

~~Unapproved~~**APPROVED**  
**Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes**  
**September 23, 2013**

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

**Residents Arthur and Betty Sanborn to discuss recent concerns.** Arthur and Betty Sanborn were present. Mrs. Sanborn said she would like to speak about the Reach the Beach road race that was held on September 14<sup>th</sup>. She noted that she lives on Chester Road and it is very winding and curvy. There was a police officer at Chester Road and Main Street. There were runners in the road from 6:30 am to 1:00 pm. She read from a letter she submitted to the Board. Chairman Kelley said they run on state roads. This isn't set up by the Board of Selectmen and maybe Chief McGillen has some answers. Chief McGillen explained John Dionne is the coordinator of the race. He spoke with Mr. Dionne about Mrs. Sanborn's concerns. Mr. Dionne told him that he was willing to work with the town. They can put up quiet zone signs. Mrs. Sanborn noted they had those signs a few years ago and they stopped using them. Chief McGillen reiterated they are willing to work with the town. They can put more signs down there or they could be proactive and have the officers go down there. They could talk to the race officials about the parked vans. Mr. Dionne asked him to find out what the problems are and they will address them head on. He didn't know what was done in the past. He noted that Mr. Dionne called him in January and asked if there were any concerns or issues. Chief McGillen said he spoke with his staff and nobody said anything and there was nothing on file from last year's race. If there were concerns he would have said something. Mr. Sanborn said they have been doing this for about 18 years and isn't there another road they could use to bypass Chester Road. He didn't know why they could run to the four corners of Patten Hill Road and take a left. He is fairly certain they go down Chester Road, to Candia Road in Chester, than to Route 121 and then to Sandown. It seems that another road could be selected. They are looking for support from the Board of Selectmen that Chester Road be removed from the map for the runners. At least for a couple of years, so they can have a break. Chairman Kelley said the Selectmen have no control over that. Mr. Sanborn replied he wasn't saying they did, but he would like their support. Mrs. Sanborn said she went to the Moore School on the morning of September 14<sup>th</sup> and she was told by the representative of this group to take it up with the Selectmen. This is as far as she got. Chairman Kelley said this has never been brought to them. Mrs. Sanborn said they personally complained quite a few years ago. It gradually quieted down and it started right back up again. Chairman Kelley didn't think they could tell the runners that they can't run down a state road. Mrs. Sanborn said that is fine, but they should be understanding of the residents. She spoke with several of the van drivers and they look at you like "Who do you think you are lady?" It's not a pleasant situation. Selectman Soares suggested asking Mr. Dionne if they could seek an alternate route. Chief McGillen said he would talk to Mr. Dionne tomorrow. Fire Chief Young said the Fire Department has been working with Reach the Beach since they started. The

switching station is in front of the fire station. They have been doing a breakfast for the runners for quite a few years. They are very nice people to work with and he was sure they would bend over backwards to make it right with the residents. This whole group raises tons of money for charities. There are over 600 teams with at least 4 people so they are talking 1,000s of people. He would rather see them run on Chester Road rather than Patten Hill Road, because Patten Hill is narrow. He didn't think the Selectmen have any jurisdiction, because it is a state road. Mr. Sanborn said as a member former Selectman he was not sending his letter to make their job harder or difficult. He wasn't criticizing the employees at the recycling center. He proceeded to read from the written letter he submitted to the Board. Selectman DePuy apologized for what happened. He talked with the Facility Operator Whitcher and he wanted to personally talk with Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn. He noted that Selectman Robie had picked up the materials on that Saturday. He also with Seth Dawber from Clean Harbors and he apologized. He said that he did authorized it and when he was contacted by his employee about this he told him there was large sheets of asbestos. There was a miscommunication between the two of them. Clean Harbors said they would make a separate trip to pick the stuff up at Selectman Robie's house. They met on Tuesday morning and they did take the asbestos. Selectman DePuy said he did hear about the stickers and discussed it with Facility Operator Whitcher. He asked if they could just do with the green stickers. Facility Operator Whitcher told him no because people were transferring their vehicles and there were people caught from other towns with the green stickers. They use Household Hazardous Waste Day is a day when there are a lot of people are there and they try to give residents new stickers. Facility Operator Whitcher apologized for this and he does know the Sanborn's. Mr. Sanborn said he does know them and they think he does a great job for what he has to work with. He asked if the stickers are going to be changed or are the green ones going to be left. He has seen green stickers on other residents' cars. Selectman DePuy said they have switching over from green to yellow and when the employees at the recycling center have time they may suggest a change of sticker then. If they know you and you don't have a new sticker it shouldn't be a problem. They try to be helpful with other stuff. Mrs. Sanborn asked if this is going to be the case why wasn't the public notified that they need to have the different stickers. Selectman DePuy said they try to get everyone that comes through on Household Hazardous Day. He was there last year and they got everyone that came through. There are a few people that aren't happy about it. Mrs. Sanborn said what if you are a person that doesn't go to Household Hazardous Waste Day and you have the wrong sticker. Selectman DePuy said there had been during the year a number of stickers that had been transferred. They try to do it throughout the year but they have limited resources. Chairman Kelley said they'll have Facility Operator Whitcher make up some signs and maybe they could put something in the banner. Selectman Soares noted they instituted this two years ago. She went down on every Sunday to help them out. They are supposed to be doing this everyday even if it is someone they know with a green sticker. It is supposed to be done on a regular basis. Just because you have an old sticker, you are still a resident and you need a new sticker.

**Boy Scout:** Chairman Kelley asked Selectman Snow who authorized him to tell an Eagle Scout he needed to change his project. The Board of Selectmen took a vote on this project. Selectman Snow didn't believe that he said he wasn't going to his project and

didn't think he needed authorization to talk to the scouts. The problem that he has is that Board authorized the eagle project. However at the Cemetery Trustees meetings they had discussion on a better way of doing it. He asked Tyler to bring plans to the Cemetery Trustees meeting last Friday. He wanted to get a feel for what he was doing. He has had discussion since then and he thought the project he was proposing was adequate. His major concern was they were setting an Eagle Scout up for failure. He would not be able to do the project in the timeframe that was necessary. They hadn't seen the plans and he wasn't sure what the size was. If they are going to replace a building, the equipment shed currently in the cemetery is an existing shed that is used for a specific purpose. He wanted to see if there was a way the town could work with the Eagle Scout and they could come up with a project that is better than the one that was proposed. As far as he knows the Board has not changed their mind on the project that was originally proposed. He was concerned that it came to the Selectmen before it came before the Cemetery Trustees. He would love to see how big the shed is. His concern is that the shed has been there for over 50 years. If they put it in know it will probably be there for another 50 years. He's not sure what function the Cemetery Trustees are going to need in the next 50 years. If he gets it put in the Cemetery Trustee and the Selectmen are going to have a hard time getting anything done through the Board and budget process to change a new building to something else. He wanted the Selectmen to thoroughly discuss what it is that is going to happen. If Tyler can do it at no cost and it fits up there – that works. If there is some way they could expand the project and he does his part and we do ours we could end up with a better project. He is looking for something concrete saying this is the project that is going to happen. Chairman Kelley said the way he understood it was that Selectman Snow told the Eagle Scout he needed to change his project and he was upset about that. He asked who he thought he was telling this child that he has to change his project. The Selectmen are in charge of that cemetery and they authorized the Eagle Scout to build that shed. Selectman Snow thought nothing had change with that. Selectman Robie said they voted on this back in June. The Board did asked Tyler for a basic cost with donations and without. This is going to be an expensive project. Chairman Kelley thought once a project is approved by the Eagle Scout board it can't be changed. Scout Master Robert Martel explained he sat on Tyler Ferron's Eagle Board and it was approved. It is a 16' x 20' shed and it is going in the same spot. It will be built on a slab with sono tubes. He will build it no matter what the cost is. There is no electricity. It's just to store lawn mowers and such. They don't want any windows because they don't want break-ins. The construction is going to be 2 x 4 with a metal outside. He thought the total cost was going to be approximately \$4,000. He can guarantee that this scout will build this and you will have a nice shed. He is very pleased the troop has been able to help the town in many ways and supplying the town with stuff it really needs. He noted that Tyler has done some fundraising already. He does need to come back to the Board with figures. He reiterated the project has been approved and as far as he is concerned they are moving forward with it.

**The Board authorize payment request to the Trustees of the Trust funds for reval costs.** Selectman Snow moved to authorize the expenditure of \$11,519 from the future revaluation fund. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Chief McGillen to discuss installation of two cameras.** Chief McGillen noted the quote the Board had was old. He would like to get some updated information. They had a Safety Committee for the town and they thought they should have some cameras in the Town Hall side of the building. Pelmac put in the other cameras and have donated equipment to the town. This is an outdated quote and he would like to come back with an updated one. Selectman Soares asked if this would increase their yearly cost. Chief McGillen replied no because they have a recorder on the other side and these cameras would be tied into that. He also noted there may be a donation on the cameras.

**Selectman Robie to discuss ideas for Smyth Memorial Building.** Selectman Robie said the Board of Selectmen is responsible for the town buildings. The Heritage Committee has worked the past four years on the Smyth Memorial building. They are trying to preserve that building. It's in nice condition and a beautiful building. The Board had agreed that the Heritage Commission do some evaluating. They hired an architect draw up some plans. They did a warrant article to for \$160,000 which failed. The Heritage Commission discussed this at their last meeting with some new ideas. The Selectmen agreed to put an extra \$10,000 in building maintenance for the Smyth building. This has to go through the budget process and they'll see where they end up in March. In the meantime he had a conversation with Fitts Museum Trustee Linda Maxwell. She seems to think it would do well with a group of Trustees managing it. He thought this sounded like a good idea. They have trustees that run the library, the Fitts Museum, and Trustees of the Trust fund and it all seems to run pretty well. The idea was possibly it would have to go to a warrant article. He thought they could have a group of trustee in charge of the Smyth building. They can't seem to get enough people on Board to get anything done up there. It's just a thought as they go though the warrant article season. He said if the Board was in favor they could put this to a vote. If the people want to turn it over to trustees, people could put their name in and they could appoint trustees for the first year. The people that would sign up to be a trustee would be interested in the project. As Selectmen they all have different interests. He reiterated it was just a thought. There would have to be some funding of some sort to get started. The town appropriates \$4,000 yearly to maintain the building. The building needs a septic system and a bathroom so it can be functional. The building is a keepsake they should be paying attention to. Selectman Soares asked if they are thinking about proposing a warrant article and the Board budgeted \$10,000 for the septic and the hook up would they still be leaving it in the budget. Selectman Robie said if it went to vote and it was turned over to trustees they would need something to start with. It would be the Boards responsibility to give them that. The town does appropriate \$4,000 to the Fitts Museum and they have some funds and they do solicit donations. He would say yes to the \$10,000 and it would be a good start. There are numerous things up there that they could spend the money on. The Select Board rotates every year and opinions and directions change so quickly it's difficult to do something. The building is priceless. Selectman Soares understood but they have to take into account what the vote was the year before. Selectman Robie said when they asked for the \$160,000 he took it into account and reduced it by \$150,000. Selectman Soares said he concern was that it was in the budget. Selectman Robie said there is plenty of room for discussion on this. This did have the support of the majority of the Select Board a couple of weeks ago. He noted

such a thing would have to be support. Selectman Soares asked if there would be a cap to their funds if trustees were voted in. Selectman replied definitely but to get any work done it needs something to start with. A fund is something you can draw from not expend because once it's expended its gone. He felt this was something the Board should pursue. Fire Chief Young thought this was a good idea. He knows certain people have real feelings for the Fitts Museum and the trustees keep it looking nice. It's the same thing for the Smyth Memorial building. He will say there is a concern about money and something needs to be done about the windows up there. It's going to cost a lot of money because they are in bad shape. It would be a crime if they let it go. He thought Selectman Robie's proposal was a good start and it's a once in a life time building. They need to take care of it. Resident Carla Penfield thought it was a very good idea. The town has an opportunity to vote on this warrant article. They vote on the money the Fitts Museum and once it's voted one the trustees have the job of figuring out how we can maintain the building for \$4,000. Resident Bob Martel thought the trustee idea was good idea as well. When people can vote on how much money to appropriate it's a very good idea. This would relieve this Board from the duties of taking care of it. Resident Al Hall asked Fire Chief Young how serious the windows were. Are they going to fall out this year and if they are how much is it going to cost to replace them. Selectman Robie said they had a window plan in their plan. They need some repair. This is why he proposed some money in the budget this year. There are some windows on that building that should be sealed up before they go through another season. There are numerous ways to seal them up they don't need to be replaced this year. Resident Barbara Bowman supported Selectman Robie's suggestion. Selectman Robie said it was Linda Maxwell's idea and he thought it was a good one. He has been working on this building for five years and they need to do something. Resident Ingrid Byrd liked the idea of trustees but she had reservations about some people as trustees because there is an agenda for some of them. The windows need to be done and she suggested a warrant article and explained that this is for the windows. Don't just put a blank amount of \$160,000, be specific and get a quote. She felt people would support this if they knew where their money was going. Selectman Robie appreciated everyone's input and it gives them some direction as a Board. The Heritage Commission has worked hard on this the past five years and he'll bring this information back to them. Resident Carla Penfield noted that Selectman Robie mentioned cemeteries. Some of the meetings she has gone to there have been some issues. These issues happen because Mr. Snow is on the board of trustees for the cemetery. She asked if the trustees of the cemetery elected. Selectman Robie said the Board of Selectmen act as the Cemetery Trustees. It is a responsibility that the Selectmen have taken on. When they are done with this meeting they are going to have a Cemetery Trustees meeting. The Board appointed Selectman Snow as the Chairman of the Cemetery Trustees. Selectman Snow has been interested in the cemeteries and he has done a lot with getting things moving forward with documentation. He is trying to do the best he can. He said maybe it's time to vote in trustees for the cemeteries. The trustees would come to the Selectmen with stuff they want to do. Resident Carla Penfield questioned if the Selectmen would have to relinquish their duties. Selectman Robie said he would like to be a Cemetery Trustee as a separate thing. He is forced to be a trustee as a member of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Snow said they are four months away from deliberative session. He thought it was commendable that the Selectmen are starting

to think about what they are going to do next year. Resident Ingrid Byrd said they need to give credit to Doc Purington for the work he did on the cemeteries for years. If they are going to give credit to a person they should give it to the person who did ten times the work. Selectman Snow said he wasn't looking for any credit and he is standing on someone else's work. He wouldn't be where he was without other peoples help.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup> is \$72,438.33. Selectman Snow motioned to accept the total payroll and accounts payable checks in the amount of \$72,438.33 for September 19<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Previous Minutes: Public minutes and Non public meeting minutes of 09/09/13.** Selectman Soares motioned to accept the September 9<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's non-public meeting minutes. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Kelley motioned to accept the September 9<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's public meeting minutes as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Other Business**

**E-mail addressed to the Selectmen:** Selectman Soares explained Mrs. Seward sent an email regarding the September 9<sup>th</sup> non public meeting. The meeting was regarding residents with tax issues. Mrs. Seward was not happy with the response from the office. Selectman Soares proceeded to read Mrs. Seward's email (see attached). Chairman Kelley said anyone with tax problems can come in for a non public. This town will help those people and they have the right to have a non public meeting. These people are embarrassed enough that they owe money. Selectman DePuy said there is a statute 91A:3 II(c) which specifically provides for non public meetings. An exemption meeting shall be public except for certain matters. This exemption shall extend for any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. The person has a right to a non public meeting if they qualify. Chairman Kelly clarified they are non public meetings, not secret meetings. Selectman Soares asked former Selectman Author Sanborn if they had payment plans in the 70's. Mr. Sanborn replied not that he could recall. Selectman Soares said she was trying to figure out when they established this procedure.

**Conservation Commission easement procedures:** Selectman Snow noted at the last Conservation Commission meeting they discussed this and they wanted to come to the Board. They wanted the Board to be aware of the procedures and how they would be implemented. He noted that CCC Vice-Chair Mark Pepper was there this evening and would like to speak to the Board to get their feelings on it. CCC Vice-Chair Mark Pepper said they were there on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September and they gave them a draft of the procedures they were implementing. He thought the Board was going to review them and let them know if they were going to accept them or not. He would like to get the Boards opinion and maybe they can vote on this. He would like to get this in place, because people are

going to change on the Conservation Commission. He knows it's a work in progress and there maybe changes to it later on, but for know they would like to have it blessed by the Selectmen. There are projects coming down the line. Selectman Soares motioned to approve the conservation easement standard implementation process and procedure as presented. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Robie said he looked it over a couple of weeks ago. He read a couple of the paragraphs and a lot of things they have brought to the Board should never come back. If they stick to their procedure things will work out really good. CCC Vice-Chair Mark Pepper asked if it was okay to spend \$1,500 on an appraisal without the Boards approval. Selectman Snow clarified the only time they need approval from the Board is if they are buying land. Then they need to have a public hearing the Selectmen need to concur. Selectman Robie said the Conservation Commission has always come to the Board prior to spending any money. CCC Vice-Chair Mark Pepper asked if they would like them to continue. Selectman Robie thought they could spend the money, but it is something they should think long and hard about. CCC Vice-Chair Mark Pepper said they are just trying to figure things out. He thanked the Board for their time.

**Semi-Q Celebration:** Selectman Robie thanked everyone who worked on Semi Q this past weekend. He felt it went well. He encouraged everyone to take a look at the monument, the Fitts Museum, the library, and the church. Resident Charlie Bowman said the sign Road Agent Lewis worked on came out really nice. He also the fireworks were the best they had in years.

Selectman Snow thanked certain members of the Board for helping out the Sanborn's last Saturday. They are going through a rough patch and they have his sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andria Hansen  
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