

~~Unapproved~~ **APPROVED**
Candia's Virtual Selectmen's Public Session Minutes
February 8th, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Note: Individual roll call has been taken after each motion.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Young opened the Public Session Meeting.

Attendance: Chair Susan Young, Selectman Russ Dann, Selectman Boyd Chivers, Selectman Brien Brock, Selectman Patrick Moran and Administrative Assistant Linda Chandonnet

Approval of Minutes: Public Session Minutes for January 25th, 2021.

Line 92 the proposed Town Budget is not Level Funded. Line 118 to add: this is a consensus, and not a motion. Add: to Seal the Non-public Minutes.

Selectman Dann made a motion to accept the January 25th, 2021 Public Session Minutes as amended. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Approval of Minutes: Non-Public Session Minutes for January 25th, 2021.

No corrections noted.

Selectman Dann made a motion to accept the January 25th, 2021 Non-Public Session Minutes. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

7:04 pm Public Hearing: Chair Young called the Public Hearing to order. Regarding the question for permission and operation of the N.H. Keno 603 Game at qualified establishments within the Town on the March 9th, 2021 Election Ballot.

Public Comments: Al Hall (resident) stated in respect to Dennis Lewis who has always voted against Keno, that he is also against it.

7:06 pm Chair Young closed the Public Hearing.

Department Reports: Highway; Police; Fire; Building; Solid Waste; Budget; Other.

Highway: Selectman Brock thanked Mark Young and Jeff Wuebbolt for all their help. The Road Agent of Chester had also offered his assistance if our Town needed him and Selectman Brock thanked him. See the attached report. Selectman Brock made a recommendation for the Board to approve Jeff Wuebbolt to take over as the Town's Road Agent for the remaining duration of the 2-year term.

Selectman Brock made a motion to recommend Jeff Wuebbolt as the Town's Road Agent for the remaining duration of the 2-year term. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Police: See attached reports. Police Chief McGillen informed the Board that Officer Serena Shuter has been called to Guard Duty for 272 days starting effective on March 4th, 2021.

There have been a few individuals who have contacted the Town Office that are interested in joining the Safety Facility Committee.

It was mentioned that the Police Department did an outstanding job directing and patrolling traffic at the C.Y.A.A. Funeral Services for Dennis Lewis.

Fire: See attached reports.

Building: See attached reports.

Solid Waste: See attached reports.

The Budget Committee will be having a meeting on Wednesday, February 10th, 2021.

Town Offices – Opening to the public: Discussion among the Board Members and the Town Office Staff regarding opening the Town Office for a goal date of March 1st, 2021. It was concluded that this topic would be added to the agenda on the next Board of Selectmen's Meeting scheduled Monday, February 22nd, 2021. The Town Office Staff will receive an email to attend the Meeting or to send in any concerns or questions including PPE that they may have, so the Board may assist with solutions for it to be successful and accommodate everyone involved.

Selectman Dann made a motion to open the Town Office on March 1st, 2021 and invite the Staff and anyone else an opportunity to speak about the pros and cons of opening. It will be open for discussion at the next Board of Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, February 22nd, 2021. Seconded by Chair Young. All not in Favor. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1-0. Chair Young-Yes, Selectman Brock-Yes, Selectman Chivers-No, Selectman Moran-Yes, Selectman Dann-Yes.

Chief Mike McGillen confirmed that there is plenty of PPE available. He has a drafted plan for the re-opening of the Town Offices and will forward the information to Building Inspector Gagne for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator of the Land Use Office: Chair Young asked the Board to revisit this topic as to what was stated in the last Board of Selectmen's meeting was not consistent with the email attachment. The Board has concerns on the part of changing the name of the title that was not recommended by Planning Board Chair Rudy Cartier and Bob Petrin. Selectman Brock explained it had nothing to do with Lisa Galica's job performance as she does a great job. His concerns are about changing it to the word Administrator, because it might be setting themselves up of what might happen in the future if the position needs to be filled, and that it represents someone with a lot of background and education. They are looking to hire a Town Administrator and do not want conflict, as the Town Administrator will be the person in charge. It would not be a good idea to have a Town Administrator to oversee an Administrator. Selectman Chivers added that taking this title away will look like a demotion to Lisa Galica. Discussion ensued.

Selectman Brock made a motion to change the Land Use position title Administrator of the Land Use Office to be the Land Use Coordinator. Seconded by Selectman Moran. All not in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1-0. Chair Young-Yes, Selectman Brock-Yes, Selectman Chivers-No, Selectman Moran-Yes, Selectman Dann-Yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Agricultural Commission: Chair Matt Cobb via Zoom, indicated William Haas tendered his resignation as a voting member and his term expires 2021. The commission voted unanimously to recommend the appointment of Ron Howe, who is currently an alternate to this position in a new three-year term beginning in March and will end in 2024. Debra Cobb and Joseph Lamarche have alternate terms expiring in March. Both would like to continue in their roles as alternate positions. The commission has voted unanimously to recommend that they both be reappointed for three-year terms as alternates ending in 2024.

Selectman Moran made a motion to appoint Ron Howe for a three-year term with the Agricultural Commission. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Selectman Chivers made a motion to appoint Debra Cobb and Joseph Lamarche as Alternates to the Agricultural Commission for a three-year term, ending year 2024. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Selectman Brock stated that he was contacted by someone who is interested in buying property off of Donovan Road, which is in conservation and has no easements or stipulations on it. They are not looking to build on it and wants it to access their property and possibly harvesting. Selectman Brock added that at this point he would like some direction from the Board. Selectman Chivers suggested asking Legal Council on how the Town may dispose of tax deeded properties with the condition of an easement on it.

Board to authorize the payments of payroll and payables. Selectman Chivers announced the payroll for the week ending February 4th was \$17,000.10 and for week ending February 11th was \$15,370.94. Payables for the week ending February 4th was \$540,547.71 of which the School received \$500,000. For week ending February 11th was \$35,777.55 for a combined total of \$608,696.30.

Selectman Chivers made a motion to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for the total amount of \$608,696.30. Seconded by Selectman Moran All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Calendar:

- The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 22nd, 2021.

Public Input: None noted.

8:30 pm Selectman Chivers made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting. Seconded by Selectmen Dann. All in Favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Chandonnet, Recording Secretary