

APPROVED
**Candia's Virtual Selectmen's Public Session Minutes
January 22nd, 2024, 6:30 pm**

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

6:30 pm Chair Brien Brock opened the Public Session Meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Public session minutes of January 8th, 2024. None noted.

Motion: Selectmen Dann made a motion to approve the January 8th, 2024, Public Session Minutes as presented. Selectman Chivers seconded. Selectman Dann abstained. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

NEW BUSINESS

NH DOT – Project update:

NH DOT Program Administrator/Project Development, Loretta Girard Doughty said there have been some retirements and promotions at her department, and announced she will be the new project manager. She gave the Board information of the project background and current status. She introduced the team she is working with, NH DOT Group Leader/Technical Lead Dan Primeau, NH DOT Project Engineers Emma Bell and Senior Engineer Michael Dugas from GPI (Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.). The project involves three locations in Candia. The purpose of the project is to improve the safety and operation of the intersections. They are looking for some feedback from the Town that might help to inform them as they look for alternatives and options as well as the pros and cons. Mr. Dugas discussed some of the ideas they have. The plan is when they come back for future meetings, they will have a few more similar looking options in trying to exhaust the range of alternatives that are possible and have more information as far as the effects of these different options. They will have a follow up meeting in March 2024. He asked if they would like to ask the Public in their next meeting and Chair Brock agreed. See attached presentation.

Chair Brock mentioned the Exit 3 intersection area needs something done, as there is no stop sign on one side as you head towards the highway. There have been several near car accidents because people are not sure if there is a stop sign on either side. NH DOT agreed to look into this intersection.

Budget Committee Administrative Assistant - Increase: Town Administrator Hansen explained that at their last Budget Committee meeting, Chair Lynn Chivers gave the Administrative Assistant a \$2.00 increase in pay. She noted that they do not have a step system set up for this position. She will need the approval form signed by the Selectmen.

OLD BUSINESS

Warrant Article Update: Town Administrator Hansen indicated that because the Budget Committee did not vote to recommend the Warrant Article for the Police Station, there is specific wording that will need to be added on top. "Passage of Warrant Article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee". It will be listed as Warrant Article #2.

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The Board had a conversation about the Selectmen coverage schedule at the Presidential Election on Tuesday, January 23, 2023.

Budget Committee Update: Selectman Young informed the Board that the Budget Committee cut the budget by \$61,000. Chair Brock pointed out that \$45,000 was for the Cruiser. At this point they are only looking for \$16,000.

Calendar:

- Presidential Primary – Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024
- Town Deliberative Session – Saturday, February 3rd, 2024
- Next Board of Selectman's Meeting on Monday, February 12th, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Public Input: None

7:15pm MOTION: Selectman Chivers made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Linda Chandonnet
Recording Secretary