations Plan. A grant has been applied for to cover 50% (fifty percent) of the total cost of the update. Requested by the Candia Office of Emergency Management. (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) The motion to accept the article as read was made by Amanda Soares, seconded by Carleton Robie. There was no discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 23 will be placed on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 24.

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. (By request of the Fire Chief.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6 to 2) Motion was made by Selectman Robie, seconded by Selectman Soares to accept the article as read. Fire Chief, Dean Young, stated this article has been in existence for over 25 years. He explained that because fire apparatus is so expensive, this fund helps to lessen the impact of the purchase. There was no discussion. A vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 24 will be placed on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 25.

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

to 0) Motion was made by Selectman Amanda Soares, second by Selectman Richard Snow. There was no discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 25 will be placed on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 26.

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) The motion was made by Mr. Snow, seconded by Mrs. Soares. There was no discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 26 will be placed on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 27

To see if 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 general fund 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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) Motion was made by Selectman Snow, seconded by Selectman Robie to accept the article as read. Mr. Snow spoke to the article explaining the fund helps repair and maintain the playground equipment and will be used to replace the surface, helping protect the users of the playground. There was no discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 27 will be placed on the ballot as written.**

Article 28

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 Selectmen, 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. (By request of the Agricultural Commission Steering Committee.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 2) Motion was made by Selectman Snow, seconded by Selectman Soares to accept the article as read. Rick Lazott asked what level of authority would this commission have. Is it another level of authority?. Diane Philbrick explained the commission has no authority,

it is totally advisory. Mrs. Philbrick explained agriculture is not gone, but is growing throughout the state. Local farming helps reduce our dependence on petroleum. The Department of Agriculture is encouraging the formation of these commissions, which are to help enhance our rural character. Paula Chouinard stated it helps to recognize and encourage agriculture in our community. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **The article will be placed on the ballot as written.**

Ron Thomas asked how the moderator will select the members of the commission. Moderator Thyng replied he will confer with the Selectmen and Town Counsel and come up with a plan.

ARTICLE 29.

To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Candia Fire Department from the "Town of Candia Fire-Rescue Department" to the "Candia Volunteer Fire Department." (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Mr. Robie, seconded by Mrs. Soares. Both Chief Young and Bob Panit explained it was the wish of the membership to go back to the original name. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 29 will be placed on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 30.

To see if the town will vote, under the provisions of RSA 72:39-a & b, to modify the qualifications of an elderly exemption from the assessed value to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$35,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$55,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$70,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$50,000 for single or married; and own net assets not in excess of \$300,000 for single or married; excluding the value of the person's residence. (By request 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 6 to 0) Motion by Amanda Soares to accept the article as read by the Moderator to add for single or married to the language,. seconded by Mr. Kelley. There was no discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 30 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 31.

To see if the town will vote, under the provisions of RSA 72:37- b, to modify the qualifications of a disabled exemption from the assessed value shall be \$35,000. To qualify, the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, must occupy the property as his principle place of abode, must own the property individually or jointly, or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for

at least 5 years and been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income from all sources of not more than \$50,000 for single or married in the calendar year preceding April 1; and own net assets not in excess of \$300,000 for single or married excluding the value of the person's residence. (By request of the Board of Selectmen). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6 to 1, with 1 abstaining) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Amanda Soares, seconded by Fred Kelley. There was no discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. **Article 31 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 32.

Are people in favor of spending up to but not to exceed \$18,000 from the balance currently available in the Conservation Fund, on a Prime Wetland Study? If this article is approved, we expect the resulting Prime Wetland proposal would go on the March 2012 ballot for public approval. (Submitted by request of the Conservation Commission) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Dick Snow, seconded Amanda Soares. Susan Wilderman explained that the state charges all Conservation Commissions to conduct a study of the natural resources in their communities. Wetlands are an important part in helping to prevent flooding and providing wildlife habitats. They are fragile environments which must be protected and are a critical resource that cannot be neglected. There was no discussion. When voted on by a show of ballots, **Article 32 will be placed on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 33.

To see if the Town will vote to grant the Candia Garden Club the use of the New Boston Road Swap Shop for the purpose of a work center and storage facility. The Candia Garden Club will provide maintenance of the building and grounds immediately around the building. Rather than using taxpayer money to tear the building down. With Winter upon us, the Candia Garden Club would begin work the Spring of 2011. (Submitted by petition) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) Motion was made by Dick Snow, seconded by Fred Kelley.

Judy Siemonsma, who spoke for the Candia Garden Club, explained she would like to amend the article to include any other organization wishing to use this building. Mrs. Siemonsma offered the following amendment: To see if the Town will vote to grant the Candia Garden Club and any other organization or club from Candia, the use of the New Boston Road Swap Shop for the purpose of meetings, a work center, or storage facility. The Candia Garden Club will provide maintenance of the grounds immediately around the building. Rather than using Taxpayer money to tear the building down, this building should be saved for use by Candia residents. The Candia Garden Club would begin work with preparing the grounds for gardens in the spring of 2011. The motion was seconded by Ken Goekjian.

Selectman Soares explained that the DES and State of New Hampshire have closed the facility. Trash has been thrown at the site for many years. The extent of the trash is unknown. DES will not allow anyone at the facility. If this is not complied with, the Town could be fined up to a million dollars. No one is allowed on the premises as per order of the State. Al Couch, chairman of the Solid Waste Committee, explained that when he checked with DES, he was told a completely different story. Mrs. Soares explained that nothing can be done on the site until it is completely sealed. Future use can be proposed, but nothing can be done until the final inspection by DES. Rick Lazott felt we should stay out of there, as there is some bad stuff that has been dumped there in the distant past when there were no regulations. Ingrid Byrd feels the building is an eyesore and the Town should not be placed in a position to have to pay a large fine. The risk is not worth the use. Town Counsel Bart Mayer explained the subject matter can be maintained but the proposal can be altered in a way the assembly deems appropriate as long as it is about the use of the property. Mr. Hall asked if there was a time line or statute of limitations issued by DES and was told there is no time line. Mrs. Soares replied anything that is to be moved or removed has to be in the closure plan. Steve Bradley stated that people would not be breaching the cap. They would stay on existing roadways. Mrs. Soares replied that the Town is liable if anyone goes on the property. Selectman Duarte commented that he does not want the Town to be liable. Mr. Snow explained that as a private citizen, he understands the intent of the article. The disposition of the building has to be in the closure plan. Motion to call the question was made by Jon Godfrey, seconded by Christina Watson. It was voted by the assembly to call the question. Vote on the amendment was by a show of ballots. The Amendment failed.

Carla Penfield moved to amend the article as follows: To see if the Town will vote to grant the Board of Selectmen the right to determine the use or removal of the building known as the Swap Shop at the old Dump on new Boston Road; seconded by Rick Lazott. Mr. Goekjian asked if the liability associated with the cap lasts forever and was told it does. Mrs. Soares explained you are not permitted any structures or trees. The area must be maintained as a seeded grass area. Mr. Lazott asked if the Board of Selectmen would have full discretion on the use of the property. Mark Siemonsma asked if a boundary could be set with the DES to state what portion of the property could be used instead of total closure? Mrs. Soares stated the entire property must be included in the closure plan. Mrs. Penfield explained the intent of her amendment was to give the Board of Selectmen the power to decide what to do with the property and buildings. Mr. Godfrey felt that eventually we would be able to use this land whether it would be kids playing on ball fields or organizations using the swap shop building. He also urged the assembly to vote down the present amendment, at which time, he would offer a new amendment. Mr. Goekjian asked how long the cap has been in place. Amanda replied that as far as she could tell going through all the records, it has been in place since the early eighties. Mr. Goekjian then stated the cap has been there for a large number of years, with cars, trucks, and bulldozers being driven over the cap, so it is not a fragile thing. Amanda agreed, but explained you can't build on it or grow things which would permeate the cap. Motion to call the question was made by Fred Kelley, seconded by Carleton Robie. Vote to call the question was passed by the legislative

body. Vote was then taken on the amendment by a show of ballots. The Amendment Failed.

Jon Godfrey then offered the following amendment: To see if the Town will vote to preserve the old swap shop in its' current location for future use of Candia organizations, pending closure by the DES. This was seconded by Al Couch. Mr. Snow stated his understanding was that the DES had closed the incinerator and the landfill. All the stuff in the landfill is encapsulated. Are we going to be asked to change that cap or extend it? Amanda explained that the entire site must be included; the incinerator, landfill and buildings must be cleaned up so they are not hazardous to the public. Mr. Snow stated that someday, at some point in time, the site will leak and the issue will have to be addressed. Mr. Duarte was very concerned within the liability aspect. The technology for removing hazardous waste is a very expensive proposition. Is it worth the risk? We have an opportunity to protect ourselves. Christine Watson explained the when the cap was put on, the technology was far different than it is today. Ginny Clifford asked if a second gated area could be put in place as part of the closure plan, so some of the area could be used? Mrs. Soares replied that this could be a possibility. Al Hall stated he is concerned when he hears all this. He used the example of the city of Biddeford, Maine, whose landfill had been infamous. Today, it is a beautiful park on the banks of the Saco River. This could also be done with our landfill site, located on the headwaters of the Lamprey River. Mr. Godfrey feels there is too much speculation about what will or won't be allowed. He asked to move the question, seconded by Diane Philbrick. The assembly voted to move the question. Vote was then taken on the amendment by a show of ballots. The Amendment Passed.

The following amendment was then proposed by Selectman Soares: To see if the Town will vote to preserve the old swap shop in its' current location for future use of Candia organizations, pending closure by the DES, upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may deem in the best interest of the Town, including, but not limited to; the Candia organizations maintaining liability insurance on the building and property with the Town named by endorsement to the policy; the Candia organizations installing and maintaining fencing satisfactory to the Selectmen to prohibit access and damage to the capped landfill area; the understanding that no water or sewer service is available for the property; the Candia organizations will arrange to have installed a separate electric meter and will be responsible for all electric charges; the Candia organizations are responsible for all building maintenance and grounds maintenance for the area included inside the fencing. Motion to second the amendment was made by Fred Kelley. Mrs. Soares explained the proposed amendment was looking out for the welfare of the residents. If people wanted to use the building, they would have to take responsibility for it. Mr. Hall urged the defeat of this amendment, which in no way carries out the intent of the petitioners. Mr. Goekjian feels the new amendment is extreme. Rick Lazott feels Amanda has done an outstanding job. Sharon Dewitt moved to call the question, seconded by Fred Kelley. Vote was to call the question. The vote was then taken by a show of ballots on the new amendment. The Amendment Fails.

It was moved to call the question by Jon Godfrey, seconded by Judy Siemonsma. The assembly voted to call the question. Vote was then taken by a show of ballots, on the amended article Article 33 which read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to preserve the old swap shop in its' current location for future use of Candia organizations, pending closure by the DES. **Article 33 was adopted and will be placed on the ballot as amended.**

Article 34

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$12,700.00) for the Candia Youth Athletic Association for the specific operating expenses of mowing, aeration, fertilization, and snow plowing. Said funds are to be expended under the direction of the Candia Youth Athletic Association Board of Directors in accordance with the approved budgets. (Submitted by petition.) (Not 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 to accept the article as read was made by Selectman Snow, second by Selectman Kelley. Ginny Clifford feels the CYAA has contributed a lot to the community and we should support them. James Pafford, current acting president, came to explain what the facility is used for. He stated there are approximately 195 children being served by CYAA every year. School athletic teams typically select the most skilled students, whereas the CYAA serves all kids. Giving them the benefits of all the different aspects of being involved in sports, such as mental health, obesity prevention, diabetes prevention, less risk of smoking, smaller risk of teen pregnancy, and on and on. Last year, the CYAA spent \$148,873.00 on its' programs. Mr. Pafford continued to list the community projects the CYAA has been involved in. There was no further discussion. Alan Wyman asked to call the question, seconded Al Hall. Those in attendance voted to call the question. The vote was then taken on Article 34 by a show of ballots, and passed. **Article 34 will be placed on the ballot as written.**

Nominations were taken for the traditional posts of Scaler of Timber, Hog Reeve, and Viewers of Fences. Following a vote from the assembly, the following individuals were elected to these positions: Carleton Robie: Scaler of Timber, Clark Thyng: Reeve of Hogs, and Pete & Cheryl Bond: Viewers of Fences.

A motion to adjourn was entertained by the Moderator. Motion was made by Fred Kelley, seconded by Ingrid Byrd. The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Dupere
Town Clerk of Candia