

**Approved  
Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes  
November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Attendance:** Chairman Brien Brock, Vice-Chair Patrick Moran, Selectman Boyd Chivers, Selectman Susan Young, Selectman Russ Dann and Town Administrator Andria Hansen.

**5:00 p.m.** Chair Young called the Public Meeting to order.

**To determine the 2023 tax rate.** Chair Brock called the meeting to order. He noted the proposed tax rate from the DRA was \$21.16. There was some discussion about how much to reduce the tax rate by. There was also discussion about how much to retain in the unreserved fund balance.

**Selectman Chivers motion to reduce the tax rate from \$21.16 to \$20.87 which would reduce the fund balance by \$156,000. Seconded by Selectman Moran. Selectmen Dann, Young, Chivers, and Moran were in favor and Chair Brock was opposed. Motion passed (4-1-0).**

Selectman Young asked why Chair Brock was opposed. Chair Brock said he didn't agree and he thought they should reduce the rate further. After some discussion it was decided to reduce the rate to \$20.63.

**Selectman Brock motioned to reconsider the previous motion. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**Selectman Chivers motion to reduce the tax rate from \$21.16 to \$20.63 which will reduce the fund balance by \$291,000. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

Town Administrator Hansen asked the Board for clarification about closing the week of Christmas. She explained if the employees used sick time the Board would have to waive the personnel policy. Also, the Recycling Center employees would need to be compensated, because the recycle center has to stay open that week. The Board decided not to waive the policy and the Town Offices would stay open the week of Christmas.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andria Hansen