

TOWN OF CANDIA ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2019

Moderator H. Clark Thyng opened the annual meeting at 9:03 AM. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Stephen Baker of the Candia Congregational Church, who asked for peace, order and wisdom. The Boy Scouts conducted the flag ceremony and Salute to the flag, Moderator, Clark Thyng, introduced the Town Officers. Moderator Thyng reviewed the rules of the meeting. The Moderator moved on to Article 2 as the legislative body agreed that reading the Zoning Amendments, which will be on the ballot, was not necessary. The Moderator then read the positions on the ballot and those who had filed for office.

ARTICLE 2.

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 **\$2,798,847** Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$2,672,773**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments 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 9 to 0) The Motion was made by Sue Young, seconded by Carleton Robie. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. **Article 2 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

Rudy Cartier was recognized by the Moderator. Mr. Cartier requested that we move Article 33 next. There was no discussion or objection from the assembly. Article 33 was moved next.

ARTICLE 33:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the implementation of the Master Plan per RSA 674:5 and future planning and for Municipal Capital Improvement projects. (Submitted by the Planning Board) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 2) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5 to 4) Motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Sue Young. Rudy Cartier then spoke to the article, explaining that the Planning Board was charged by State law to use the Master Plan to maintain the Town. There is a lot of work to be done to the Master Plan including hiring professional organizations to assist. Items such as the Four Corners plan, determination of ground water and disposal, and capacity and size of the subdivisions and lot sizes, conservation and areas prone to flooding. Mr. Snow wished to amend the article to eliminate the word and before Capital Improvement projects. This was seconded by Mr. Cartier. There was no additional discussion on the amendment. Vote was taken by a show of hands. The article is amended. Vote was then taken on amended article 33 which read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise an appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the implementation of the Master Plan per RSA 674:5 and future planning for Municipal Capital improvement projects. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by show of hands. **Article 33 will be placed on the ballot as amended.**

Mr. Snow was recognized by the Moderator. He wished to restrict reconsideration of Article 33. There was no objection. Restriction of reconsideration of Article 33 was adopted.

Typically, the articles 4 to 14 are voted on as a block. There was no objection from the assembly. Moderator Thyng read the articles. Motion to accept the articles as read was made by Boyd Chivers, seconded by Russ Dann. There was no discussion. Vote was taken in the affirmative. Articles 3 to 14 will be moved to the ballot.

ARTICLE 3.

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 9 to 0)

ARTICLE 4.

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 9 to 0)

ARTICLE 5.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred and 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 9 to 0)

ARTICLE 6.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and 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) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

ARTICLE 7.

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**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

ARTICLE 8.

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 9 to 0)

ARTICLE 9.

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) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

ARTICLE 10.

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 **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 9 to 0)

ARTICLE 11.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand and Seventy Five Dollars **(\$1,075)** 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 9 to 0)

ARTICLE 12.

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 9 to 0)

ARTICLE 13.

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 9 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 9 to 0)

ARTICLE 15.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars **(\$3,500)** to be placed in the existing **Smyth Memorial Building Fund**. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 2) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 1) Motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Sue Young. A question was raised why the Trustees don't expend the funds? Mr. Robie explained that the Town owns the building so the selectmen oversee the funds. This has been in effect all along. Vote was taken by a show of hands, in the affirmative. **Article 15 will be placed 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 9 to 0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Boyd Chivers. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. **Article 16 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 17.

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. 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 9 to 0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Boyd Chivers. Freda Paris asked what this was for. Carleton replied that by State law, we are required to have a revaluation every 5 years. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. **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 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. (Requested by 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 9 to 0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Russ Dann, seconded by Boyd Chivers. Jen Tyler asked why the trustees are entrusted for Museum expenditures, while the Smyth Memorial building is overseen by the Selectmen. Mrs. Penfield, one of the Trustees, explained the Museum was an independent entity while the Smyth Memorial Building is owned by the Town. There was no further discussion. Vote was then taken by a show of hands. **Article 18 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 19.

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 9 to 0) Motion was made by Selectman Sue Young, seconded by Selectman Carleton Robie. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. **Article 19 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

Mr. Snow requested that reconsideration be restricted on all previous articles. There was no objection from the assembly. It was voted to restrict reconsideration on all the previous articles.

ARTICLE 20.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (**\$150,000**) for the second phase of **Adams Road reconstruction**. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Submitted by the Road Agent) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Sue Young, seconded by Carleton Robie. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. **Article 20 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 21.

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 the fire apparatus and equipment with the 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 9 to 0) Motion to accept the article was made by Russ Dann, seconded by Boyd Chivers. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands **Article 21 will be moved to the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 22.

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** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 at the March 2017 Town Meeting, for the purpose of providing for major capital investments in the fire station building infrastructure and grounds to keep the building and property sound, functional and safe well into the future with the 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 9 to 0) The motion to accept the article as read was made by Selectman Dann, seconded by Selectman Chivers. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. **Article 22 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 23.

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 7 to 2) Moved by Carleton Robie, seconded by Sue Young. Jacqueline Wilkins asked if you could opt out of spraying? Health Officer Dave Murray answered that the company can be contacted to opt out of spraying. The majority of the money is spent on testing. There were no further questions. Vote was taken by a show of hands. **Article 23 will be placed on the ballot as read,**

Mr. Snow wished to restrict reconsideration on articles 20 to 23. There was no objection. Reconsideration will be restricted.

ARTICLE 24.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars **(\$300.00)** as the **Moderator's compensation** for each election in the calendar year. This amount to be paid after each election is complete. That is to say that if there is a single election in a calendar year the amount would be \$300.00. If there are two elections in a calendar year the amount would be \$600.00 and so on. Financial compensation is to be set by the annual meeting in accordance with RSA 31:9-b. This amount is separate from the Moderator's Deliberative Session stipend. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by the vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by the vote of 9 to 0) The article was moved by Selectman Robie, seconded by Selectman Chivers. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. **Article 24 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

Mr. Snow wished to restrict reconsideration of Article 24. There was no objection from those assembled. Reconsideration was restricted for the previous article.

ARTICLE 25.

To see if the Town will vote to establish, in accordance with RSA 31:19-a, an irrevocable **Cemetery Improvement Capital Reserve Fund** for the purpose of funding improvements to the Town cemeteries that are expected to cost over Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) and have a life expectancy of 25 years or more. Further, to transfer, in accordance with RSA 289:2-a, the money as received from the sale of cemetery lots to the fund, with the Cemetery Trustees appointed as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by the vote of 5 to 0) Motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Sue Young. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. **Article 25 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 26.

To see if the Town will vote to appoint, in accordance with RSA 31:19-a, the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend the funds in the **General Maintenance Trust Fund** established by Article 25 of the 2016 Town Meeting and to designate said Fund as irrevocable. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by the vote of 5 to 0) Moved by Carleton, seconded by Sue. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. **Article 26 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 27.

Shall Candia allow the operation of keno games within the town? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) Motion was made by Carleton, seconded by Russ. Moderator Thyng explained that we can have discussion but we cannot amend the article as the verbiage is prescribed by law. There was no discussion so the article was moved to a vote by a show of hands. **Article 27 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 28.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Five dollars **(\$133,235)** 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 9 to 0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by

Selectman Chivers, seconded by Selectman Young. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. **Article 28 will be placed on the ballot as read.**

Dick Snow requested that reconsideration be restricted for Articles 25 to 28. There was no objection from those assembled. It was voted to restrict reconsideration on Articles 25 to 28.

ARTICLE 29.

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 by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Carleton, seconded by Sue. Rob Jones wished to thank the Selectmen and the Budget Committee for their support. The money requested would continue to make improvements to the facility and the fields. They are still looking for uses for the facility during the day; There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. **Article 29 will go to the ballot as read.**

ARTICLE 30. to the Swap Shop

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$5,800** for the purpose of building an **addition to the Swap Shop** at the Candia Recycling Center. Submitted by petition. (Recommended by the Recycling and Energy Committee) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0-1) Motion to accept the article was made by Russ Dann, seconded by Sue Young. The Moderator was advised by legal counsel that the article as it was written was illegal, because the Recycling and Energy Committee are not allowed to be on the article, A motion to amend the article and remove the line Recommended by the Recycling and Energy Committee.was made by Russ, seconded by Sue. Al Couch wished to clarify that the committee is an advisory committee only. Before any money is spent it must be done with the approval of the Selectmen. When put to a vote, the amendment was defeated. Becky Cronk wished to amend the article to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of (\$5,800) for the purpose of building an addition to the Swap Shop at the Candia Recycling Center. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. Submitted by petition. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 1) There was no further discussion. Vote was taken on the amendment by a show of hands. The amendment passes. Vote was then taken on the amended article by a show of hands. **Article 30 will be placed on the ballot as amended.**

Mr. Snow requested that reconsideration be restricted for Articles 28, 29, and 30. There was no objection. Those assembled voted to restrict reconsideration.

ARTICLE 31.

To see if the Town will establish an Agricultural Commission in Candia, NH according to RSA 673:4-b and RSA 674:44-e to establish ordinances, which will protect the rural character, keeping land in open space, and growing healthy locally-produced foods. Submitted by petition. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Dr. Cobb, seconded by. Jenny Tyler. Dr. Matthew Cobb wished to amend

the article as follows: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Agricultural Commission according to RSA 673:4-b and RSA 674:44-c to protect the rural character, keeping land in open space, and growing healthy locally-produced foods. The commission shall consist of seven (7) members and (5) alternate members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, upon recommendation of the Agricultural Commission. The initial members of the Agricultural Commission shall be appointed by the Moderator, in accordance with RSA 673:5;II within 60 days of the vote establishing the Agricultural Commission. The motion was seconded by Jenny Tyler. Mark Laliberte asked if the number of members is set by RSA, because they may have difficulty finding enough members. Dr. Cobb replied that there is some flexibility in the number of members but right now they have enough people that are interested to make the maximum number of members. There was no further discussion. The amendment was put to a vote and adopted. Dr. Cobb explained why the article came into being. Agriculture is part of the rural character and history of Candia. The Commission could help smooth conflicts and also encourage agriculture. Vote was taken on the amendment to Article 31 by a show of hands. The article was amended. Rudy Cartier explained why this came up. There were two articles that dealt with agriculture that the Board was looking at. The public hearing on the proposed zoning articles drew the largest crowd who gave their input and voiced displeasure on two articles restricting agriculture. Because of the public input, these articles were removed. The Agricultural Commission would be an advisory board to the Planning Board. This would ensure more public input and would have a positive influence on the Board. Jenny Tyler stated that the discussion was not an anti Planning Board feeling, but rather a pro agriculture expression. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. **Article 31 will be placed on the ballot as amended.**

ARTICLE 32.

To See if the Town will appropriate \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) to the Agricultural Commission (if said Commission is Established) in a Trust Fund according to RSA 674:44-g and having the Agricultural Commission as agents to expend the funds in the said Trust. Submitted by petition.(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) Motion was made by Matthew Cobb. Seconded by Jenny Tyler. Dr. Cobb then wished to amend the article as follows: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate One Dollar (\$1.00) (if said commission is established) to an Agricultural Fund according to RSA 674:44-g. Submitted by petition. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) This was seconded by Mr. Snow. Legal counsel explained that the Town Treasurer shall have custody of the funds and would pay them to the Agricultural Commission. Vote was taken on the amendment. The amendment fails. Dr. Cobb then proposed the following amendment: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Dollar (\$1.00) if said commission is established, to an agricultural fund established in RSA 674:44-g II. Seconded by Sue Young. After a brief discussion, vote was taken on the amendment by a show of hands. The amendment is adopted. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken on the amended article. **Article 32 will be placed on the ballot as amended.**

Moderator Clark Thyng entertained a motion to dissolve the meeting. The Annual meeting was dissolved at 11:01 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Dupere, Candia Town Clerk