

CANDIA DELIBERATIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 1, 2020

Moderator H. Clark Thyng declared the meeting open at 9:08 AM The meeting was led in prayer by Pastor Barbara of the Baptist Church. The Candia Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Brownies led the posting of the colors. The salute to the flag was led by Sue Young. The Town officials were introduced: Town Clerk Christine Dupere, Deputy Clerk Donna Hetzel, Susan Young, chairman of the Selectmen, Carleton Robie, Vice Chairman, Selectmen Brien Brock, Boyd Chivers, and Russ Dann. Linda Chandonnais, Selectmen's Assistant, and Donna Becker, payroll and accounts manager. Other Town officers were also introduced who were seated in the room. Chief Dean Young presented a plaque to Bob Panit in recognition of his service and contributions to the Candia Fire Department from 1995 to 2018. The following persons will be allowed to speak since there was no objection: Town Counsel Mike Courtney, Police Chief Mike McGillen, and George May of the Candia Fire Department.

The Board of Selectmen have dedicated the Town Report to Ingrid Byrd. Mrs. Byrd served on several boards, as well as giving generous contributions to the Town of Candia. Mrs. Byrd received a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a standing ovation.

Moderator Thyng read the rules of conduct for the meeting.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an **Operating Budget**, this operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles, 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 **\$2,965,795**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$2,793,064**, 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 3 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 0)

Sue Young made a motion to move the order of article 13 to be 36 to be at the end of the warrant articles to be considered at today's deliberative session, and subsequently moving articles 14 to 36 up one number. This was seconded by Brien Brock. Chairman Young explained these funds were from the sale of a Town property, and because of the 10% rule, the monetary amount could be changed so the service articles and CYAA would not be cut. The assembly voted in favor of the motion.

Motion was made by Sue Young to approve the article as read, seconded by Carleton Robie. Holly Haas moved to amend the article to add \$5,000.00 to the budget. Holly explained she also was Chair of the Cemetery Trustees, this was seconded by Sue Young. Holly explained this amount would be used to replace the gate at the Bean Island Cemetery. The new operating

budget would be \$2,970,795.00. Following brief discussion, vote on the amendment carries. Vote was then taken on the amended article by a show of ballots, and was adopted. Article 2 will be placed on the ballot as amended.

Dick Snow moved to restrict consideration on Article 2, seconded by Russ Dann. It was voted to restrict reconsideration on Article 2.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (**\$136,990**) for the operating expenses of the **Smyth Public Library**. 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) The article was moved by Boyd Chivers, seconded by Russ Dann. There was no discussion. It was voted by a show of ballots to move Article 3 to the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars (**\$642,639.00**) for the purchase of **Fire Apparatus** designated as a replacement for existing equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars (**\$316,639.00**) from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose with Selectmen named as Agents. The balance of Three Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (**\$326,000.00**) is to come from general taxation and 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 7 to 0) The article was moved by Russ Dann, seconded by Brien Brock. Chief Dean Young spoke to the article explaining the need for the fire truck which would replace the 20 year old engine. It would take approximately a year to order the new truck. Judy Szot asked why this would be paid all at once instead of in a bond? Chief young replied by paying all at once, we would save \$18,000.00. There was no further discussion. The assembly voted to place the article on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Dollar (**\$1**) 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 Board of Selectman 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 7 to 0) Moved by Carleton Robie and seconded by Boyd Chivers. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Article 5 will be placed on the ballot as read.

Moved to restrict reconsideration of articles 3 to 5 was made by Mr. Snow, seconded by Russ Dann. There was no objection. Reconsideration will be restricted on Articles 3 to 5.

ARTICLE 6

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** established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 at the March, 2017 Town Meeting for the purpose of funding major capital investments in the fire station building and its infrastructure and grounds to keep the building and property sound, functional, and safe with the Board of 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 7 to 0) The article was moved by Selectman Russ Dann, seconded by Selectman Brien Brock. Carla asked Chief Young to explain where the monies would be expended. Chief Young explained there was \$150,000.00 in the fund now. They will be building a bay on the left hand side of the firehouse. It will a deep bay with taller ceilings and some space in the back and possible sleeping quarters. In a few more years they will have enough to do the project. They also want to put in a leach field. They also want to put an exhaust system in at the same time to vent the fumes from the trucks. There was no further discussion. It was voted to move Article 6 to the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to establish a **revolving fund** pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of **Fire Department Special Details**. All of the revenue received from fees, charges, or other income derived from the Fire Department providing firefighting assistance and / or public safety services outside the ordinary duties of the Candia Fire Department will be placed in the fund and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year-to-year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general surplus. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same for expenses associated with special details only upon order of the governing body and Fire Chief and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Any surplus remaining in the fund, after the payment of the expenses associated with special details shall be used for the Fire Department equipment. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)

The article was moved by Selectman Brock, seconded by Selectman Chivers. There was no discussion. It was voted to move Article 7 to the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the town will vote pursuant to RSA 154:1, IV to amend the organizational structure for the **Candia Volunteer Fire Department** so the Fire Chief is appointed indefinitely until s/he resigns, retire, or is removed for just causes in accordance with RSA 154. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) Motion was made by Selectman Carleton Robie, seconded by Selectman Sue Young. Ken Goekjian asked the purpose of this article? Dean Young explained when the Fire Department was taken over by the Town a few years ago, the members would vote every three years, to choose a Fire Chief. This article would be a better way of doing this, with more continuity. There was no further discussion. Article 8 will be moved to the ballot as read.

Mr. Snow moved to restrict consideration on 6 through 8, seconded by Russ. It was voted to restrict reconsideration.

ARTICLE 9

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 7 to 0) Motion was made by Brien Brock, seconded by Carleton Robie. There was no discussion. It was voted by a show of ballots to move Article 9 to the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars **(\$200,000)** for the southeast portion of **Currier Road**, this will be the first phase of a two-year project. 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 7 to 0) The motion was made by Selectman Chivers, seconded by Selectman Dann. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Article 10 will be placed on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars **(\$150,000)** for the first phase of **Healey Road reconstruction**, this will be the first phase of a two-year project. 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 7 to 0) The article was moved by Brien Brock, seconded by Boyd Chivers. Mr. Goekjian asked why there were two proposed projects this year? Road Agent Dennis Lewis explained that the projects would be done to correct the bad mud situation on Currier Road as well as repairing Healey Road. There was no further discussion. The assembly voted to place Article 11 on the ballot as read.

Mr. Snow moved to restrict reconsideration on articles 9 through 11, seconded by Russ Dann. There was no objection from the assembly. Articles 9 through 11 will be restricted from consideration.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars **(\$20,000)** to be placed in the **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 4 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 0) Motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Boyd Chivers. Brenda Stevens asked if this is enough money? Donna Becker explained last year was a partial revaluation and we did not spend more than \$100,000.00 last year. The monies placed in the fund have been adequate. There was no further discussion. The assembly voted to place Article 12 on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 13

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 4 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5 to 2) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Brien Brock. Todd Keating asked how many times have we have sprayed in the last 3 or 4 years? Dave Murray explained spraying is done when we detect EEE. Think of this as an insurance policy. The spraying is done at Moore Park and the Town Hall. Bee keepers do not want spraying on their properties. Holly Haas explained as a farmer you don't have to spray, but the testing is very necessary. Jacqueline Wilkins explained property owners can opt out of the spraying. There was no further discussion. Article 13 will be placed on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Thousand Dollars (**\$30,000**) for a **Well and Septic System** as approved by DES at the **Smyth Memorial Building**, commonly known as the old library. This would be the first phase in preparing the building for future use. The funds to be spent under the direction of the Trustees of The Smyth Memorial Building. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5 to 2) Motion was made by Selectman Robie, seconded by Selectman Young. Rudy Cartier explained the Planning Board has been working on capital improvements. Sharon Dewitt asked when that plan came about? What accessibility issues can be met? Carla Penfield explained that eventually the Town will use this building. It will need handicap accessibility, septic and water. There is roughly \$10,000.00 in reserve to connect the plumbing if this article passes. Rudy Cartier explained the Capital Improvement Plan is in it's draft phase. There will be public hearings. Sharon Dewitt asked why did the budget committee vote no? Carla explained the Trustees could put monies in a yearly fund, but instead they come to the meeting to ask for small projects. The Trustees don't meet regularly. Lynn Chivers of the Budget Committee felt that the Board of Trustees are here to maintain the building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The windows and doors have been replaced and there are no more leaks. Getting water to the building is of primary importance. Russ Dann stated there still is no purpose for the building. We don't know what is going in that building. People need to go in to see that building. Sue Young voted to support this article. The committee is tasked with finding a purpose. They are trying to get this building functional first. The committee needs some volunteers. Rudy Cartier explained that use of the building will depend on the septic system and what it can handle. Carleton stated the building is essential to the rural character of the community. There was no further discussion. A standing vote was taken and counted by the assistant Moderators. Article 14 will be placed on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 15

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. (By request 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 7 to 0) The motion was made by Boyd Chivers, seconded by Russ Dann. There was no discussion. The legislative body voted to place Article 15 on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 16

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 7 to 0) Brien Brock made the motion, seconded by Boyd Chivers. There was no discussion. It was voted to place Article 16 on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (**\$1,000**) to be deposited in the **Agricultural Commission Escrow Account** established by the 2019 Town Meeting. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Agricultural Commission. (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) The motion was made by Selectman Russ Dann, second by Selectman Boyd Chivers. Rudy Cartier wished to give credit to Matt Cobb and the Agricultural Committee for all their help on the zoning articles. Matt Cobb explained the Committee has needs, such as postage and mailings. There was no further discussion. Article 17 will be moved to the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 18

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 3 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0) The motion was made by Sue Young, seconded by Brien Brock. Rob Jones wished to Thank the Selectmen, Budget Committee, and the community for their support. There was no discussion, Article 18 will be placed on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 19

Are you in favor of decreasing the Board of Selectmen to 3 Members? Submitted by petition (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2 to 1) Motion was made by Brien Brock, seconded by Russ Dann. Brien explained he has served on the Board in years past and has not seen there is an issue that the Board runs the Town. The workload is not there to require a five member Board. Bob Stout asked why did they not wait till all five Selectmen were there to vote on changing the number of the board? Carleton felt a three member board would be more efficient for the

community. Matt Cobb asked, if this passes, how would the function of the board change? It would continue to be a five member board and the Town would vote on the three members next year, one for one year, one for two, and one for three, so the terms would be staggered. A quorum would be two. Bill Gurney felt a five member board would be better. It was clarified this could not be changed because this is prescribed by law. Jacqueline Wilkins felt it should remain a five member board. Sue Young stated she is not in support of this. The workload to educate yourself is very time consuming. Bob Stout asked if the Selectmen could conduct a phone poll if a board member is absent? Mr. Robie explained when Mr. Brock brought this to the board, all five members were in attendance. Ken Goekjian explained he served on a three man board and it is a lot of work, so he supports a five man board. Stephanie Helmig stated she is concerned that the approval was only made by 2 out of 3 selectmen. Mr. Snow asked what the effect would be to the current board. The following year the three man board would run on staggered terms. Jacqueline Wilkins asked if next year a petition article could be made for a five member board. Sue said that all this information would be in the Town Report. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Article 19 will be placed on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 20

Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), as adopted by the Town of Candia on March 18th, 2006, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? Submitted by petition (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2 to 1) The motion was made by Brien Brock, seconded by Sue Young. Dana Buckley explained the problem is that not everyone will be able to attend the meeting. Mr Brock explained the elderly were in favor of going back to the Town Meeting. Bruce Dewitt stated he is against this article. Ken Goekjian explained that it is difficult to attend a Town Meeting without knowing the issues. Sharon Dewitt explained she is against this article. Dick Snow asked if we can add a 3/5 vote is required to be put on the ballot. Mr. Snow Moved to amend Article 20 to add a 3/5 vote is required to pass this article, seconded by Stephanie Helmig. Paul LeBlond asked why it requires that amount? He was told it is part of the law. It was voted by those assembled to add: it will require 3/5 to pass. Vote was then taken on the amended article. Article 20 will be placed on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 21

Are you in favor of rescinding the Budget Committee? Submitted by petition (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2 to 1) Motion was made by Selectman Brien Brock, second by Selectman Carleton Robie. This article can be amended but the language is not prescribed by law. Mr. Brock explained the Selectboard has worked with the department heads to present their budget. We do not need to have another board reviewing this after. Todd Keating spoke against this as a vote of no confidence in the committee. Mr. Brock explained that he has no ill will against anyone who serves on these boards. Stephanie Helmig thinks more eyes on things are very important. The committee is diverse. Dana Buckley stated he opposes this. The Budget Committee provides transparency. Todd Keating doesn't feel the committee should be repealed. Sharon Dewitt asked if this would also affect the school? She was told by the the Town Attorney that this article only affects the Town. Dick Snow explained he attended his first Town Meeting in 1961. He makes his decision based on what is best for theTown. Do not get rid of the Municipal

Budget Committee. There was no further discussion. A counting vote was taken. It was voted to place Article 21 on the ballot as read.

Rob Jones made a motion that reconsideration will be restricted, seconded by Sue Young. This would include all articles that had not previously been reconsidered. There was no opposition. It was voted to restrict reconsideration.

A motion to move the charitable articles 22 to 33 as a block was made by Boyd Chivers, seconded by Carleton Robie. The charitable articles were voted to move together as a block by the assembly.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred 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 7 to 0)

ARTICLE 23

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 7 to 0)

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred 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 7 to 0)

ARTICLE 25

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred 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) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4 to 3)

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred 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 7 to 0)

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars **(\$1,250)** in continuation of its support of **Waypoint (formally 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 7 to 0)

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Seven Dollars **(\$1,107)** 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 7 to 0)

ARTICLE 29

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 4 to 3)

ARTICLE 30

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) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4 to 3)

ARTICLE 31

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 **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 6 to 1)

ARTICLE 32

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) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6 to 1)

ARTICLE 33

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 7 to 0)

Stephanie Helmig asked how these organizations are paid? Donna Becker replied that going forward these monies will be mailed directly to the organization instead of waiting for the organization to ask for the funds. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Articles 22 through 33 will be placed on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of RSA 72:39-a & b, to **Modify the Elderly Exemptions** from the assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$ 45,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, 70,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, 90,000. 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 who's 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 4 – 0) The motion to accept the article as read was made by Selectman Chivers, seconded by Selectman Sue Young.. Ken Goekjian asked what the current exemptions are? Mr. Chivers gave him the current figures. Mr. Chivers explained after the revaluation, the total value of land had considerably increased. The Board felt it was a fair way of addressing this. The exemption is not for wealthy people. There was no further discussion. It was voted to place Article 34 on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of "Keno games" within the town of Candia at appropriate locations in accordance with any State Lottery Commission requirements? Submitted by petition (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 – 0) Motion was made by Sharon Dewitt, seconded by Russ Dann. There was no discussion. The assembly voted to place Article 35 on the ballot as read.

ARTICLE 36

To see if the town will establish a **Capital Reserve Fund** on Future Capital Improvements needs for the town of Candia and to fund the establishment of the Capital Reserve Fund Account of the **\$375,000** sale of property at exit 3 with the Selectmen named as Agents. No amount to establish the fund shall be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 – 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5 to 2) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Russ Dann, seconded by Sue Young.

Sue Young amended the article to read :To see if the Town will establish a Capital Reserve Fund for future Capital Improvements such as highways, buildings, and equipment for the Town of Candia, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$360,000.00 to place in a Capital Reserve Fund, such fund to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation to establish the fund. This represents the amount received from the sale of Town owned property at Exit 3 in 2019. Furthermore name Selectmen as agents to expend, subject to public hearing and input. The amendment was seconded by Russ Dann. Brien Brock explained this is not to be raised by tax money to establish this fund but future contributions can be raised by taxation. Stephanie Helmig asked if this can be spent without Town Vote.? The Town attorney replied that DRA (the Department of Revenue Administration), would state this would change the article too much. Selectman Sue Young explained she put in her amendment so the 10% rule would not affect the social service articles and the CYAA. This would establish a savings account for capital

improvements. Sue Young also stated you will find the Board of Selectmen is transparent. Rudy Cartier explained there are large expenditures, including school, solid waste, roads, etc. The Board will be looking at community improvement projects. He strongly supports this article. Selectman Robie explained that this is revenue that came to the Town and does not have to be raised. Mr. Snow stated they are talking about establishing a capital reserve fund, It's like a savings account for the Town. The Capital Improvement Plan is a tool we should be using, as it lays out the spending over the years. He would like to have the legislative body vote on how this is expended. The legal counsel explained we have to keep DRA happy, as they want agents to expend as part of the article. Mr. Snow does not want agents. Sharon Dewitt likes the idea to show what this could be spent on. Mr. Goekjian stated we should vote on this to protect the 10% rule. Sue stated it could be used for things that should or would come up. This would be a savings account for the Town, but she does not want to limit where it will be used. Carla feels the Selectmen would spend this wisely. Jacqueline Wilkins stated they have to answer to us at election time.

Ken Goekjian calls the question on the amendment. There was no objection. Vote was then taken on the amendment by a show of ballots. The article is amended. Discussion on the amended article continues. Dick Snow states the numbers are not available to determine the amount of money we have. Mr. Snow would like to remove the phrase the Selectmen as agents, seconded by Becky Hopkins. Ken Goekjian stated the attorney had already said this was not recommended. The attorney stated that the DRA enforces this and does not recommend changing the agents. A request to call the question was made by Carla. Vote was then taken on Dick Snow's amendment. The amendment (Mr. Snow's) fails. Carla Penfield then called the question, seconded by Ken Goekjian. There was no opposition to calling the question. Vote was then taken on the amended article with the amount of \$360,000.00. The assembly voted to place the amended Article 36 on the ballot.

Motion to dissolve the meeting was made by Stephanie Helmig and seconded by Ken Goekjian. There was no objection. The Annual Meeting was dissolved at 1:07PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Dupere, Town Clerk of Candia