

Approved
Candia Selectmen's Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 30, 2006

Attendance: Chairman Gary York, Selectman Clark Thyng, Selectman Fred Kelley and Secretary Dawn Chabot.

7:03 p.m. Chairman York opened the Public Meeting and immediately followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

7:03 p.m. In accordance with RSA 33:8-a, Chairman York opened the Public Hearing on the proposed bond issue for the purpose of land acquisition, and design, permitting, construction and original equipping of a solid waste transfer station: Chairman York opened the Public Hearing stating the newly formed Solid Waste Committee has organized and worked very, very hard on a proposal for the 2006 Town Meeting for Candia's future Solid Waste needs. Chairman York stated he would turn the hearing over to Selectman Kelley the overseer of the Solid Waste Department. Selectman Kelley read the attached notice that was placed in the Union Leader and in the Hooksett Banner. Chairman York advised the Hearing was noticed in accordance with the law. Selectman Kelley turned the meeting over to Solid Waste Committee (SWC) Chairman Paul McHugh for a presentation on the SWC's proposal. SWC Chairman McHugh stated the Committee came up with a proposal on what they believe they were charged with at the 2005 Town Meeting. SWC Chairman McHugh thanked the following Committee members for their hard work: Tom Giffen, Chad Dufour, Ken Garofano, Tom St. Martin and Selectman Fred Kelley. SWC Chairman McHugh commenced a power point presentation prepared by the SWC on Candia Only Solid Waste Solutions. The presentation started by noting that the present site is labeled as a pre-1981 Landfill and an Incinerator. SWC Chairman McHugh stated because the landfill site was pre-1981 any site changes would be difficult, expensive and could cause the Town to lose its pre-1981 DES designation which could result in a hazardous waste site designation. SWC Chairman McHugh advised that the Town was not able to dig on 95% of the property due to its landfill designation and also advised that expansion on the site was not an option due to abutters and the wetlands. SWC Chairman McHugh informed that the Committee's recommendation is to leave the present site. It was noted that the incinerator's permit to operate would expire on 04/30/08 and in addition to that Federal EPA Standards for incinerator emissions would be changing with an effective date of 11/30/08. SWC Chairman McHugh stated the Committee investigated the Town of Bridgewater's new two million dollar incinerator and found out even at that cost the Town will need to adjust their incinerator due to the upcoming EPA standards. SWC Chairman McHugh stated they researched curbside pickup by contacting three private haulers to obtain three unofficial estimates which came in at approx. \$289,000.00 for hauling, approx. \$80,000.00 to collect recyclables and quarterly bulk pickups at \$10,000.00 per quarter, total estimates at approx. \$409,000.00. SWC Chairman McHugh stated the estimated figures did not include yard waste, construction & demolition debris, and treated wood. It was also noted there would be a need to maintain a facility for disposal of the mentioned items that are not included in the pickup. SWC Chairman

McHugh briefed on site visits made by Committee members in the following Communities: Chesterfield, New Boston, Chester, Henniker, Lee and Windham. SWC Chairman McHugh informed on the success of the PGA program (glass recycling program). SWC Chairman McHugh stated the Committee was proposing to building a Candia Only Transfer Station at a 10-acre light industrial zoned site located on Deer Run Road. SWC Chairman McHugh noted the site had 3 phase electrical power. SWC Chairman McHugh presented a conceptual plan designed by Tom Sweeney of Dufresne-Henry, the Town's engineer firm. SWC Chairman McHugh stated the Town's Engineer form believes we could build a facility on the site. SWC Chairman McHugh introduced Tom Sweeney to attendees. SWC Chairman McHugh stated the Committee's current rough estimate on the cost to building a Candia Only facility would be close to 1-million dollars. SWC Chairman McHugh stated the costs of the facility would depend on what type of site the Town wants. SWC Chairman McHugh stated the Committee is presenting their proposal in the form of a \$1,500,000.00 bond article which would require a 2/3rds majority vote at Town Meeting. SWC Chairman McHugh stated the Bond Warrant Article was being recommended by the Board of Selectmen, however, the SWC had not heard if the Budget Committee was recommending or not at this time. SWC Chairman McHugh stated the bond estimate for the 1st year would add 61-cents on the tax rate and approx. 58-cents on the tax rate the 2nd year. SWC Chairman McHugh explained the figures were estimates based on this year's valuation and would be subject to change depending upon the valuations. Kim Byrd of Depot Road asked what the operating costs would be for a new Candia Only facility. SWC Chairman McHugh stated the he could not exactly say at this time because the costs would depend on the types of services that are offered, for example, bailing. SWC Chairman McHugh then roughly estimated in the \$300,000.00 range. Toby Henry Representative from the Union Leader asked about the capacity for the new facility. SWC Chairman McHugh stated last year the facility handled 714 tons of municipal waste for incineration and that 311.27 tons of municipal waste was hauled. SWC Chairman McHugh stated the given tonnage would not include all materials such as recyclables. Kim Byrd asked about the amount of money received by the Town for recyclables. SWC Chairman McHugh thought that the Town received \$27,000.00 for recyclables and disposal fees. Chris Dupere of Raymond Road asked about the traffic impact on Raymond Road and expressed concerns over a blind spot within the area. SWC Chairman McHugh stated the facility would be located off from a State Road and that he would contact the State in regards to the possibility of having a turn lane installed. Chris Dupere asked about the distance to the North Branch and Lamprey Rivers. SWC Chairman McHugh asked Tom Sweeney from Dufresne-Henry to answer the question. Tom Sweeney guesstimated the distance to be at approx. ¼ of a mile or more from the river. Tom Sweeney mentioned a small brook within the area in which they would probably put a retention side near it in order to control it. Chris Dupere asked for an indication on the amount of truck traffic that the facility would create. SWC Chairman McHugh responded that it would be less than the current facility which would be on the average two trucks a week. Chris Dupere asked if there would be brush burning at the new facility. SWC Chairman McHugh stated there would be brush burning if that is what the Town decides they would like. SWC Chairman stated the Committee would need to be determined if services are cost effective. SWC Chairman stated other Towns handle brush by chipping and that could be an option as well. Kim

Byrd asked for a cost comparison on the total annual costs for the new facility verses total annual costs for curbside pickup. SWC Chairman McHugh indicated he did not work up the figures for that question and would not be able to answer it until he physically sat down to work out the calculations. Kim Byrd asked if the costs comparison could be available for Town Meeting. SWC Chairman McHugh stated he would try. Jane Sanders advertising Manager for the Forum Jane Sanders stated in her prior Town she was charged an annual fee outside of her taxes and questioned if there would be an annual fee in the SWC's curbside proposal. SWC Chairman McHugh stated they were not proposing an additional cost. Becky Sarra of New Boston Road asked if the numbers provided included the expense to shut down the existing facility. SWC Chairman McHugh stated the figures did not include any costs for deactivating the facility and further stated that he thought the costs would be minimal because DES had indicated because the facility was pre-1981 the Town would be able to close the gate and lock it. Chairman York informed based on last year's research the estimated costs for closing the incinerator would be approx. \$2,500.00, that DES would require to be notified 90-days in advance, that there are minimal grant monies available and that tests would be required by DES. Chairman York also stated there would be Landfill Maintenance procedures in place that would be monitored by DES. Chairman York informed there would be water testing requirements for many, many years especially considering the fact that within the last few years the testing has indicated that there are contaminants leaching out. Chairman York stated the present site is a landfill and the Town would not be able to walk away from it. Kim Byrd suggested that the Town do a traffic count on New Boston Road near the current facility to get an indication of the overall traffic to the facility which would include citizens bringing in their household waste. Ingrid Byrd of Depot Road asked the assessed value of the Deer Run Road property. SWC Chairman McHugh thought it was approx. \$181,600.00. It was asked if the Deer Run Road site was the only site being looked at. SWC Chairman McHugh stated it was the only piece of property being looked at by the Committee and that he had looked at other Town owned properties and also contacted a person who owns numerous properties in Town and could not come up with any other suitable property. Kim Byrd noted that the Bond Warrant Article was not specific to the Deer Run Road property and questioned why it would be non-specific when other warrant articles in the past were site specific. Chairman York stated other ones that were specific were very clean sales, noting it is very difficult to negotiate when you don't have the money. Gary further stated that the unfortunately negotiations had changed slightly when the owner decided he wanted to keep 3 of the 13 acres for himself which complicated the issue. Kim and Ingrid Byrd then expressed concerns over lack of road frontage on the lot specific to once a 3-acre lot is broken out of the 13-acre parcel. Chairman York asked how the Committee planned on promoting recycling at the new facility. SWC Chairman McHugh stated in most of the facilities they had visited the drop off areas were monitored by Operators. Chairman York asked how the SWC would promote recycling knowing in the past people have hidden recyclables in black bags. Tom Sweeney suggested a clear bag requirement. SWC Chairman McHugh stated monitoring would be important. SWC member St. Martin stated a centralized facility would also be important because at the current facility the attendants have to run back in forth to different areas to effectively monitor. Chairman York asked if the Committee had looked into horizontal balers because he felt they had the biggest return. SWC

Chairman McHugh advised they had looked at balers. Chairman York mentioned the Budget Committee's desire to reduce the hours at the current facility and asked if there were any indications as to why Chester offered very limited operating hours and also wondered if the SWC thought limiting hours would work in Candia. SWC Chairman McHugh and SWC member Tom St. Martin offered explanations as to why the existing center would need to maintain its hours noting it would be necessary to have a proper schedule for incinerator operations for functions such as: burning, cool down periods and clean outs. Tom St. Martin noted that the current facility's set up was not designed like most of the facilities visited and actually has traffic flow problems which means it would be very difficult to get a large number of residents in and out on one given day. SWC Chairman McHugh stated they were not statistics on the number of residents utilizing private haulers in Chester. Chairman McHugh stated when investigating other Municipalities it was very difficult to compare apples to apples because they were unable to find total annual costs for Solid Waste for example, some Towns do not include the salaries, worker's comp rates and health insurance under the department budget. SWC Chairman McHugh stated Candia was unique in its budgeting because the total department operating costs are clearly listed within the Solid Waste budget. SWC member St. Martin stated when looking at comparisons they were comparing apples to oranges. Chairman York thanked and commended SWC Chairman McHugh and the rest of the SWC members for accomplishing a very good job in such a short time. Chairman York asked if there were any further comments. There were none.

8:16 p.m. Chairman York closed the Public Hearing.

Any other business

Sign-ups for Town Offices: Chairman York briefed attendees on the positions open on the Town of Candia 2006 Ballot. Chairman York noted that the deadline for filing was on Friday, February 3, 2006 and encouraged citizens to sign up for the positions.

Petition Warrant Article regarding SB2: Chairman York announced that the Board had received a citizens' petition warrant article signed by 27 citizens regarding SB2. Chairman York stated after Town Counsel's review of the petition warrant article, it was determined to be void, illegal and unenforceable due to inconsistencies in the wording in accordance with the RSA. Chairman York stated the Board was in the process of contacting the submitter in order to give them the opportunity to resign and resubmit.

8:20 p.m. Selectman Thyng motioned to close the Public Meeting and in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c) enter into a Non-Public Meeting. Seconded by Chairman York. Roll call vote conducted: Chairman York, Selectman Thyng and Selectman Kelley in favor. Motion carried.