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**Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday March 12, 2012**

**Attendance:** Chairman Fred Kelley, Vice-Chair Carleton Robie, Selectman Joe Duarte, Selectman Amanda Soares, Selectman Richard Snow, and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen.

**7:00 p.m.** Chairman Kelley called the Public Meeting to order and immediately followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**The Board to present Citizen Edna Brown with the Boston Post Cane certificate.** Selectman Soares read the certificate to be presented to Citizen Edna Brown. Mrs. Brown was awarded the certificate because she is the eldest resident of Candia. Ed Fowler of the Historical Society presented Citizen Edna Brown with the Boston Post Cane. Mrs. Brown thanked the Board.

**The Board to appoint Stephen L'Heureux as a firefighter based on Fire Chief Young's recommendation.** Fire Chief Young said Mr. L'Heureux has lots of experience and will be an asset to the department. He's a retired Manchester firefighter and a paramedic. Selectman Robie motioned to appoint Stephen L'Heureux as a firefighter/paramedic to the Candia Volunteer Fire Department. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Departmental Reports: Highway, Police, Fire, Building, Solid Waste & any other depts.**

**Highway:** Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. He mentioned that he heard different variations of a rumor going around Town that he spent more money plowing this year than he did last year. Last year in the month of January he spent \$70,000 on plowing and this January \$53,000. He noted \$3,500 of that was making a turnaround at the end of Podunk Road and the rest was for the sand and salt runs. This February he spent \$9,000 and last February we spent \$104,000. They're about \$81,000 ahead of last year. Selectman Soares mentioned the asphalt pile on Patten Hill Road is now becoming a tree dump. There are cut up stumps, brush, and shredded stuff. She also mentioned that someone has been dumping construction garbage on Brown Road. Road Agent Lewis said the person that is dumping on Patten Hill Road owns the land. Chief McGillen said the first time the asphalt was dumped the owner wanted it there. He mentioned that they found some receipts on Brown Road and think they may know where some of the stuff may have been purchased. They're looking into that. Selectman Soares said she was going to clean up the pile on Brown Road. Citizen Rick Lazott suggested putting up a camera where the stuff is being dumped.

**Police:** The department has run into some juvenile issues. The state has cut some services and the Police Departments have been dealing with habitual runaway situations. They can't file for paperwork with the courts anymore, because they've changed the rules on us. They had a kid runaway nine times in a month. They put him in the system and run a report. They have to make a reasonable effort to find out where they are. There were some burglaries last month. They continue

to keep busy. He mentioned that car 2 is out of service and asked what the Board wanted to do with it. He suggested a private sale or bringing it up to the auction place in Town. Chairman Kelley said he would give Quest a call. Chairman Kelley asked what the Board wanted for it. The auction house will take a fee out of it after running it through. Selectman Soares thought \$2,500 would be reasonable. Selectman Robie thought at a minimum of \$2,500 should come back to the Town. Chief McGillen said they just had the failure of two laptops in a two week time frame. These are their mobile lap tops, so they are not your average laptop. The cost to replace them is about \$2,500 per unit. He has a feeling the other two aren't going to last much longer. The immediate need is for the two duty cruisers. He is working with the Town IT person and these are the number they came up with. Selectman Duarte asked how old these computers were. Chief McGillen replied about 6 years. They purchased them with a grant so it didn't cost the Town anything. These computers are beyond their life by two years. He mentioned that there is 50% matching highway funds that he could get through Concord. They would have to pay up front. He can get an answer in a couple of days, but he wanted the Board to know that it would cost the Town \$2,500 plus the cost of software and installation. Selectman Robie asked if the money was in his budget. Chief McGillen replied they haven't received the budgets yet but he thought he could make it work. Selectman Robie mentioned everything we get through a grant has to be maintained and that is a cost to the community. Chairman Kelley asked Chief McGillen to get back to the Board with numbers. Chief McGillen asked the Board for authorization to apply for the grant. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize Chief McGillen to apply for the matching grant.

Selectman Duarte asked how people were breaking into the houses with the recent burglaries. Chief McGillen replied its forced entry. They are cutting screens and prying windows open. Everyone needs to be extra vigilant. The residents shouldn't hesitate to call the Police Department if they see any suspicious behavior in their neighborhoods. The area communities are having some similar issues. They had someone who has been selling steaks door to door. The person is someone from Maine and they have a peddler's license to sell stuff. Citizen Gene Beckman asked if the guy selling steaks was around a couple of weeks ago and was he driving a white truck. Chief McGillen said it was a about two weeks ago and it was a white truck. Chairman Kelley asked if the Jehovah Witness's need to contact the Police Department before they go knocking door to door. Chief McGillen replied they have asked them to check in with the Police Department in the past. They're usually pretty good about notifying us.

**Fire:** Selectman Robie read from the attached report.

**Building:** Selectman Soares read from the attached report. There are a couple of new violations. They are working on trying to clean up a piece of property in Town.

**Solid Waste:** Selectman Soares read from the attached report. Selectman Soares noted the date has been set for Household Hazardous Waste Day which is September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Chairman Kelley congratulated the Facility Operator Chuck Whitcher and the staff for doing a good job keeping the Recycling Center clean. He thought it looked great and it's the best he's seen it. Facility Operator

Chuck Whitcher thanked Chairman Kelley and would pass along the message to the staff. Selectman Soares reminded everyone to get a new dump sticker if they haven't already received one.

**Parks and Rec:** Selectman Snow said it looks like it's going to be an early spring and he'll start working on the park next week. Chairman Kelley asked Selectman Snow if the pieces on the slide had been replaced. Selectman Snow replied he hasn't yet, but will be soon.

**Selectman Robie to discuss food pantry operation.** Selectman Robie met with the Woman's Club last week and they were very receptive to opening the food pantry as needed. It will still be open Tuesday evenings and if people need more assistance they are going to put a number on the website so people can contact them. The Selectmen's Office will no longer run the food pantry. It was never intended to be part of the office. He noted that Selectman Soares has helped out considerably and she has a workload of her own. If they have a problem with the building or anything they need the Woman's Club can contact our office. As of tomorrow the hours will change. Woman's Club member Kathy Allen mentioned the food pantry will be open 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. starting next week. Citizen Nancy Maloney asked about the confidentiality. Selectman Robie replied if anyone needs food they are welcome to come in there is no confidentiality issue with the food pantry. There are certain things in Welfare that are confidential but the food pantry is charitable so there is no shame in asking for food if you need it. There are many people in the community that need food and don't come in. The Woman's Club is going to try to seek out some of these people and try to get them to use the food pantry if they need it. There are some people who take advantage of it. Citizen Nancy Maloney asked if they still had a Welfare Officer. Selectman Robie replied yes and Welfare and food pantry are two different things. He noted that it was time to separate the two of them, because they were never meant to be together. Over the years it became that way and it ended up putting a burden on the office. Citizen Nancy Maloney mentioned the school sometimes does food drives and should they now contact the Woman's Club. Selectman Robie replied yes. Woman's Club member Kathy Allen added she could get the contact information on the Woman's Club website. Citizen Joanne Beckwith mentioned the food drop off box at the post office is no longer there. Selectman Soares thought the post office drop off was discontinued, because some people were going through it.

**The Board to discuss the flyer distribution with the Town report.** Selectman Robie said he took exception to the comments in Selectman Snow's flyer that went out with the Town reports. The comment that it was "dumb luck" that we were able to reduce the tax rate in this community. Selectman Robie stated he worked 4 years with every department head and office staff to reduce the tax rate by \$.50. Everyone in the community worked very hard and it wasn't dumb luck. Selectman Snow replied this is his opinion - freedom of speech. Selectman Robie said second you credited the weather for lowering our tax rate. It had nothing to do with the weather. Selectman Snow replied sure it did we didn't plow, so the tax rate went down. Selectman Robie replied last year when the tax rate went down we used everything except for \$6,000 in the highway fund. Selectman Robie said he took exception to this comment. Selectman Snow replied that's your

opinion. Selectman Robie said the third thing was we just didn't say no to spending. Every employee got what they needed. We made exceptions on insurance and sick days. The only thing that probably should have happened is that the employees should have gotten a raise. This was the only thing we said no to. Selectman Snow asked what this had to do with the Boy Scout packet. This flyer didn't go out in the packet. Selectman Robie said then you mailed it. Selectman Snow replied that he didn't mail it. Selectman Robie apologized and said he had the wrong source. It didn't come in the Boy Scout package. He stated these are three things he felt were untrue to say about the Board and the Departments of why we were able to cut the tax rate by ¢.50. Just for the record the budget the Selectmen proposed for 2012 was the first time it had ever been less than the prior proposed budgets by 4/10<sup>th</sup> of a percent. Selectman Snow said the reduction in the tax rate for this year came from what the school giving back the \$500,000. It was from what the school gave back not necessarily what the town did. The town gave some back and the school gave some back. Selectman Robie reiterated it wasn't dumb luck. Selectman Snow replied that's your opinion. Selectman Robie stated everyone worked really hard to reduce the tax rate by ¢.50 and it wasn't dumb luck. Citizen Rick Lazott commented no matter what the school decides on what it does or doesn't give back; the Selectmen decide what the tax rate is going to be set at. They are the ones that decide how much money to use out of the general fund to reduce the tax rate. The school has no say in it regardless of what they do or don't do. Selectman Snow asked why this is on the agenda for the Boy Scout packets. If it was about him why wasn't it on the agenda that way. Chairman Kelley said the agenda doesn't say it's about the Boy Scouts. Selectman Duarte mentioned since we have new business in Town it has been creating some revenue and he's sure that's helped also.

**The Board to ask Selectman Snow about the status of the perambulation.** Selectman Snow explained they are doing Auburn first, Chester second, Hooksett third, Deerfield fourth, and Raymond after that. He mentioned in Auburn they have located and geo-identified all of the boundaries with the exception of the two that are missing. This is where the new highway went through and the middle of our sandpit. They have acquired the Auburn and Candia tax maps. As soon as they get the geo-location on them they will be able to determine which lot there on. Then they can notify the people who own the lots on which the boundary is. Then they will go out to examine the bounds. There was a legislative bill that went through which said you can't go on people's property and you can't take the information that you find off of there. He didn't believe the perambulation requirements were excluded. They are putting together all of the documentation necessary to be able to provide a precise location of where the bounds are, how to get at them, so we can do what took a group of us probably 3 or 4 weeks to find each one of those bounds. They need to go to the corners and have Selectmen from Hooksett, Auburn and Candia to pick up one of the bounds on those three. Then you have to get the Chester Selectman to show where the Chester, Auburn, and Candia boundaries meet. Then they get the Raymond guy to get where the corner of Chester and Raymond meet with Candia. It will be the same with Deerfield. The Hooksett one is much easier, because they have a committee of people who are separate from the town government and he doesn't think they need to do 91:A. Their job is finding where all of the boundaries are and clearly locating them. The only problem with that is when they do the North West bound corner.

They also have to pick up Allenstown, because there are four there. Its matter of setting up the time and go and catch as many as you can in a short period of time. This is in process and is going to be taken care of. Citizen Rick Lazott thought that all of those coordinates should have been downloaded on a GPS. He and former Selectman Jim Brennan did Raymond, Deerfield, Allenstown, and Candia. All of the coordinates are marked in the GPS. He also mentioned the only time they needed to ask to go on someone's land was when it was posted. Selectman Snow verified that the tracks were in the GPS unit. Citizen Rick Lazott replied they should be. Selectman Snow thanked Rick and said this was good information.

**Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 2/27/12.** Selectman Soares motioned to approve the public meeting minutes of February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as written. Seconded by Selectman Snow. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to authorize payroll and accounts payable.** Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of payroll manifest number 000670-03, checks to be dated 3/8/2012, with a total gross payroll amount of \$21,946.18. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of accounts payable manifest number 030212 checks to be dated 3/8/2012, with a total amount of \$519,600.56. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of payroll manifest number 000671-02, checks to be dated 3/15/2012, with a total gross payroll amount of \$15,813.17. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of accounts payable manifest number 030312 checks to be dated 3/15/2012, with a total amount of \$20,614.29. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Snow mentioned designating someone for elections to replace the Selectmen who were up for re-election. Chairman Kelley said they had it covered. If they need to the Town Clerk can swear someone in. Selectman Robie was told by the office that the Town Clerk told them that both Selectmen needed someone to cover for them. He went out and solicited a person to do this. Chairman Kelley assured the Board that the three Selectmen who aren't up for re-election could handle it.

The next meeting date is March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Kelley motioned to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andria Hansen  
Recording Secretary