

**Unapproved  
Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes  
October 31, 2013**

**Attendance:** Chairman Fred Kelley, Vice-Chair Carleton Robie, Selectman Dick Snow, Selectman Amanda Soares, Selectman David DePuy, Accounting/Payroll Clerk Donna Becker, Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen and Jeannie Samms from the DRA (via telephone conference).

11:00 a.m. Chairman Kelley called the Public Meeting to order.

**Setting of the 2014 Tax Rate:** Selectman Snow would like the overlay to be increased by \$55,000 and use \$25,000 from the unreserved fund balance to reduce taxes. Mrs. Samms ran the numbers and she was going to increase the overlay by \$55,000 and use \$25,000 (out of the unreserved fund balance) to reduce the taxes and the change that will show on your worksheets will show the town rate at \$4.234 and the total rate will be \$19.683. The reduction is 1.44%. Selectman Robie felt the unreserved fund balance is healthy. He would like to get the tax rate down to \$19.38. Mrs. Samms noted the rate went up last year to \$19.97. This year they are looking at \$19.68. In order to get it down \$.30 you would have use \$120,000. Selectman Snow said he was not going to vote for that. Mrs. Samms explained if they use \$145,000 that would bring the rate down to \$19.45. If they used \$150,000 from the unreserved fund balance it would bring the rate down to \$19.377. This would leave \$1,251,999 in your fund balance. Selectman Snow said the reason he is not going to support more than \$50,000 is that the town is in a position where they may have to spend a lot of money on old incinerator site. If they want to use any of the unreserved fund balance at the point in time they come up with their warrant articles they can use it then. He reiterated he won't vote for more than the \$50,000. Selectman DePuy asked what they would have to take out to get the tax rate down to \$19.50. Mrs. Samms replied \$100,000 with a \$55,000 overlay and it would leave the fund balance at \$1.3 million. Chairman Kelley liked Selectman DePuy's recommendation. *Chairman Kelley motioned to bring the new tax rate down to \$19.50. Selectman Robie seconded for discussion.* Selectman Robie clarified that there would be a \$25,000 increase from \$30,000 to \$55,000 in the overlay. Mrs. Samms explained it would put the town at \$4.051 for their rate and the local school would remain at \$11.995, the state school rate \$2.438 and the county at \$1.016 for a total rate of \$19.50. didn't think they needed to increase the overlay at this point, they are going to have a reval its going to be really close. Selectman Soares said they may have some discrepancies. People may not be happy with their new assessments and they do have the option of filing for an abatement. Selectman Robie felt Selectmen Soares and Robie made good points but they need to get the tax rate back to what it was. Chairman Kelley called for a vote. *Chairman Kelley, Selectman Robie, and Selectman DePuy were in favor and Selectman Snow and Selectman Soares were opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 3 to 2.* Selectman Robie clarified that there would be a \$25,000 increase from \$30,000 to \$55,000 in the overlay. Mrs. Samms explained it would put the town at \$4.051 for their rate and the local school would remain at \$11.995, the state school rate \$2.438 and the county at \$1.016 for a total rate of \$19.50.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andria Hansen