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Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2013

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

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

Highway: Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. Winter is not off to a good start they've had a ton of spreader runs and little annoying storms. Selectman Soares asked what they had left in the salt shed. Road Agent Lewis replied there is probably 3 loads in there now. He has bought four loads in the past week. The average spread around town takes a load. Selectman Snow has asked the Road Agent to put together a purchase order for the crew that's working this year. The one purchase order will run for the entire season. Selectman Soares noted they decided to not do this for the winter payroll. She remembers they discussed this and they weren't going to do it for winter payroll. Selectman Snow thought it was a good thing to do and he asked Road Agent Lewis to put one together. Road Agent Lewis said it only takes him a minute to write it down and it's not a big deal. It's up to the Board. Selectman Robie said if they are going to get into that then they are going to review them and see if that is the contract they want or not. If they want to make this difficult then they'll make it difficult. Road Agent Lewis said all he was going to do is come up with a list of the guys they were going to hire. Selectman Snow said it gives us a piece of paper that tells us who is working for Dennis in the winter, it's kind of like a contract. Chairman Kelley said they already know these guys are working for a certain rate of pay and they know that they are working for Dennis. Selectman Robie said the only thing they need is a copy of their drivers license and a copy their certificate of insurance. Road Agent Lewis said he would make sure all of the guys have updated certificates of insurance. Selectman Robie felt they didn't need contracts. Road Agent Lewis said they have never had contracts. In his 18 years of doing this he has never had an issue. They had one they let go and there were reasons behind it. Selectman Soares noted they don't want to hinder the process of plowing the roads. Selectman Snow agreed they don't want to hinder the process but he thought they should have a piece of paper that says they are working for the town and here is the rate of pay. It doesn't need decision of the Board. Chairman Kelley replied then why do we need it. Selectman Snow said they need as a backup. Road Agent Lewis explained every payroll we turn in has the name, rate of pay, and a description of what he had them do. They discussed this a while back about services that are routine. This is why they agreed not to do it. His guys have worked for the town for a long time and they know what is expected of them.

Police: Chief McGillen explained they had one burglary on Chester Turnpike last month which resulted in five arrests. It has turned into a multi-agency investigation now. This has been keeping them extremely busy over the past couple of weeks. They recently had a burglary up on Island Road. This has been spouting up in other towns as well. He urged anyone to report suspicious vehicles and activity. The burglary on Island Road someone saw a young male in a blue pick-up truck with a silver or gray stripe on the bottom the make is a Dodge. The burglary

happened midday, the residents were gone all day. They don't know when the burglary occurred. They have a few DWI related crashes lately. They crash on Patten Hill Road which was due to weather conditions. They have been extremely active. He mentioned that miscellaneous line in the budget which is budgeted for \$250 and they have already overspent that line. One of the reasons is if they have a DWI arrest, they have the blood drawn at the hospital and it is \$150. They had two in October and one earlier in the season, so they are already at \$450. They had an arrest this weekend, so there may be one more. They try to recoup the money through the court but they don't always get the money. They can't predict how many DUI's they are going to have. He would like to raise this line, because there is an increase in that type of activity lately. Selectman DePuy commended the policy of our police department of relinquishing information as much as they have about burglaries. He thought this was commendable and they way to go. Chief McGillen noted that they day they put the information out about the burglary (through Nixel) on Chester Turnpike, the next day a woman reported information about a certain vehicle which matched the suspect's vehicle. He was proud that the Nixel system did work for them. He would like to see more residents signed up, it's free. Selectman Soares confirmed we have to pay out of our budget to get a blood test when somebody is arrested. Chief McGillen replied yes. Selectman Soares thought it didn't make sense when they are arresting someone for violating, shouldn't the individual have to pay. They should be charging the individual. Chief McGillen said the hospital bills us. Selectman Soares said they have to figure out some other way. Chief McGillen explained they are asking the hospital to perform the blood test. Selectman Snow noted if they individual had to pay for the test they could refuse to take it and they are innocent until proven guilty. Selectman Robie noted Chief McGillen started his this conversation that he was trying to get the money from the court. Chief McGillen noted sometimes they can and sometimes they can't. It depends on if the person is found not guilty. It's usually not the case. Citizen Rudy Cartier pointed out just because his officers arrested someone; they haven't been convicted of a crime. What he is doing is developing the evidence towards a conviction. It goes against the constitution for someone to self incriminate. His officers spend a lot more than \$150 investigating and prosecuting a case. It's another piece of evidence he has picked up. This is part of his budget and he just has to do it. Chief McGillen added it's a critical piece of evidence. Selectman Robie noted a couple of months ago they hired an ACO. They asked that the ACO calls be added to the monthly report on a separate line. Chief McGillen said he would add the line to next month's report. He mentioned they got the cage in the car and the radio needs to be installed and programmed. They need a couple of brackets for the light bars. Selectman Robie asked if they needed lights on an ACO car. Chairman Kelley asked Chief McGillen if they had to put the lights on. Chief McGillen said they don't have to put it on, but it would be nice if she had to go out at night or even the daytime. Sometimes it's nice to have the lighting. Motorists know they have to obey the law when they see yellow lights not just blue and red. In the interest of safety he thought it would be a good idea to have some lights, but it's up to the Board to not put them on. Selectman Robie said to put the lights on.

Fire: Chairman Kelley read from the attached report. They've had increased numbers in hours because they had three structure fires this month. Citizen Rudy Cartier asked if they've posted for the Fire Chief position. Chairman Kelley replied not until January.

Building: Selectman Soares read from the attached report. Its winter things have been slow. People have been doing small projects. Citizen Rudy Cartier mentioned when former Building Inspector Hallock was here they sent him to fire inspector training. He asked if the current Building Inspector has been to fire inspector training. Selectman Soares noted he is not doing fire inspections currently but she will ask him if he is interested. He has not been to the training. Chairman Kelley said that Fire Chief Young has been doing a lot of inspections. Citizen Rudy Cartier said he noticed there are a number of buildings that should be fire inspected because they are not meeting code. Selectman Soares said when Fire Chief Young is not able to do it he has someone else filling in for him.

Solid Waste: Selectman DePuy read from the attached September and October reports. They have been busy down there. He mentioned that Facility Attendant Roy Tomlin has been out. There is a part time position posted for the Recycling Center. Right now Chuck and Joe are handling it as best they can. Selectman Robie asked if they've received any applications. Administrative Assistant Hansen replied they haven't received any yet. Selectman Robie thought Chuck had someone who was interested. Selectman DePuy said he does and he has been talking to this person. The ad is on the website and on the bulletin board. Selectman Soares asked when the metal pile is going to be removed. Selectman DePuy said he didn't know but he will find out from Chuck. He is doing two things – one is making the load worthwhile and the other is to catch it at the best price. Chairman Kelley noted they don't want to let that pile get too high. People could get hurt if it gets too high.

Parks/Rec: Selectman Snow said they are closed up for the winter. All of the parts are in for the repairs and most of them will be done next year. He is going to encumber some of the funds that are left; it looks like he has \$1,000 left. He would like to pay a portion of the seal coating for the skateboard park and the basketball court. He has to find out what the cost is and he may come back and ask to encumber those funds. Selectman Soares thought they just did the skateboard park. Selectman Snow said the last time they did it they split the cost. They had some money left and they talked about seal coating it and the town paid half and they paid half. Selectman Robie asked if he was still working with the Leavitt's on the skate park. Selectman Snow replied that he hasn't heard from the Leavitt's in years. He thought they used up all of their money. He can get in touch with Sandy Leavitt, see if there is anything there and he'll do this before the next meeting. Selectman Robie said someone seal coated the skate board park. We paid half and who paid the other half. Selectman Snow replied Sandy Leavitt. Selectman Robie said they would consider encumbering the money.

The Board to discuss old recycling center. Selectman Soares noted that Dave Allwine (of Stantec) sent a letter asking for confirmation to verify that no contaminants had been placed in the ash pile. They discussed this at the last meeting. Selectman Robie talked with former Selectman Gary York who has extensive knowledge on the old recycling center. They have letters submitted from Facility Operator Chuck Witcher and Former Selectman Gary York. These letters are verifying that no hazardous material was burned at this site. The samples and the letters will go to Eileen at Waste Management and it will reduce the amount of testing they will do and the cost. Selectman Robie said that wasn't true we need to write our own letter. Selectman Soares replied these two letters can go with our letter. Selectman Snow said they need a formal certification. Selectman Soares replied no they don't she talked with Waste

Management. Either the Board of Selectmen or former Selectmen can verify what went on at the old recycling center. Former Selectman Gary Yorker oversaw the recycling center and he can verify what went on at the recycling center, what was taken in and what wasn't. According to Waste Management that is acceptable, stating that anything deemed hazardous or problematic. Selectman Snow agreed that Waste Management was satisfied, but the letter was from DES and they said it has to be certified. They need someone from the town to certify it. Selectman Robie said they just hired Stantec to complete the testing at the site and they did what Waste Management requires. They analyzed the samples and found that herbicides, pesticides, and asbestos were not present in the initial three samples. Now they need to write a letter to the best of their knowledge. He contacted Mr. York and the years when the incinerator was open they were burning and to the best of his knowledge no herbicides, pesticides, or asbestos were burned or improperly disposed of. Facility Operator Witcher also submitted something in writing stating this. He felt confident that they could write a letter to Stantec to tell the lab that they don't need to continue the testing on those three parameters any longer. Move along to the rest of the samples and get it to pass Turnkey's regulations which are DES's as well. It is our goal to get it to pass Turnkey's and DES's specifications. Selectman Soares noted that Turnkey's specifications aren't necessarily DES's specifications. Selectman Robie replied DES writes them for Turnkey. At this point he wants the Board to write a letter saying to the best of our knowledge those three products were not burned at the facility. He felt pretty confident that stuff isn't there. Selectman Snow replied that he wasn't confident. It is a decision the Board has to make but he is not in favor of certifying. He would prefer to spend whatever the extra cost is to make sure none of those samples have herbicides, pesticides, or asbestos in them. They have information in the files of incident from 2001 and 2002 where they were burning C & D material. They have evidence when they did the test pits and there are multiple layers there with sand on top of it. It just doesn't make sense unless someone was putting down a layer and they put sand on top of it. How do they know that wasn't incinerator ash? Incinerator ash was there a long time before Gary and Chuck started. He respected Gary and Chuck's information. He doesn't know anyway that he is willing to say that he certifies that there were no herbicides, pesticides, or asbestos burned. Selectman DePuy said they are not asking to do that. Selectman Robie said they are asking to the best of our knowledge. He asked Selectman Snow if he had knowledge that any of these things are there. Selectman Snow replied no but he has a former Selectman saying he threw that kind of stuff in the landfill. He said it in public twice. Selectman Robie said you have to take into consideration that was before the cap was put in place. Selectman Snow asked what the additional cost to do the testing on all of the samples. Selectman Soares said it is the full cost of the \$16,000. Selectman Snow confirmed they are going to test the other samples for everything except herbicides, pesticides, and asbestos. Selectman Robie said that was correct they are going to test them except for herbicides, pesticides, and asbestos because they were not present in the first three samples. They tested for what they needed to test for and it passed. He noted the material was found to be non leachable solid waste. This is what they hired Stantec to do. They are doing the same thing they did the first time only they are doing enough to make the total amount pass. This is what they are doing know and what they are paying to do. If they want more testing they are they are going to pay more. Selectman Snow asked how much is that going to cost, because he is looking at the cost benefit. He would prefer to be certain from all of the samples there is nothing in there. Selectman Robie explained they take those samples randomly and if this is what DES says is acceptable to do then we should go along with that if this is what we want to do. Selectman

Snow asked if they are going to certify something that didn't take place. He is not willing to say that it didn't take place. He is going to vote against giving a certification letter. Selectman Robie said he is willing to certify to the best of his knowledge through his research that we are pretty safe. Selectman Snow reiterated that he is not in favor of putting something in writing. Selectman DePuy said there isn't anyone on this Board that can certify what was burned at the site. Selectman Robie replied you can certify to the best of your knowledge. Selectman DePuy said they are not asking us to do that they are asking if we are willing to certify to the best of our knowledge no herbicides, pesticides, and asbestos were thrown in there. If he saw someone throwing them in there he would have knowledge. The town was responsible and has held a Household Hazardous Waste Day for as long as he could remember. They would have no reason to dump that material and they have people at the facility who say to their knowledge it didn't happen. They are trying to meet the requirements that are specified by DES. Selectman Snow noted if they test it all they know their safer. There will be an additional cost and he is willing to pay the additional cost. Selectman Soares said there is no additional cost. Selectman Snow said if they don't certify they are just going to have additional test on those other fourteen samples. Selectman Soares said they voted on \$16,000 and that would cover the additional tests. If they certify this and say to the best of their knowledge no materials were burned it will lessen the cost. It won't cost them \$16,000. Selectman Robie said that wasn't true. Selectman Soares reiterated the \$16,000 will cover everything that Waste Management wanted. Selectman Robie said if they have to test seventeen more samples with these three materials it is going to cost us more. Selectman Soares said she has sat down with Stantec and they have gone through all of this. She has gone through this extensively and she made sure they came up with this plan appropriately and that is to test for all of the parameters that Turnkey would ask for. Selectman Robie said the three samples are what Turnkey asked for. These parameters meet Waste Management's requirements. Selectman Soares said this is covered in the \$16,000. Selectman Robie said they have to do the rest of the tests on the samples, they just don't have to test for those three materials. Selectman Soares replied they will get a reduction for that. Selectman DePuy asked how much of a reduction. Selectman Soares said she wasn't sure. Selectman Snow said they can determine what the cost would be. He hasn't seen the results for the herbicides, pesticides, and asbestos tests. Selectman Robie said they aren't going to do it until they confirm which way they want to go on this. They are holding up the works, this has been hanging around the office for two weeks. Selectman Snow reiterated if they Board wants to vote that is fine, but he is going to vote against it. There is a cost associated with doing the tests, whether its savings or extra. He has reason to believe there might be stuff in there he is just taking a different approach then other people. He has seen stuff go in there and he has heard of stuff going in there. He isn't willing to certify. Chairman Kelley asked if he saw someone throw herbicides, pesticides, and asbestos in there. Selectman Snow said he did not, but he suspects. Chairman Kelley said how he could say it then. Selectman Snow replied the same way you can say that you will certify they didn't. Chairman Kelley said he is going on the word of the people who ran that facility. Selectman Snow said he wasn't questioning that happened when they were there, but someone might have put something in the pile when they weren't looking. He wants to be sure that these substances aren't in there. Selectman Robie said they tested those samples to prove they weren't in there. They've test six samples. Selectman Snow questioned if they want to do the full spectrum of test. Citizen Rudy Cartier noted just to clarify it sounds like the tests they are doing are partial DES requirements but they are partially Waste Management requirements to accept the ash. The receiving facility will ask for the minimum testing that the

state does. It sounds like Waste Management is will to say just certify and you won't need to do the tests. The testing is still the responsibility of the town. If Waste Management finds pesticides they are coming back to the town, so they aren't off of the hook. Before former Selectman Gary York was in charge of the incinerator there were illegal burns done. It was done on March 5th of 2000 because he had to do the investigation for DES. The ash that was in there was demolition debris. There have been previous activities that might not be as good as Gary and Chuck have been doing since that time. If the plan is to get rid of that ash and Waste Management says they will take it, he would go ahead and do it. They are taking a chance. This is something they will have to decide as a Board if they want to take that risk. Selectman Robie said that was a good point, but this is why they tested three different samples prior and three now and nothing showed up. The chances are those three things won't show up. Citizen Rudy Cartier asked if Waste Management and the town were going to take that risk. Selectman Robie said they are pretty certain there aren't any of those three materials there. Selectman Snow said the other fourteen samples haven't been tested at all. They still need to do the metals testing. Selectman Robie said they need to do these tests first. Selectman Snow said the question is how much is the additional testing and is it worth doing it. Selectman Snow asked if there were results on the pesticide testing. Selectman Soares said they don't give the results until the end of all of the testing. Selectman Robie said the results were none present. He thought they needed to vote on this, they just keep kicking the can down the road. They need to move forward and make a decision, so the people they hired can do their job. They longer it takes the more it costs. This is their responsibility to get this done. Citizen Becky Sarra said there have been a number of Boards before them and this is a sizable liability and for the few dollars this is going to cost the town, why wouldn't they do it. Selectman Robie said they are telling us to do this, because it is insignificant. Citizen Becky Sarra said there five people on this Board that have no idea what is on this site and they are willing to sign a certification which is a legal document. . Selectman Robie replied they aren't talking about what is in the cap, they are talking about the ash that was generated from burning construction debris. Citizen Becky Sarra said they may be nothing in it, but for a few dollars more they should do the tests. Chairman Kelley said they don't know what the total amount is. Selectman Snow said they have 10 feet of materials with sand over it; they have no idea if there is incinerator ash underneath it. They are lucky because DES told it wasn't incinerator ash. Selectman Robie said that is why they measured the pile and they determine the test pits they have to do. This is why they need to do 17 more. Selectman DePuy said if this is a parameter that is acceptable to them (Waste Management/Turnkey), they know the limitations on what we are doing and they know we can't speak for past history. They want to know if we have knowledge and they are willing to take the stuff and that is up to them. If we are doing something else with it he would say spend the few thousand to test it first. Selectman Snow said if they get it down to Waste Management in Rochester and they test it and find stuff in there, they can send it back to Candia and it is ours again. Selectman Soares noted no matter where it goes we are responsible for that waste. Its cradle to grave, we are the generator we will always be responsible for it. Selectman DePuy said from that point of view it might be worth testing. We have this liability if we test it or not, so he would say if these are the criteria they established and we are meeting the criteria that are set by the state he would think it would be appropriate to follow what the state criteria are. He has no knowledge of materials being burned there and he doesn't know anyone that does. Selectman Robie said this is Selectman Soares' project. Selectman Soares replied that she is not voting in favor of not testing. She has nothing against Gary or Chuck, but she has done a

lot of research and she can't justifiably say to not do additional testing. She knows that Waste Management is doing us a favor on this matter, but she would rather know exactly what is at that site. **Selectman Snow moved to do all of the tests and they also do herbicides, pesticides, and asbestos tests on the other fourteen samples. Seconded by Selectman Soares.** Selectman Robie said he may want to check the price on this. Selectman DePuy said if this is the recommendation of Selectman Soares and she has been the one working on this, he would say do it. Selectman Soares thought it was the right thing to do. They tried for the waiver and DES said no, we need to find out what is there. She noted that Waste Management doesn't require the same things as DES sometimes they require more. Selectman Snow said they didn't come up with a decision of where they are going to test it. Selectman Robie said they might want to find out the cost of the additional testing. It is going to be more than the proposed \$16,000. Selectman Soares said she will call Stantec tomorrow. This is the number he gave her for all tests. Selectman Snow said they could make this part of the motion. The \$16,000 is what the Board voted on and unless they need to come back and ask for more money let's get it done. Selectman Robie said he could go along with this but he is pretty sure it is going to cost more money. They have had two weeks to find this out. Selectman Soares replied the last time we discussed this you complained nothing was brought to the Board. This was brought to the meeting so we could discuss it. Selectman Robie said this was brought to the Selectmen's office in November. Selectman Soares replied this is something that we all had to vote on, so it was brought to a meeting. Selectman Robie said you could have brought the information of how much it was going to cost us. Selectman Soares replied they already have that information it's in the office. Selectman Robie said they are going to have to agree to disagree at this point. Selectman Snow restated his motion. **Selectman Snow moved to do all of the tests and they also do herbicides, pesticides, and asbestos tests on the other fourteen samples with the condition that there is no additional cost over the \$16,000 that had already been voted.** Chairman Kelley called for a vote. **Chairman Kelley, Selectman DePuy, Selectman Snow, and Selectman Soares were in favor and Selectman Robie was opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1.** .

The Board to discuss Selectman Snow's proposed warrant articles. Selectman Snow said he asked the Board to consider these because if they don't want to put them in he'll have to do a petition warrant article (proposed warrant articles are attached). Chairman Kelley said he wasn't in favor of the revolving fund for the recycling center. Selectman Snow said it has never been voted on it was changed in 2010 to see if. They never had a vote it. Selectman Snow said they can reduce appropriation level. They are already doing the recycling they just want to tie the revenue to the expense. They aren't going to spend any more money. He further explained this warrant article. Selectman Soares said the residents don't like it when you mess with the money in the general fund to help reduce the taxes. Selectman Snow explained the appropriation level goes down. Chairman Kelley said he didn't want the three mosquito warrant articles either. Selectman Snow said if they did this last year and they didn't do any spraying, the money would be there. The money could come out of the unreserved fund balance, which says they didn't spend it last year so they already paid for it. They've already paid for it and it doesn't show up on your taxes. It's equivalent of a fund. Selectman Soares said she had a problem with the proposed playground maintenance fund warrant article. You just said you were going to have \$1,000 left in the parks budget. She questioned why he was asking for \$1,000 for the playground maintenance fund. Selectman Snow said because he can't use the playground maintenance fund to seal coat the playground. He has to get the coverage for the playground. He is going to cost

him \$2,000 to get that. He is going to need another \$200 for the difference between the \$2,000 it costs and \$1,800 that is in the fund. This doesn't cover any other repairs that are necessary to the playground equipment. Selectman Soares noted he has money in his budget. Selectman Snow said he has been using that but that is not what it is in there for. If you look at the thing he gave the Board when they did the budget. There is nothing in there that says he uses that for repairing playground equipment. He takes care of all of the things i.e. he paints the benches. Selectman Soares pointed out that he is doing all of that stuff himself and you have explained to us that you are saving money by doing it yourself. There is money consistently left over in the budget, hence the \$1,000 you used to buy the slide that was left over in your budget. You have money in your budget. Selectman Snow explained the money that is there is the \$1,000 for opening and closing the bathrooms and for maintenance on the park. Chairman Kelley said we told you dozens of times to hire someone and we keep telling you to stop doing it. Selectman Snow said he couldn't do that because he had to buy parts this year. Someone broke the slide and he had to replace it for \$1,000. Chairman Kelley said he was talking about opening and closing the bathroom, he needs to hire someone to do it. Selectman Snow said that is what he told the Budget Committee. He told them he needs the money to hire someone, so he can train them to do it. He is not going to be here a year from then and you guys are going to have to do it. Chairman Kelley replied you had the money in your budget last year. Selectman Snow said he had to repair the playground equipment and the warrant article got shot down for repairs for the playground. Selectman Soares noted he has \$1,000 left over that he is going to ask to encumber for seal coating. If he is not going to seal coat you could so that as a separate warrant article. You can encumber the \$1,000 and use it for the maintenance. They this year they he is going to open and close the bathrooms and do all of your own work in parks and rec so he is going to have another \$1,000 in his budget. You go above and beyond in the parks and rec, so he is going to have money left over in his budget again. He'll have money in his budget if any equipment does break. You'll have money in your budget. Selectman Snow reiterated that he is going to have a list of people to open and close the bathrooms, because he won't be doing it a year from now. He noted that playground is separate from the rest of the park. He can't use money from the playground fund for the seal coating. The town set up the playground fund for the stuff on the bottom, plus any repairs of the equipment. He noted that stuff has been sitting there for 15 years. He noted Brian Smith has been welding stuff for him for free. He can't get him to fix the parts of the slide that are breaking. They are taking that slide and take the part that is in compression and turn it around and see if it lasts another 15 years. He has the parts to do that and the labor to help him do it. At some point in time something else is going to break over there. They are going to repair it with money out of the fund or pick up the piece and take it to be repaired and bring it back or they will shut the playground down. He guarantees if that playground gets shut down, he will be the first one to start talking to the people. The fund was established for buying the purpose of buying the surface for the playground and repairing the equipment. For a long time they didn't have to repair anything but now they have to. Selectman Soares would like him to think about prioritizing that \$1,000. If he foresees that equipment needs to be worked on then he should forgo the seal coating. Keep the \$1,000 for necessary repairs and the wood chips. He has to prioritize the seal coating or the maintenance of the playground. Selectman Snow said the purpose of the fund was that over time put the money away, so when the playground equipment required repair they could take care of it. Now if he had to replace the backstops in the basketball court, then he would have to decide whether to seal coat or not. If he needs to do work on the chain link fence he could use the \$1,000 for that. If he thought he was going to have

\$1,000 he would spend it on some of the things that would be necessary to fix. Selectman Robie said they know they are going to have \$1,000 left, so how come we didn't spend it before it started to get cold and snowing. Selectman Snow said because he didn't know what he was going to have left. Selectman Robie replied he should. They are asking him to spend the money and do the work. Now he is telling that he has money left that he wants to encumber. He questioned why didn't they get the work done if the stuff is in disrepair, so they they're not taking a chance of a child getting hurt on the slide. If something is in compression it has a big crack in it someone could hurt their leg on it. Selectman Snow said that is why they are turning it around. Selectman Robie questioned why this wasn't done in September so it would be ready for the first nice day in March when the children are over their playing. Selectman Snow explained the bottom part was damaged by vandalism. Someone used a hammer. Selectman Robie asked why they didn't buy a new one. Selectman Snow said he did. Selectman Robie asked if it was on. Selectman Snow replied he is not putting it on until the spring. Selectman Robie noted the only warrant article he liked was the Cemetery Trustees one. Chairman Kelley agreed and he doesn't like any of mosquito spraying ones. Selectman Snow said just tell him the only one they like is the Cemetery Trustee warrant article. Chairman Kelley said he was really upset about the Old Home Day Trust Fund warrant article. He said it seem to him like Selectman Snow wants to take it all over. Selectman Snow said the problem they have is that they have two funds sitting on their books every year. Chairman Kelley said they have for the last 15 years. Selectman Snow said he knows and it isn't appropriate, because the money should disappear at the end of the year. Chairman Kelley said DRA didn't say that. Selectman Snow said neither did their auditors. Chairman Kelley told him to leave it alone, he is going to make so no one will want to volunteer for Old Home Day. Selectman Snow said then do what he told him take the money out of the fund give to someone else and let them worry about the receipts and expenditures. Chairman Kelley asked he was worried about \$300. Selectman Snow said he wasn't worried about the \$300 he was worried about the group of people how may not be nice, honest people. There are too many people with their fingers in the pot. It shouldn't be in the town let the Old Home Day Committee take care of it. Chairman Kelley said when it comes time to collect for Old Home Day he has been personally collecting the money. If he wants to call him a crock that's fine, but he has never taken a dime of that money. Selectman Snow said he never suggested that he did. Chairman Kelley said you just said there are people that may be taking money. These are all volunteers and they work dam hard to get something done. Selectman Snow said to tell them to collect the money and put it in the bank and spend it from the bank. This is all he is saying, he doesn't want to see it go through the town. Chairman Kelley said it has to go through the town because it cost a lot of money to set up a 501c3. Selectman Snow said the Fitts Museum is a 501c3. Chairman Kelley said they don't get involved with Old Home Day. He said he will fight against this warrant article if he puts it in as a petition. He can do what he wants, but he will fight it and put up signs all over town and make phone calls. Selectman Snow asked about the playground fund warrant article. They threw it out last year, but it should be on the warrant. Selectman Robie thought they should put it in the budget, and then they will have full control over it. Selectman Soares said they went over this during the budget hearing. Selectman Robie understood and it's pretty hard to add money to a budget that you don't spend. It's very confusing. Selectman Soares felt it was very aggravating, because they went through this budget and that \$1.000 was accounted for. Selectman Snow noted the playground fund is there, the warrant article has been there every year except for last year. Selectman Soares said the playground maintenance fund is for chips. Selectman Snow

replied it is not, it is for equipment. Road Agent Lewis explained the only reason it was created was for the chips. They created it so the money would accumulate and it wouldn't go into the budget and it wouldn't go into the general fund. It would accumulate a small amount in three years and they would replace the chips. This was the sole reason for us doing it, so it could be carried from one year to the next. If things in the playground needed to be fixed maybe it should have been increased to cover those repairs over time. Selectman Snow replied Karen Smith would disagree with him and that wasn't the reason it was created. They are the ones who put the play ground in. Road Agent Lewis explained former employee Carolyn Emerson, himself, and a couple of others created it that way. The town had to maintain it somehow and this was the solution they came up with at the time. Selectman Snow said the fund is there and they need to add money to it for some repairs. He's saying \$1,000 which will give him enough to seal coat it and have some left over incase he has to make repairs. Selectman DePuy agreed that it should go in the budget; it didn't need a warrant article. If he has these expenses for the playground then put it in the budget. Selectman Snow said if you put it in the operating budget there is no way to get it into a trust fund, if it's not in a trust fund it doesn't roll over at the end of the year. Road Agent Lewis agreed with putting it in the operating budget, because when you need to replace something it will be a onetime big expense every two or three years. Just get it over with. He noted back then there was no large budget for parks and rec. Selectman Robie noted it still isn't. Road Agent Lewis said you have the money Dick has sitting there which is \$7,000 and years ago it was only a couple of hundred dollars. If it is in the budget just take care of it like they do everything else. Selectman Robie thought they needed to fix the building over there. Selectman Snow said the problem with that is if they have a repair like they did this year, which is the bottom section of the slide how do they budget for that. There is no way of knowing if next he'll have to replace a \$1,000 part. Selectman Robie said you can say whatever you want, last week you were arguing about how we budget for a snow storm. You budget to the best of your ability. It is our responsibility to take care of the equipment and the buildings that we have. Selectman Snow said that is why we have a fund for maintaining the buildings. Selectman Robie said someone would be screaming bloody murder if they try to take the money from here to replace the roof on the concession stand. Selectman Snow said they haven't clearly defined who owns it. Selectman Robie said that is something that the guy who is in charge of the parks ought to be defining, because there is no sense in letting it fall down. Selectman Snow said it wasn't falling down but it certainly needed repair. He thought they should have an agreement and he would like to work on it and get it done this year. Selectman Soares said she was only in favor of the first warrant article the Cemetery Trustees. Selectman Snow asked her about the Public Communications Enhancement Revolving Fund. This one was for Judy Seward. Selectman Soares said she doesn't want anymore revolving funds. All they need to do is have someone record the meetings and put it on the website. They don't need public communications enhancement, it's a money pit. Selectman Snow felt it should be streamed on the website and to do that they need to buy equipment which means they need to have a budget. They can take all of the website money out of there, put it into a revolving fund and they can use it to be able to have meetings that people can hear and see. People like one of our residents that cannot hear. They can look and see what is going on and want to participate in town business. Chairman Kelley said those residents are invited to come to our meetings and the Board will speak loud. Selectman Snow said it doesn't work that way. Selectman Robie said they just got a check for ten grand they put it in the fund balance to offset our taxes. If he gets it in a fund he is going to be buying movie cameras with it. He felt they didn't need that. Selectman Snow thought they

did. He questioned what he gets for his Comcast fee. He is going to go to court and ask why he is paying a fee to the Town of Candia. What kind of service is he receiving for this franchise fee? He wants his money back. Selectman Robie replied he is getting it back through his tax rate. Selectman Snow clarified that the warrant article for the Cemetery Trustee will go in. He asked if there was a concession on the playground maintenance fund warrant article. It was the consensus of the Board to put it in budget. Selectman Robie said he should go to the Budget Committees public hearing for the town budget and ask them to add it to the budget. Selectman Snow said this is with the understanding that they would have to terminate the playground fund next year. He needs the \$1,000 to put the surface on play ground. He'll drain the fund and then they will get rid of it. Selectman Soares said if he writes a report for parks and recs for the town report he may want to write something so the residents understand. Selectman Snow expected the Boards support on this. Selectman Robie said he always has extra money in his budget. Selectman Snow suggested lumping all of the non profits into one warrant article. Chairman Kelley said the residents like to know what each organization is getting. Selectman Snow said they could still list them out but they would vote on them as a whole. They would get all or they would get nothing. They suggestion was made because they are complained about a four page budget. Selectman Soares suggested if he is going to put the mosquito spraying in as a petition maybe he could combine the three warrant article into one. Selectman Snow replied that was the way it was in 2010. Selectman Soares said it was just a suggestion. Selectman Snow felt they had a good discussion on the warrant articles.

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 December 5th and December 12th is \$1,036,793.32. Selectman Snow motioned to accept the accounts payable and payroll checks for December 5th and December 12th in the amount of \$1,036,793.32. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public and Non-Public meeting minutes of 11/25/2013. Selectman Soares motioned to approve and seal the non-public meeting minutes of November 25th, 2013 as written. Seconded by Selectman DePuy. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Robie motioned to accept the public meeting minutes of November 25th, 2013 as written. Seconded by Selectman DePuy. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business

Review of Fund Balance Policy: Selectman Soares motioned to approve the fund balance policy as written. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Upcoming Budget Committee meetings: Selectman Robie noted they are meeting December 11th with the School Board. They are meeting on the 12th and Budget Committee is going to recommend their budget for the town. On December 18th they are going to have a public hearing for the school and the town on December 19th.

Manchester Water Works land: Selectman Snow mentioned back in April Manchester Water Works put in an RFP to sell their property to a nonprofit. This would reduce their property taxes in the town of Auburn, Candia, Manchester, and Hooksett. A week ago they agreed to a PILOT

(payment in lieu of taxes) for their property in Auburn. He thought the agreement says that at the end of a four or five year period they will only be paying 57% of their property taxes. It is likely at some point Manchester is going to come to us about reducing their taxes. The other thing that came out of that news article is that DES has 2.2 million in grants. He would like to submit a pre-grant application to get some of the money that is available to put conservation easements on town properties. This would be no cost to the town. DES has the money available and there is going to be a pre-application date the 13th of December. He asked if the Board would allow him to put in a pre-application of some kind. It will allow us to start looking at some of these things. This would allow us to help out Manchester Water Works and the town of Candia. He mentioned a triangle piece on Hemlock Drive that belongs to Manchester Water Works and he was trying to think of some way to get that from Manchester Water Works. It would make the tax maps cleaner. He noted the pre-application doesn't commit us to anything. The last time he put in the application they were eligible, but it didn't fly with the Board. Selectman Soares said they were going to use the money so they could gain access to the Tower Hill Pond property. She wouldn't have a problem submitting an application for this. Selectman DePuy thought it was a good idea having access to Tower Hill Pond and this is something they should consider doing. Selectman Robie thought this is something that should be brought to the Planning Board and put in the Master Plan. This is where it should go from here. Chairman Kelley said he will mention at the Planning Board meeting. Selectman Snow asked if they want him to submit a pre-application. It was the consensus of the Board to not submit an application.

Chairman Kelley motioned to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.