

~~Unapproved~~**APPROVED**  
**Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes**  
**September 9, 2013**

**Attendance:** Chairman Fred Kelley, Vice-Chair Carleton Robie, Selectman Dick Snow, Selectman Amanda Soares, Selectman David DePuy, and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen.

**The Board to appoint Gerry Desrochers to the Candia Volunteer Fire Department as a fire fighter.** Fire Chief Young noted Gerry lives in Hooksett and his father is a full time fire fighter. Gerry was in the Marines and is currently at the tech in Laconia studying fire science. Chairman Kelley motioned to appoint Gerald Desrochers as a fire fighter to the Candia Volunteer Fire Department. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Selectmen to hold a public hearing to accept quarterly grants and donations in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, III (a).** Chairman Kelley read the amount of the quarterly grants from the State of New Hampshire and the donations received: FEMA Hurricane Sandy - \$4,677.11 and the Highway Block grant - \$19,068.72. Selectman Soares motioned to accept the two grants from the State of New Hampshire. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried. Donations: Kathy Tierney - \$50.00; St. Peter Women's Guild - \$270.00; Candia Community Woman's Club - \$405.00; GSGWM Troop #22562 - \$50.00; cash donation - \$67.00; and Moore School Student Activities - \$448.00 for a total of \$1,290.00. Selectman Robie motioned to accept the donations in the amount of \$1,290.00. 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 noted they will be starting the paving projects in the beginning of October. Chairman Kelley asked about the patching on Lane Road. Road Agent Lewis replied he is down there every other week. He is going to buy one load shim for one section of Lane (near the Patten Hill Road intersection). It will save until next year. It will be his warrant article for next year which will be Lane Road, Depot Road, the culvert on Depot Road, and some drainage work on the Patten Hill Road intersection down. Road Agent Lewis said this would be part of his road reconstruction project for next year.

**Police:** Selectman Soares read from the attached report. There isn't too much going on. The new officer is doing well. He drives by himself most of the time. He was driving with Officer Gray and now is switching off driving with other officers to get acquainted with them.

**Halloween Hours:** Selectman Soares said that Chief McGillen would like to have Trick or Treat hours on Halloween from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Selectman Soares motioned to approve the Halloween hours from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 31. Seconded by Selectman Snow. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Fire:** Chairman Kelley read from the attached report. He noted the Fire Department is having a breakfast on Saturday morning for the road race participants of Reach the Beach. Selectman Snow mentioned the variance from the ZBA. He asked if the Fire Department would be coming in for a building permit. Chairman Kelley understanding was they were building a two bay garage on the back of the building. Selectman Soares explained they are putting in a two bay garage and they

haven't submitted any plans. Selectman Snow asked if this was in their budget. Chairman Kelley said he would get an answer on how they were paying for it.

**Building:** Selectman Soares noted the Building Inspector has been in more often since Sharon has been out. He's been here on his usual days off. She read from the attached report. Chairman Kelley mentioned that the Building Department secretary was in a bad automobile accident and she is on the mend.

**Solid Waste:** Selectman DePuy read from the attached report. He noted there is limited space at the recycling center and prices are down. He did speak with Chuck about the space issue. He tries to hold off on disposing stuff so he can play the market when it's the highest. They are looking at some options and they are looking at an extra trailer that would allow for extra storage. This would give Chuck a longer period of time to play the market and try to hold materials to get the best price. This is going to be part of the budget proposal on Saturday. Selectman Soares asked if they were going to hold off on getting rid of the metal pile until the end of the year. It has gotten somewhat big. Selectman DePuy said he would have to talk to Chuck about that. He did tell him that there was a big shipment going out and this is the one area where they can make some decent money. He wasn't sure when it was going out but he thought he was looking at the price to see what we could get.

**Parks and Rec:** Selectman Snow noted that he has some expensive repairs coming up to repair equipment at the park. The cost for the repairs will be \$1,789.33. The reason for some repairs was because of vandalism. Selectman Soares asked if he was covering this out of his park maintenance line. Selectman Snow replied the money will show against the repairs.

**Conservation Commission Chair Betsy Kruse to discuss standard implementation process and procedures for conservation easements.** CCC Chair Betsy Kruse was present to discuss the process and procedures of the conservation easement. CCC Chair Betsy noted that Conservation Commission member Mark Pepper has been voted in as the Vice Chair of the CCC. The reason they sent these was because they revised the implementation process for the easement projects. Where the Selectmen are intricately involved with whatever projects they take on, they sent the paperwork looking for some input. If they would like some changes made they would need to come up with something that works. She was open to suggestions. Selectman Soares liked the fact that they put the procedure in a format that is easy to read. They made the attempt to make it a little more personable, so we understand as well as anyone getting into the process. She thought this was part of the confusion process was what was the criteria and it didn't seem to make sense. She had some question, but she didn't have them with her this evening. She did like what she read and it made a lot of sense. CCC Chair Betsy Kruse noted that Selectman Snow had done some work on this a couple of years ago and developed a base line on which they evolved. The process has changed a little bit so this is the most recent version. Their intent is if they are all on board with the final version, they can post the procedures on the Conservation Commission website. They would like the Selectmen let them know when they are feeling comfortable for them do that. He won't be available for the next meeting, but the Vice Chair will be. If they had any suggestions now she would be open to suggestions. Chairman Kelley would like to read it over and bring it to the next meeting. Selectman Robie said it's just a standard procedure and you can add or subtract from it whenever we want. CCC Betsy Kruse thanked the Board for their time.

**The Board to discuss mowing the old recycling center.** Chairman Kelley said he spoke with Doug Kemp and he told him that it was up to the Board if they wanted it mowed. He told him as far as he is concerned it doesn't have to be mowed because it was capped before 1981. Chairman Kelley made the motion to mow the old recycling center in the amount of \$1,300. He would like to take the money out of the closure, but Selectman Snow said it couldn't be used for that reason. Selectman Snow thought they need to talk about the whole closure process and what are they doing. If they are going to follow the dictates of the town meeting, it says you are going to do the closure. They have the will of the town meeting that says they are going to get rid of those berms. If they are going to get rid of those berms why would they spend any money on the cleaning of them? He thought they should come to a conclusion of what the process is going to be and get rid of the solid waste. This is a significant issue as they go into the budget process. They are going to get rid of that material down there. They have to get rid of the solid waste and they need to address the issue because it is a significant cost. They left \$100,000 in the unreserved fund balance if the warrant article passed. Chairman Kelley said it wasn't the top of the berms he was worried about; it's all of the other stuff that's around there. The residents have asked him to get this mowed. Selectman Snow asked where they are going to mow. Chairman Kelley replied they are mowing everything and the machinery they have will take care of it. Selectman Soares said Doug Kemp didn't for see the closure costing a lot. She noted Stantec was a week behind and they were in the process of writing up a waiver to DES. This is an option that Atty. Mayer had suggested. They will have a plan in place for the additional testing that is required by Waste Management. They are one of the places that would take the solid waste. They have the large amount of road sand mixed in with the ash. DES is willing to work with us and they understand that we don't have to spend a huge amount of money. Chairman Kelley just wants to know if they want it mowed. Selectman DePuy would prefer to have it mowed. His concern is they have a cap and they don't want trees to grow and disturb the cap. He was surprised that mowing wasn't required. He thought it was a good idea to do it and it should be a mowed area. Selectman Robie thought they were supposed to maintain the cap and it needs to be mowed. The vines are invasion in there. Chairman Kelley asked where the \$1,300 was going to come from. Selectman Robie thought they had enough in the budget to cover this at the end of the year. Chairman Kelley motioned to mow the recycling center and find the money in the budget. Seconded by Selectman DePuy. Chairman Kelley, Selectman Robie, Selectman DePuy were in favor and Selectman Snow and Selectman Soares were opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 3 to 2.

**Chairman Kelley to discuss recent email regarding Old Home Day Committee.** Chairman Kelley said he was offended by the email that said the committee was laundering money. He took offense to this as well as the Old Home Day Committee members. Selectman Snow said he didn't say that but it could be viewed by the IRS as laundering money. He questioned why they were holding the money for Old Home Day. They are not a part of the town and they are not a 5013C. They can't take donations, but people donate money to us. When they donate it to use it becomes property of the town. Chairman Kelley said they don't donate it to use they donate it to Old Home Day. They use the town to hold the money and they will cut a check if the committee needs it. He had former employee Cheryl Eastman check with the DRA and they had no problems with it. Selectman Snow noted when Chris Dupere was running it the committee was part of the town. The town took the donations in and the Old Home Day committee used it. When they became a separate entity, we don't know who the Old Home Day committee is and there is no accounting of what is going on. They have a responsibility of the accounting of what is going on. We are responsible for the money that comes into the town goes to the purpose for what it is intended. If the committee is

not going to be part of the town, then we shouldn't accept donations for it. Chairman Kelley asked why he wants to change something that has been running fine for years and no one has complained. He noted that he might as well have the food pantry do the same thing. Selectman Snow said the food pantry is the same and he'll be happy when they get their 501C3. The IRS will be happy. Selectman Robie said they are talking about \$500 dollars and it's irrelevant. Selectman Snow suggested they are not properly handling it, because we don't know who the person is that is signing the manifest. He doesn't have a problem with it; the 250<sup>th</sup> is doing something similar to this. He thought that Old Home Day should handle the money themselves or establish a town committee. He reiterated that he has a concern on how the money is being handled. It isn't consistent with policy or how we handle money coming through the town. He used to be a town auditor and how does he know all of the money that came in for the Old Home Day committee has gone back out again. Chairman Kelley though he needed to trust some people and you are saying you don't. People tried to do something nice for the town and you put out a letter like this. Selectman Snow said this was an internal communication and he wasn't accusing anyone of anything. He is concerned about how the way the money is going to be handled. How does he know that the money coming in and is same amount is going out. Citizen Judy Szot asked what Selectman Snow's definition of money laundering was. Selectman Snow replied it is taking money and changing the basis for which it was received and went out. Citizen Judy Szot said it is concealing the source of large amounts of money gained through illegitimate means. When you accuse her and Chairman Kelley of money laundering, you are saying we somehow got money illegally and we have changed that money so it is now legal. She has positions in this town that are elected and appointed that need her to have integrity and when you impugn my integrity by insinuating that as a member of the committee that I have done something illegal that is wrong. He owes her and everyone on the committee an apology. She is pissed and he has no right impugning the integrity of the people on the committee. He has no right talking about large amounts of money and it wasn't illegally gained and they did nothing to conceal where it came from. He just can't get his hands on the money so he doesn't want them to do it. Selectman Snow apologized and it wasn't his intention to impugn the integrity of her or any members of the Old Home Day committee and he is sorry they got that impression. Citizen Judy Szot replied he should think twice before he speaks, because you can't your words back. Once they are out of your mouth or on the internet they are there forever and you can't take it back. You can say I'm sorry, but this document is out there. People know about it. She sits on the Zoning Board of Adjustment which is a quasi legal board. You can't make statements about her doing something illegal when she's sitting up there in judgment of people. Selectman Snow said he didn't take back what he put in email, he didn't put her name or any other group or organization in the email. What he said was the Town of Candia needs to do a better job of accounting for the funds it handles and they need to do it properly. He didn't believe they were doing it properly. He did not imply or intend to imply and if they got that impression it wasn't his intention. It is not inherent in this email. Citizen Judy Szot said it was inherent in the email. Every single cent and check is accounted for and it was given to the people in the office. They are not talking about a ton of money. They are talking about a little bit of money and a lot of work by a lot of people. He has gone and trashed everything they have done. He needs to be careful about what he says and how he says it. Anyone who can get on a computer can find out who is on the Old Home Day committee. Citizen Joann Beckwith said she was on the committee and she didn't miss a meeting and she knows where the money came from. She will not volunteer again to do something if this is what is going to happen. People come to her asking questions and they won't even let her talk and explain. This is hurting someone who has been here over 50 years. Selectman Snow offered Mrs. Beckwith an apology as well. He didn't know who the Old Home Day

committee was and if he had a concern about what was going on he would have gone there. Citizen Rudy Cartier noted by a procedure through the town offices the Board accepted donations tonight. In this particular case, if someone gives money to Old Home Day committee and it comes to the town. The town writes a check for those expenses how do the account for that in the town budget. Chairman Kelley said it wasn't part of the town budget. Citizen Rudy Cartier asked if it's not part of the town budget how are they authorized to spend the money. He can see where Selectman Snow is going with this. It is some sort of pass through but it's not accounted for in the town accounting procedures. The other thing is if it's just being passed on to the committee and he was donating money he wouldn't be able to claim it as a charitable deduction. Chairman Kelley explained years ago the town set up a bank account for the Old Home Day committee. If the committee needed a check they would bring the receipt to the office. For example, the fireworks display. He would give the receipt to the office and they would pay the fireworks company. Citizen Rudy Cartier asked if it was an official town committee at that point in time. Chairman Kelley replied it has always been a town committee as far as he was concerned. Citizen Rudy Cartier said a lot of the town committees have a budget in the town budget. He questioned why they didn't have an Old Home Day line in the budget and the Selectmen would be responsible for it. It doesn't seem that this process is in place. Selectman Snow said it is the same thing that they did earlier this evening. They receive donations that are unanticipated funds and they go into a separate account that the treasurer holds because it is used in the same year it is received. It goes in the town report. If it rolls over from year to year it goes to the Trustees of the Trust Fund. Chairman Kelley thought they were making a mountain out of a mole hill. It has been working fine and Selectman Snow wants to go and change it all. He has put in four years of hard work with the Old Home Day and he doesn't want to deal with this. Selectman Snow apologized to Chairman Kelley as well and said he didn't intend to make it personal. Chairman Kelley said he took it very personal.

**Approval of Previous Minutes: Public minutes and Non public meeting minutes of 08/26/13.** Selectman Soares motioned to accept the August 26<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's public and non-public meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Selectman Snow. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks.** Chairman Kelley announced the grand total of payroll and accounts payable checks for September 5<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup> is \$563,176.80. Chairman Kelley motioned to accept the total payroll and accounts payable checks in the amount of \$563,176.80 for September 5<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Other Business**

**Upcoming events:** Selectman Robie mentioned the budget meeting for the Selectmen will be on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The Candia 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a ham and bean supper at the Masonic Lodge that day.

**Budget:** Selectman Soares had a couple of budget questions. She asked why the alarm monitoring line was over. Chairman Kelley said they had alarm keypads replaced. Selectman Soares asked who the building maintenance person was. Chairman Kelley replied Steve Ableson for building maintenance and ground keeping. Selectman Soares said they are almost over on the ground keeping line.

**Old Recycling Center closure:** Citizen Becky Sarra said the budget season is upon us and there are some carefully worded phrases going around. She asked how do the build into the budget any warrant article when they don't know what they are doing with that property. Chairman Kelley said he didn't know and asked Selectman Soares if there was a plan. Selectman Soares explained she is working on it with Stantec and they figured out a cost. Basically what they have left to do, they have money for. If they have to take dirt and ash off that would be another story. Citizen Becky Sarra asked if this plan is going to be published. Selectman Soares said it's not a plan, its actions they have to vote on as a Board once they come through. They'll be at a meeting, but there is no plan. It's a matter of what they choice to do and they need to agree to the agreement from Stantec. They'll give them a proposal with a cost and they will agree to it or not. Selectman Snow asked about the revisions Doug asked for to the closure plan. Selectman Soares said it's based on the testing results and then you would make the revisions. Chairman Kelley said Stantec and Selectman Soares are working on something and she'll bring it back to the Board. The moment they have something he'll let Mrs. Sarra know. Citizen Becky Sarra asked about the waiver and what is it. Selectman Soares said the waiver is to ask DES for exceptions on some things. She really couldn't get in to it. Chairman Kelley explained there is another town in the state that was capped after 1981. They are trying to get the same type of deal.

Chairman Kelley motioned to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Selectman DePuy. All were in favor.